



St. Mark's
United Church

Amazing! Lawn Sale

Sat. June 20th
9 am – 1 pm

115 Orton Park Rd.
Free Parking



The MEMO

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CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS CONFIRMATION CLASS 2009 !



After six weeks of working together with Alan and a different member of our Church Board each week, seven teens were baptized or reaffirmed their baptismal covenant and confirmed their membership in The United Church of Canada here at St. Mark's. Pictured above are Lexi, Ella, Julia and James, Lauren, Trevor, and Troy!

As hands were laid on each candidate we prayed,

*May the power of the Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born of water and Spirit,
you may always have the confidence and faith to live
in the progressive, inclusive and life-giving ways that Jesus calls us into.*

Amen



SUMMER SUNDAYS Services @ 10 AM

June 28th through Sept. 6th, Labour Day,
our Sunday worship services are held
an hour earlier at 10 am.

*Dress comfortably, bring a friend, come
along for 45 minutes of
song, prayer, and reflection.*

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open most Tuesday and Friday mornings during the summer. Voice mail (416 439-8623) and e-mail (office@st-marks.ca) are checked daily and envelopes can always be slipped through the mail slot at the back door..

Remember, St. Mark's is never far away!

SUMMER OFFERINGS

Summer time is always hard on church offerings, even though our expenses don't take a vacation! Your care through these months is appreciated. Not on PAR? Sign up today! Just call the church office.



The United Church of Canada

L'Eglise Unie du Canada

St. Mark's is a progressive, inclusive, life-affirming Christian community of faith within The United Church of Canada.

*Worship services are held Sundays at 10 am during the summer.
St. Mark's offers a range of online services and material at www.st-marks.ca.*

DESIGNATED LAY MINISTER CANDIDATE

Congratulations to Marg Mooney who has been recommended by the Church Board to the Toronto Scarborough Presbytery as a candidate for Designated Lay Ministry (DLM)!

Receiving her Lay Certificate in Theology certificate from Emmanuel College this spring, Marg has been engaged in a year-long discernment process with several members of St. Mark's (Helen Jones, Harry Brown, and Nanci MacKenzie) and two members of the Presbytery (Pam Lock and Bruce Galbraith). She will now meet with the Presbytery's Education and Students' Committee to begin the further discernment of additional education and training as she prepares to work in paid accountable ministry positions.

Marg, third from the left, is photographed here with members of St. Mark's who attended her graduation: Melinda, Mary Ethel, Kathryn, Harry and Katharina.



2009 YARD SALE PROJECT

St. Mark’s Annual Yard Sale is approaching very quickly -- Saturday, June 20th! So in preparation please take a few moments to do a little spring cleaning, checking for any gently used items that you no longer use or need.

Items that sell well are tools, bikes; sports equipment (hockey stuff, skates, helmets etc); small appliances (toasters, mixers, blenders, hair dryers, lamps etc); furniture; electronics (computers, radios, tvs etc.); toys and games, baby gear; books; jewelry; dishes. NO clothes please.

Please bring these items to the church either Thursday June 18th or Friday June 19th between 6 & 9 pm. If you have larger items and need a pick up, give the church office a call at 416 439 8623.

We also need lots of help Thursday & Friday evening & on Saturday:

- Σ Thursday evening 6-9pm - to Receive, sort & price merchandise
- Σ Friday evening 6-9 pm - to Receive, sort & price merchandise
- Σ Saturday 8:30am-11:15 noon – selling
- Σ Saturday 11:00-1:15pm –selling
- Σ Saturday Clean-up 1:00pm

So if you can’t be in church on Sunday to sign up to assist, please send a quick email to carol@st-marks.ca or a call (416 439 8623) saying which of the above spot(s) you can help out in.

GAY PRIDE PARADE FLOAT

St. Mark's, as part of its affirming ministry commitment, is joining several other United Churches on a United Church float in this year's Gay Pride Parade!

The theme this year is *The Village Church* (this is the eighth year the United Church has had a float in the parade), capturing an element of where we have been and where we are going.

A half dozen St. Mark's folks have been gathering Saturday mornings at Metropolitan United to work on the project, hammering, sawing, and, by the looks of the photos, have a great time!

Want to join them on the float? Give a call to the Church office and Carol will put you in touch with the crew!

The 29th Toronto Pride Parade is Sunday, June 28th, starting at 2 pm.

2009 / 2010 CHURCH BOARD & STANDING COMMITTEES

At our Annual Congregational Meeting for Mission and Ministry held on June 7th, members elected new Church Board members and ministry teams (standing committees).

Our Church Board is made up of five officers and seven members (who also chair standing committees). The chair of the Board of Trustees, the Presbytery representative, and the Minister are also members. The members of the Ministry & Personnel Committee are elected by the Church Board and its chair sits on the Church Board.

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS:

<i>Chairperson</i>	Larry Smith
<i>Vice- Chairperson</i>	Mary Ethel Morton
<i>Past Chairperson</i>	Allison Cheron
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Carol Caise
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jane Greenwood
<i>Board of Trustees</i>	<i>to be appointed by the Trustees</i>
<i>Presbytery Delegate</i>	Glen Greenwood *
<i>Minister</i>	Alan Hall
<i>Christian Education</i>	Kathy Lisle
<i>Communications</i>	Bart Boniface
<i>Finance & Stewardship</i>	Loreen Naylor
<i>Membership</i>	Carol Caise
<i>Ministry & Personnel</i>	Katharina Manassis *
<i>Outreach</i>	Mary Ethel Morton
<i>Property</i>	Teresa Smith & Bettie Mackenzie
<i>Social</i>	Karen Boniface
<i>Worship</i>	Marg Mooney
	<i>* to be appointed by the Board</i>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gibby Milne
Dan Slovitt
Larry Smith
Kathryn Moase
Lloyd Dunstall
Nancy Corrick
Glen Greenwood

MINISTRY TEAMS

<i>Property</i>	Teresa Smith, Co Chair Bettie MacKenzie, Co-Chair Gayle Feeney Gord Maunder Harry Tim Bill Shedden
<i>Finance & Stewardship</i>	Loreen Naylor, Chair Trevor White ALLison Cheron Randy Stroud <i>Trustee Treas.</i> Kathryn Moase <i>Church Treas.</i> Jane Greenwood <i>Stewardship Admin</i> Dan Slovitt

Board officers and members are normally elected for two-year terms. They are entrusted with the responsibility of providing faithful and lawful leadership within our Congregation.

Members of our Congregation were also elected to take leadership on our many ministry teams. Their terms are three years. Below, in bold print, are those elected this year.

The first meeting of the Church Board will be held Thursday, June 25th at 7 pm in the narthex.

<i>Communications</i>	Bart Boniface, Chair Kristen Erner Suzanne Harmer Anne Greenwood Allan Conquer
<i>Membership</i>	Carol Caise, Chair Nicky Slovitt Diane Chadwick Art Nicholson Myrna Morton
<i>Ministry & Personnel</i>	Katharina Manassis, Chair Helen Jones Terry Klodt * Jeannette Balgopal
<i>Outreach</i>	Mary Ethel Morton, Chair Louise Loucereas Gail Klodt Jennifer Erner Luella Stephens
<i>Christian Education</i>	Kathy Lisle, Chair Rob Peck Leslie Wright Carolyn Mykus Elizabeth Deonarine
<i>Social</i>	Karen Boniface, Chair Julia Peck Debbie Filey Kathy Thomas Jennifer Brett
<i>Worship</i>	Marg Mooney, Chair Nanci MacKenzie Kate Greenwood Debbie Childs Meri-Anne Harmer Trudy Mills <i>Ginny Gies Music Director</i>

To those who completed terms this year on the Church Board or a ministry team, thank you! Thank you for your time, your skill, your good will and generosity and, most of all, thank you for your faith.

Quite apart from being formally appointed to a team, your support and help with ministry projects is always welcome! Sign up, speak to people making announcements, or call the Church office! Carol will be delighted to put you in touch with the right person.