

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Encountering Our Last Enemy

The enemy to be destroyed is death.

(1 Corinthians 15:26)

“He is risen. He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!” That early morning shout from across the ages is our doxology. But then.....why is death still around? Why is death still our enemy? Why does death still have the power to scare us?

Exiting the tomb, Jesus breaks open the ring of death's encircling thorns. Though still present in our lives death's stronghold has been shattered. Paul uses the Old Testament image of “first fruits” in Corinthians to convey what is really going on at Easter. God's plan is to create out of death-infected people a new human race in Christ. The first produce of that new crop is already ripe as Jesus exits the tomb. “First fruits” carries the notice that more is coming, namely, all “those who belong to Christ”.

Another Easter image is the new body of humanity. At Easter the head has destroyed the last enemy and is alive forevermore. It is now just a matter of time until that head pulls us body members out of our tombs. It is already underway. Our own dying cannot undo it. Christ's scarred hands are the ones to trust. Let this be our prayer: Almighty God, your only Son overcame death and opened for us the gate to life that lasts. Hold before us his scarred hands when we meet the last enemy --- both in life's little deaths and in the final one at the end --- so that we may indeed follow him to our own Easter. Amen.

A blessed Easter One and All,

(Rev.) Rick Taylor

March 2003

THIS IS THE EASTER EDITION

of our church-wide newsletter. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated. The Summer edition of the newsletter will be in your hands on **Sunday, June 29, 2003**. We would like you to submit an article or personal news for the whole church family to read.

Deadline for submissions to the Summer Newsletter:

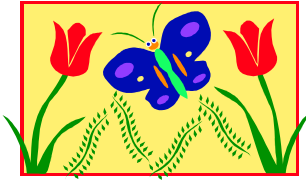
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STEVESTON UNITED CHURCH
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Worship Services / Special Events



Spring Luncheon
Friday, April 4, 2003 at 12 noon
 Buffet Luncheon includes Dessert,
 Tea or Coffee.

Tickets: \$10 per person Contact: Sachi
Sponsored by the WA2 Ladies.

Sunday, April 06, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
 Sermon: Making Progress – Rev. Rick Taylor
 Anthem: At the Table of the Lord (J. Althouse)
The Sacrament of Holy Communion



RETURN TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
2 a.m. Sunday, April 06 (Spring Ahead One Hour)

Sunday, April 13, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Palm / Passion Sunday

Readings: Mark 11:1-11 John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Isaiah 50:4-9(a) Mark 15:1-39
 Sermon: In the Palm of His Hand – Rev. Rick Taylor
 Anthem: He Comes in the Name of the Lord (Mary Kay Beall)

Moment for Mission

Richmond Food Bank Rally Sunday – Please bring non-perishable food items – fill our chart.

Palm Crosses – The beginning of Holy Week

TAIZÉ STYLE WORSHIP
 Sunday, April 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary – Candlelighting

Maundy Thursday / Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 17, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 I Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31(b) 35
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Anthems: Into the Garden
 Come to the Shadows
 Lord Is It I
 Solo: For God So Loved the World (Stainer)
 Soloist: Muriel Watkins



Good Friday
Friday, April 18, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42
This is a joint service at Gilmore Park United church (8060 No. 1 Road at Blundell).
Intergenerational Service – children are welcome.

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, April 20, 2003 at 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

South Arm United Church (11051 No. 3 Rd. at Steveston Highway)

We will be joined by friends from Gilmore Park and Richmond United. Breakfast will follow the service at the South Arm Church Hall.

Easter Sunday at Steveston United – 10:00 a.m.

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 I Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18
 Sermon: Sing Hallelujah – Rev. Rick Taylor
 Anthem: Behold the Risen Saviour (Martin/Larson)
 Offertory Solo: O Holy City Soloist: Muriel Watkins

The congregation is asked to purchase and bring Easter lilies and Spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary.

spring clean-up and spruce-up

at

Steveston United Church

Saturday, April 26, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Please bring your rakes and garden tools to work outside;
bring your window cleaner, wall & floor detergent to work inside.
Our friends at Richmond Filipino Baptist Church will be joining us!

Sunday, April 27, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of the Easter Season

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

Sermon: Put Your Shoes On! – Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: Blessed Be Thy King (Williams/Barrett)

Baptism and the Reception of New Members.



SPRING GARAGE SALE

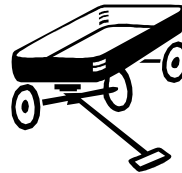
Saturday, May 03, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Parking Lot / Church Hall

Note: Set-up for the sale is Friday, May 02
from 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Call the Church office if you can help.



Sunday, May 04, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of the Easter Season

Readings: Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 04 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36(b) – 48

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: This Moment of Remembrance (Price/Besig)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

TAIZÉ STYLE WORSHIP

Sunday, May 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary – Candlelighting

Sunday, May 11, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

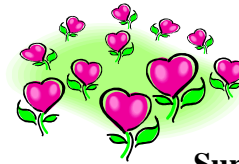
Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season

Readings: Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: These Are The Things (Williams/Lautz)

Moment for Mission / Richmond Food Bank Rally Sunday



MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7:00 a.m. – Cooks / Table Setters gather in the church hall.

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Pancakes are served to the women of the congregation.

Sunday, May 18, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season

Readings: Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: Where He Leads Me I Will Follow (Govenor)

Baptism and Reception of New Members - Victoria Day Weekend.

Annual General Meeting of B.C. Conference

Thursday, May 22 – Sunday, May 25, 2003

Sunwave Centre, Salmon Arm, BC

Rev. Taylor & a lay delegate from the church will attend the meeting.



Sunday, May 25, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season

Readings: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

Sermon: LeAnn Blackert – Theological Student, V.S.T.

Anthem: The Church Is An Ark (Choplín/Adams)

Sunday, June 01, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: We Thank You, Lord (David Angerman & Joseph M. Martin)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 08, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34 Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26, 27, 16:4(b) – 15

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: On the Day of Pentecost (Douglas Nolan)

Moment for Mission / Richmond Food Bank Rally Sunday. Please remember non-perishable food items. Fill up our chart!

TAIZÉ STYLE WORSHIP

Sunday, June 08, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary – Candlelighting

Sunday, June 15, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday / Father's Day

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: Special Moments (Dave & Jean Perry)

Sunday, June 22, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: We Will Sing a Song to The Lord (Nancy Price & Don Besig)

Baptism and Reception of New Members

**2:00 p.m. Care Facility Service –
Courtyard Gardens (7051 Moffatt Rd.)**

Sunday, June 29, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

Anthem: Hope of Glory (Crane/Durksen, Truett/Barrett)

**This will be our Sunday School Picnic
& Outdoor Church Service**
at Garry Point Park (weather permitting).
Potluck style shared picnic luncheon to follow.

www.stevestonunitedchurch.ca

A good source of information on our Church is the Steveston United Church Web Site. To visit the site, select <http://www.stevestonunitedchurch.ca> on a web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer. Our site is also known to all the major search engines such as Google, so you can also simply type Steveston United Church into Google and it will take you to our site.

The home page is shown in Fig. 1. From there, the main menu will take you to the key parts of the site. On the lower left is a “hit counter” that tells us how many visits have been made to the home page. We generally get a few visitors per day. Fig. 2 shows a summary of the visits from February 10 to March 10, 2003. I would certainly like to see more.

Some handy things you can find on the web site are:

- **Coming Events:** The same information that is in the “upcoming” section of the Sunday bulletin is posted on the web site. If you have misplaced the bulletin, or missed a service, look on the web site.
- **Archives:**
 - Back issues of the newsletters (in PDF format to read online or print).
 - History of Steveston United Church.
 - General History of Churches in the Steveston Area.
 - Summary of past events. If you want to check the date of a past event, look here.
- **The Church Year:** How do we set the date for Easter? What is Pentecost? What about Epiphany? Is it true the 2003 church year actually started in 2002? For the answers to this and many other questions, check our web site.
- **WA2 Ladies Page**
- **Minister's Page**

If you have something you would like to see on the site tell Winston Lu or me, or email the Church Secretary at office@stevestonunitedchurch.ca. If your group would like to maintain its own page on the web site, let us know.

Submitted by Des Ramsay

Thoughts on the Resurrection of Christ

P eople who discount the resurrection of Jesus tend to portray the disciples in one of two ways: as gullible rubes with a weakness for ghost stories or as shrewd conspirators who conceived a resurrection plot as a way to jump-start their new religion.

As far as the first theory, the Gospels portray Jesus' followers as the ones most leery of rumours about a risen Jesus. One disciple especially "doubting Thomas" has gained the reputation as a skeptic, but in truth all the disciples showed a lack of faith. None of them believed the wild report the women brought back from the empty tomb "nonsense" they called it. Even after Jesus appeared to them in person says Matthew "Some doubted." The eleven, whom Jesus had to rebuke for a stubborn refusal to believe, can hardly be called gullible.

A conspiracy theory falls apart on close examination for, if the disciples had set out to concoct a seamless cover-up story, they failed miserably. Chuck Colson, who participated in a fleckless conspiracy after the Watergate break-in says, that cover-ups only work if participants maintain a unified front of assurance and competence. That, the disciples surely did not do.

The Gospels show the disciples cringing in locked rooms, terrified that the same thing that happened to Jesus might happen to them. Too afraid even to attend Jesus' burial, they left it to a couple of women to care for his body. The disciples seemed utterly incapable of faking a resurrection or risking their lives by stealing a body; nor did it occur to them in their state of despair.

The Gospels do not present the resurrection of Jesus in the manner of apologetics with arguments arranged to prove each main point, but rather as a shocking intrusion that no one was expecting, least of all Jesus' timorous disciples. Fear is a reflexive human response to an encounter with the supernatural. The fear though was overpowered by joy because the news they heard was news too good to be true yet news so good it had been true. Jesus was alive! Encounter with the Messiah came surging back as the women ran, on legs of fear and joy to tell the disciples the news.

There actually was a conspiracy, of course, one set in motion not by Jesus' disciples but by the authorities who had to deal with the embarrassing fact of the empty tomb. They could have put a stop to all the wild rumours about a resurrection merely by pointing to a

sealed tomb or producing a body. But the seal was broken and the body missing, hence the need for an official plot.

Soldiers standing guard outside Jesus' tomb were the only eye witnesses of the greatest miracle in history: Matthew says as lightning they shook and became like dead men. But here is an astounding fact: later that afternoon the soldiers who had seen proof of the resurrection with their own eyes changed their story to a lie, parroting the priests' line that "His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep". The alibi had obvious weaknesses (a huge stone rolled away without disturbing sleep? And how could they identify the disciples if asleep?) but at least it kept the guards out of trouble.

Like everything else in Jesus' life the resurrection drew forth contrasting responses. Those who believed were transformed, infused with hope and courage, they went out to change the world. Those who did not believe found ways to ignore strong evidence. Jesus had predicted as much. "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Reading the accounts of execution and resurrection, I have sometimes wondered why Jesus did not make even more appearances. Why limit visitations to his friends? Why not reappear on Pilate's porch or before the Sanhedrin, this time with a withering blast against those who had condemned him? Perhaps a clue to strategy can be found in his words to Thomas on the day Thomas' skepticism melted away forever. "Because you have seen me, you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus succeeded in changing a band of unreliable followers into fearless evangelists that eleven men who had deserted him at death now went to martyrs' grave avowing their faith in a resurrected Christ, that these few witnesses managed to set loose a force that would overcome violent opposition, first in Jerusalem and then in Rome --- this remarkable sequence of transformation offers the most convincing evidence for Resurrection.

Submitted by Irene Huan

STEVESON COMMUNITY POLICE STATION

February 25, 2003

Evaluation prepared by: Cst. J.E. Harrison, Richmond RCMP

Visited the Steveston United Church on a weekday morning. The weather was pleasant – a cool, light cloud and sun mixed day. Cst. Ed Jung and I were met by the Reverend of the church, Rick Taylor. He accompanied us during the analysis of the Church and the grounds of the church.

The positive element that was noted is the potential for the church and the surrounding grounds to once again become the bright shining pillar to the community that the Church surely was in the past.

Our assessment started at the south-west side of the Church. This is the side of the Church that has the least amount of natural surveillance and as such posed the biggest challenge as far as recommendations are concerned. This side of the Church property sits against a wide green space which is actually a city-owned lane way. The green space is easily accessed from Second Avenue via two grass covered culverts. It is recommended that the Church contact the City and ascertain if the culverts can be removed which would make the area behind the Church a bit less accessible. This green space requires a good clean up, starting with the raking and clean-up of all the fallen leaves and any garbage in the area. The apple tree at the south side of the green space requires a trimming. And the compost boxes should be removed. If they serve an ongoing purpose they should be rebuilt and maintained in good order.

This part of the Church building has a rear entrance with partially covered stairs and a light that lights the covered area at night. This is a combination that has the potential to invited unwanted use at night. The small area beside the stairs will also serve as a gathering area. The recommendation for this area would be to remove the stairs and replace them with a ramp. This makes it uncomfortable to stand on for any length of time. Also the empty spot beside the stairs should be closed in; the enclosure should include a severely slanting roof to discourage people from climbing and sitting on it. The light should only be lit while the Church is open to keep the exit area lit in case of emergency. Other than that, this light should be turned off.

It is recommended that the south side of the Church building leading from the west edge, east along the back of the building have lights installed over the windows to illuminate the side of the building. However, the lights near

the stair way should be angled in such a way so as not to illuminate the stair area. This area could also have a low ground cover planted along the length of the side, approximately 4' to 6' wide, leading to a short hedge that would also go the length of the building. The hedge should not be allowed to grow higher than the bottom of the windows. The wall area beyond the stair well should be lit by two (possibly three) flood lamps attached to the top of the wall directing light into the open green space but not illuminating the stair area.

It is recommended that all stored wood, etc. beside the existing wood shed either be completely removed or stored inside, out of sight. The shed itself should be repaired and painted.

As we proceeded east along the south side of the building we came to the covered play area for the school that occupies part of the Church building. This area and the adjoining outside play area are surrounded by a wood fence. The fence is too low to prevent people from climbing over, yet high enough to prevent a god natural surveillance by the neighbours. It is recommended that a chain link fence be installed that would enclose the undercover play area from ground to roof. And a continuation with a lower, 6' chain link fence that would enclose the outside play area. There should be a ground to roof fence end where the covered area meets the outside play area. This fence end should have a locking chain link gate. This would allow the free flow back and forth from the undercover play area and the outside play area during the day. At night, it would be a complete see-through enclosure for the undercover area. The undercover area should be lit at night by sensor lights to enable the neighbours to have a good view of the area.

It is recommended that the landscaping in the outside play area be cleaned up and replanted where necessary. Any shrubs growing along the wall should be kept trimmed to no higher than the window bottoms.

It is recommended that the front (north side) of the Church get a good grounds clean-up and that all trees be kept to a maximum height of approximately 6'. This would allow for good natural surveillance by the neighbours.

There are dumpsters at each end of the green space. It is recommended that the owners of the dumpsters be encouraged to clean them up by removing all graffiti. The dumpsters should be moved away from the entrance to the green space as they block natural surveillance into the green space. It is assumed that the dumpsters were placed where they are to prevent unwanted vehicle traffic from entering the green space. As the city owns this area, City Hall should be contacted with the request for "no go" posts to be installed at each end of the green space with "No Trespassing" signs at each end.

Realizing the interest Rev. Taylor has in connecting with the youth responsible for the problems around the Church, it is recommended that the Church consider a Friday/Saturday evening Drop-In program that would help the kids connect with the Church in a positive way.

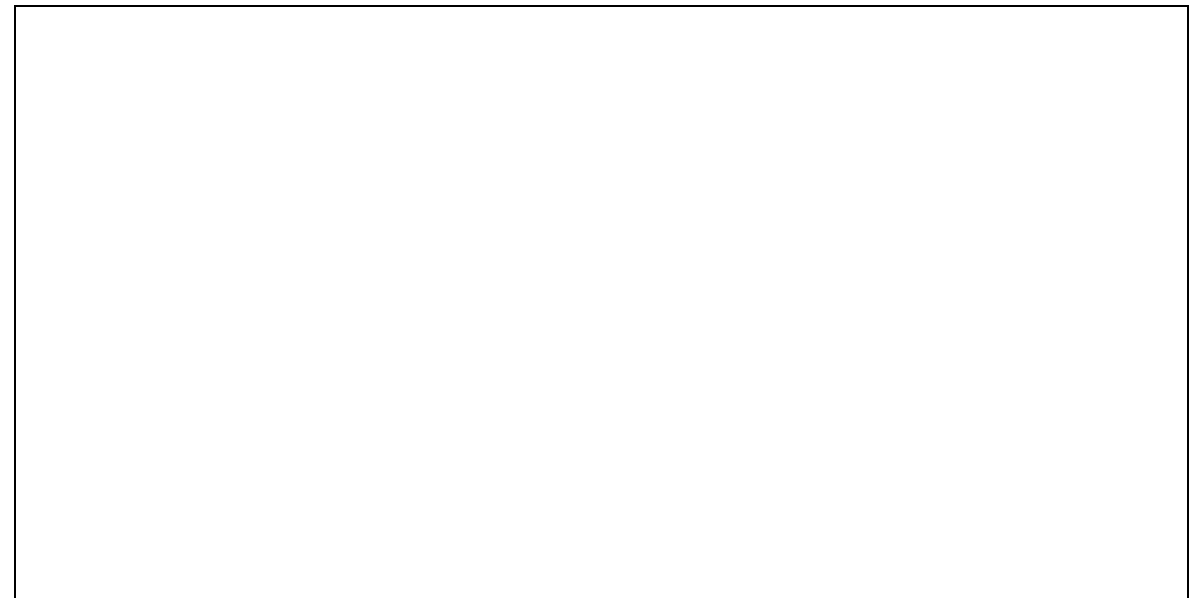
There has been some concern from the residential neighbours regarding the gathering of youth in the back of the Church in the evenings. The Bike Shop that adjoins the Church property on Second Ave. and the Medical Building that adjoins the Church property at the south-east end are the users of the dumpsters mentioned previously in the report. It is, therefore, recommended that the Church arrange for a neighbourhood meeting with all concerned in the hopes that the neighbourhood could become connected with the Church to help keep the area clean and report any suspicious activity to the police.

The last recommendation would be to paint the Church. Most of the clean-up recommendations that were given, if completed would show the pride and "ownership" the congregation has in the Church. In turn, this will help to dissuade unwanted activity. Continued maintenance is necessary to continue this show of pride and ownership.

Notice and Disclaimer: This report and the recommendations in it do not guarantee the safety and/or security of the inspected property. The individual(s) conducting the inspection, the City of Richmond, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are not responsible, in whole or in part, for injury, loss or damaged suffered by anyone in or near the inspected property as a result of their use or reliance on the report and its recommendations. This report is a public record and may be accessible under the Privacy Act of Canada.

LENT / EASTER – TIME FOR A SACRIFICIAL GIFT

For many centuries of Christian tradition the Lent/Easter season has been marked by the faithful with some sort of personal sacrifice. Steveston United Church has a tradition of its own to make this important season of the church year. We invite anyone who is able to make an over and above donation to the life and work of the church. By utilizing the offering envelope below or by picking up this special envelope in the church pews, you will be supporting Maintenance & Property, Ministry & Personnel, Membership & Pastoral Care, Worship, Christian Education and Outreach ministries of our congregation. Thank you for caring.



February 2003

Greetings to all Pastoral Charges!

Thank you for your support this year of the **Mission and Service Fund!**

Across our church **M&S** Enthusiasts and trainers, local ministers, Presbytery convenors, Conference and national staff have told the stories of the work that we do as The United Church of Canada and asked for support on behalf of those who cannot ask. In response **M&S** supporters have given thankfully and joyfully to the **Fund**. To all of you thank you for the difference that we are making through **Mission and Service**.

I know that many of you are feeling disappointed. Our 2002 goal was \$30,500,000. Our total gifts were \$30,108,681. That's almost 99%! A score of 99% is usually cause for great celebration. When it comes to **M&S**, our celebration is tempered by the realization of the needs of our crying world and the knowledge of the work we want to do.

Your challenge is this --- celebrate today! Celebrate greatly with a thankful heart! Celebrate what you have accomplished; celebrate that you have such gifts to share! Celebrate that you have a new opportunity in 2003, the 75th anniversary of our **Mission and Service Fund**, to love and serve others. As you celebrate, prepare for the year ahead, and the challenge of an even higher goal of \$30,600,000. This is a goal we can and must meet. United we can do it!

To those of you who support The United Church of Canada through the **Mission and Service Fund**, well done, good and faithful

servants! The world needs your continued support; your faith requires it.

To those new to the **Mission and Service Fund**, we ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting your national church. As

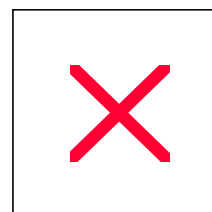
members and friends of The United Church of Canada we are called "to love and serve others". We do this through the **Mission and Service Fund**. Without the **Fund** our church would not be. We need your help.

Our **M&S Fund** is our faith in action, our love made known. United we are making a difference in the world. So celebrate and prepare for this new **Mission and Service Fund** year.

Shalom and blessings,

Julie Kinkaid

Mission and Service Fund Officer
The United Church of Canada
Financial Stewardship
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RECENT DEATHS

within the wider community and within the church family include:

Name

Date of Death

Date of Service

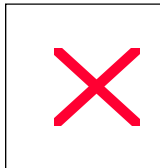
Misao Matsuzaki	October 30, 2002	November 04, 2002
David Cropper	December 07, 2002	December 13, 2002
Joe Boshard	March 03, 2003	March 08, 2003
Bob Surphlis	March 11, 2003	March 17, 2003

Taylor Michael Lindsay	November 24, 2002
Barbara Anne Klassen	January 26, 2003

RECENT MARRIAGES

within the wider community and within the church family include:

Yuichiro Koga and Naomi Saga. This Watabe wedding took place at Steveston United Church on December 27, 2002



There are 13 weddings scheduled in 2003 at Steveston United Church. Our appreciation is extended to Joan Crich for her wedding coordination. Joan makes each bride and groom feel very special.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Lucy Gisela Blackwell	May 13, 2002	October 15, 2002
Trevor Daniel Stratton	November 10, 2000	October 27, 2002
Audrey Johanna DeBoer	April 10, 2002	October 27, 2002
Connor Michael Gingera	June 04, 2001	November 24, 2002
Aaleigha Yi-Lei Chin	June 27, 1999	November 24, 2002
Ty Stuart Williams	October 09, 2002	December 29, 2002
Tyler Cameron Klassen	November 01, 1996	January 26, 2003
Sabrina Alyss Klassen	November 30, 1992	January 26, 2003
Stephanie Tiana Klassen	May 15, 1990	January 26, 2003
Kellie Savannah Mumford	December 08, 2002	March 30, 2003

The following persons reaffirmed their baptismal faith and were received into membership by transfer in the year 2002:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date</u>
Katherine F.N. Yap	Wesley Methodist Church Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	November 24, 2002

The following persons reaffirmed their baptismal faith and were received into membership by confirmation of their baptismal vows in 2002:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Charmaine Li Imm Chin	November 24, 2002

The following persons were baptized as adults and received into membership at Steveston United Church in 2002:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
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FROM THE TREASURER:

Income for February 2003 (from all sources)	\$ 9,497
Expenses for February 2003	\$ 15,000
Loss for February 2003	\$ 5,503
Year-to-Date Income 2003 (from all sources)	\$ 17,634
Year-to-Date Expenses (2 months of 2003)	\$ 23,912
Loss as of February 28, 2003	\$ 6,278

Tracey Sakai
Treasurer

EASTER FLOWERS

Help us to beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday! If you would like to bring an Easter lily or other appropriate spring flower

arrangement for Resurrection Day (April 20), you can drop your plant off at the church on Easter Saturday (April 19) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. It might be appropriate for you to dedicate your floral tribute in memory of a loved one. Dedications can be made to the church office on or before Thursday, April 17.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED SENIORS HOUSING SOCIETY

#103 – 9260 No. 2 Road, Richmond, BC V7E 2C8

Phone: 604-241-2957

The Christian Reformed Seniors Housing Society, as part of its mandate, offers affordable shelter in “Covenant Court”, a senior housing complex in Richmond.

Starting April 1, the Society will have a one-bedroom apartment available in the complex at 9260 No. 2 Road. Rent for this apartment is negotiable but should be in the \$700 range. The Society is prepared to reduce the rent where need can be shown.

The prospective renter(s) must have these qualifications:

1. become a member of the Christian Reformed Seniors Housing Society and subscribe to its constitution which is based on Christian principles
2. be 55 years or over of age
3. be non-smokers

CONTACT: Gerry Bouman 604-940-8075
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Children and Loss

Helping Children Through Trauma and Grief

A Workshop for Parents, Teachers, Counsellors, Clergy,
Spiritual and Social Service Caregivers, Hospice & Hospital Volunteers

Friday, May 30, 2003 – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 31, 2003 – 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

at

Dunbar Heights United Church
3525 West 24th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Keynote Speaker:

Nancy Reeves, Ph.D, R. Psych.

Director – The Island Loss Clinic,
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This will be a hands-on workshop offering useful information about the most effective ways of helping children deal with devastating loss. Breakout sessions will offer parents and people in the helping professions a chance to observe directly and practice the most helpful ways to interact with children who are struggling with shock and grief, whether through death of a family member of schoolmate, or through divorce or traumatic event in the community.

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