

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

# THE WEDDING



Biblical Reference: John 2:1-10

He was thirty when it happened. There was no warning; he had never done that kind of thing before though we had been at our fair share of weddings. This was a really big wedding. Everyone in the village was invited. I said to him, "Listen, there is going to be a lot of nice women at this wedding. You are thirty now and you are not getting any younger. So don't be backwards at coming forward just because your mother is there. I won't be watching you."

He just rolled his eyes the way his father used to, so I said no more. We got to the wedding and onto the reception and what a spread. Everything was magnificent. The olives – they were salty. So between that and the heat, there was a lot of drinking going on. We must have been sitting at the table for over two hours, everyone was talking at the top of their voice. And then I noticed it got distinctively quieter. So I turned to Jesus and I said, "I think that the wine's run out. He just turned to me, rolled his eyes and said, "Your powers of observation are beyond me mother."

But I knew from the way he said it that he might be up to something, so when I saw him rising from the table and going into the kitchen I said to one of the waiters, "You see that man walking towards the kitchen, do whatever he tells you to do." Well exactly what happened after that, I don't know. There are many different stories. According to Jesus he just asked for the big wine jars to be filled with water. Then he lifted them one at a time, gave them to the waiters and told them to take them to the tables.

In no time, the noise level was at its peak and everyone was congratulating the bride's father on the great tasting wine. When Jesus came back to the table, I said to him, "How come, with all the water jugs in my kitchen, you have never turned your hand to wine-making before?" He just rolled his eyes the way his father used to and then he said, "Mother, I just wanted everybody to be as happy at this wedding with wine, as you are in your kitchen without it." And ever since that particular wedding day, there's been a constant flow of invitations from people who would like Jesus to come to their special day.

Yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Rick Taylor

June 2003



*Worship Services / Special Events*

**JULY 2003**

**Sunday, July 06, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

*The Sacrament of Baptism / Reception of New Members*

**Sunday, July 13, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b – 19, Psalm 24, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion / Moment for Christian Mission / Richmond Food Bank Rally Sunday*

**PLEASE BRING: Non-perishable food items to fill our chart.**



**SECOND Anniversary  
of  
Rev. Rick Taylor's Ministry at Steveston United Church**



**It should be noted that Rev. Rick Taylor will be at the Vancouver School of Theology from Monday, June 30 through Friday, July 04 and from Monday, July 07 through Friday, July 11.**

These summer school courses are from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. weekdays. The continuing education course in the first week of July is entitled “Pastoral Leadership for Congregational Transformation”. It is being taught by Rev. Anthony B. Robinson of Seattle, Washington. The continuing education course the following week is entitled “God, Media and Ethics”. It is being taught by Douglas Todd, Religion and Ethics editor of *The Vancouver Sun*. Rev. Taylor will be around to provide leadership in worship and pastoral care for the entire month of July.

**Sunday, July 20, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-14(a), Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-46

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

**Sunday, July 27, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14, Psalm 53, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-15

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

**AUGUST 2003**

**Sunday, August 03, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13(a), Psalm 51:1-12, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:24-35

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 04, 2003**

**This is the civic holiday in British Columbia. The church office will be closed.**



**Rev. Rick Taylor will be on vacation from Tuesday, August 5th through Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> (inclusive). In his absence, pastoral care emergencies should be directed to Gilmore Park United Church, Rev. Anna Christie, office 604-277-5377.**

**Sunday, August 10, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25-5:2,  
John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon: t.b.a.

*Moment for Christian Mission / Food Bank Rally Sunday*

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**Sunday, August 17, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

**Sunday, August 24, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

*The Sacrament of Baptism / Reception of New Members*

**Sunday, August 31, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Psalm 45:1,2, 6-9, James 1:17-27,  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2003**  
**This is Labour Day Monday. The church office will be closed.**



**SEPTEMBER 2003**

**Sunday, September 07, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

**The Opening  
of our  
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM 2003 - 2004**



**We are always looking for teachers, assistants and folk who will support our church school or nursery aged children. If you can help, please contact the church office at 604-277-0508.**



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2003**

**7:00 P.M.**

**FIRST MEETING FOR OUR WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AT STEVESTON UNITED CHURCH.  
NEWCOMERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

**Sunday, September 14, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

*Moment for Christian Mission / Food Bank Rally Sunday*

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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**This date is the DEADLINE for submissions to the church fall newsletter.**

**Do you have a news item for the whole family?**

**Drop submissions off at the church office or e-mail us  
at [office@stevestonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@stevestonunitedchurch.ca).**



**ATTENTION ALL UNIFIED BOARD MEMBERS  
First Meeting of the Fall Term  
Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. – Fireside Room**

**Sunday, September 21, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8(a), Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

**Sunday, September 28, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Readings: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: Rev. Rick Taylor

*The Sacrament of Baptism / Reception of New Members*

*The Fall Newsletter will be available.*

**WAI LADIES REPORT**



The Spring Garage Sale was held Saturday, May 3, 2003.

Actual Sales	\$ 947.50*
Sale of Udon Bowls	\$ 66.25
Donations	\$ 130.00
TOTAL:	\$1,143.75

\*Includes just over \$100 for sale of coffee and muffins.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the WAI Ladies and other women of the congregation (31 in total) enjoyed dinner together at Country Meadows on No. 6 Rd. The WAI Ladies will not be meeting during July and August. However, they will of course still be available to provide refreshments following memorial or funeral services if requested. May your summer be safe and refreshing.

Submitted by June Taylor

## WHAT DAD LEAVES BEHIND.



A clipping from a Dutch magazine a number of years ago described a child's attitude toward his father as the years pass by. At age 4, the child says, "My daddy can do anything." At age 7, "My daddy knows a lot. A whole lot." At age 8, he says, "Naturally, my father doesn't know everything." At 12, he says, "Naturally, my father doesn't know that either." At 14, "My dad is so hopelessly old-fashioned." At 21, "That man is so out of date." At 25 years, "Dad knows a little, but not too much." At 30 years, "I must find out what Dad thinks about this." At 35 years, "Before we decide, let's get Dad's idea first." At 50, "What would Dad have thought about that?" At 60 years, "My Dad know literally everything." At 65 years, he says, "I wish I could talk it over with Dad one more time."

How important good and godly dads are. The father who faithfully stands beside his wife and children is becoming more and more of a rarity in our society.

A few years ago, *LA Times* magazine ran an article about the invisible dad. It pointed out, "Many men are disconnecting from family life and society is paying the price. Consider two of the nation's most serious problems: crime and teenage pregnancy. Studies show that the most reliable predictor of these behaviours is not income. It's not race. It's family structure. Pregnant girls and criminal boys tend to come from fatherless families. An astonishing 70% of imprisoned minors have spent at least part of their lives without fathers."

This article went on to quote Father Gregory Boyle, a priest in East Los Angeles. He once wrote down the names of 100 gang members whom he knew personally and next to their names, he wrote down their family history. He was shocked to realize that all but five on the list were not currently living with their biological fathers, if they ever had.

Fathers are so important because they are the visible link between their children and the Father in Heaven. Many of the attitudes children will develop toward God will be connected to the ones they have toward their fathers. The potential impact of a good and godly father is immeasurable. Don't believe it when people say children don't need a mom and a dad. They need both as much as possible.

Certainly, many pressures come with fatherhood. Some of us feel ill-equipped. But it's better to be a learning dad than an absent one.

A father's influence will not only impact his children. It will impact his grandchildren, his great-grandchildren and his great-great-grandchildren. The values fathers pass on to their children today, whether sinful or godly, will be passed on to their children in the future.

Consider the impact of the life of one godly man, Jonathon Edwards. A great preacher in American history who lived at a time of great spiritual awakening, he was renowned for his message, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.” In addition to being a pastor, he was President of Princeton University, an author and the father of 11 children.

Of Jonathon Edwards’ known male descendants, more than 300 became pastors, missionaries, or theological professors. Another 120 descendants became college professors, 110 became attorneys, 60 were prominent authors, 30 became judges and 14 served as presidents of universities or colleges. Three descendants served in the U.S. Congress and one became the Vice President of the United States.

A very busy man who reputedly spent 13 hours each day in study. Jonathon Edwards still made a habit of spending an hour at home with his children every day. He took time to be with them, and what a legacy he left!

As C.H. Spurgeon said, “A good character is the best tombstone. Those who love you and were helped by you will remember you. So carve your name on hearts and not on marble.”

If you’re a father, are you carving your name on the hearts of your children right now? Are you leaving a godly legacy of good character? It’s the greatest thing you can leave.

Submitted by: Irene Huan

### Great Truths About Growing Old

When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you’re down there.



## STEVESTON UNITED CHURCH NEWS

**Congratulations** to Amber Shikaze for her outstanding achievements at Steveston Secondary School. One of the many awards that Amber received at the end of the school year was Top All Round Grade 8 Student. Good work, Amber!



**Coffee & Conversation** will continue through the summer on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome to drop by.

## “Learning to Live as a Church in a Multicultural Society”

*(from Seasons of the Spirit Congregational Life, Lent/Easter 2003)*



**Diversity is not a problem to be solved by the church; it is God's reality.**

*The feast of Pentecost is a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on the diversity within the Christian church, and of the world in which the church is called to minister. The fresh wind of the Holy Spirit challenges us to revisit our beliefs and practices as we embrace a new identity of faith.*

**I**n her book *The Color of Faith: Building Community in a Multiracial Society* (Cleveland: United Church Press, 1998, p. 4), Fumitaka Matsuoka says, “A significant theological challenge facing Christians is to discover what it means to live out our faith in a time when basic patterns of human relationship seem to be under major reconstruction. The church can no longer ignore the multicultural and multiracial context of the world today and of societies everywhere. It must move from distrust and alienation into dynamic interrelation with a new vision of humanness.”

The church has two distinctive tasks to accomplish. First, it must affirm that diversity is not a problem to be solved by the church; it is God's reality. Diversity, from the beginning, is the purpose of God's creation, and it is God's intention.

The second task is to own and respond to the goals of a sound multicultural religious education. These are described by Barbara Wilkerson in *Multicultural Religious Education* (Birmingham, Alabama: Religious Education Press, 1998, pp 26-27):

1. Understand the church on earth as a multiethnic, multilingual body.
2. View diversity positively as enriching and enabling Christian unity, rather than threatening it.
3. Value and affirm one's own culture and be able to function effectively in another culture.
4. Appreciate the many ways faith is experienced and expressed in the religious education practice of Christians from various cultures.

Becoming a multicultural church is not a tour around the world to find funny customs, rare music, or intriguing regalia. It's about learning to understand the meaning and significance of cultural expressions for a particular people in a particular place. Becoming a multicultural church means entering into ministry with people who live two blocks away, and not only people who live across the globe.

Culture is a complex component of human existence. It defines who we are as people. Values, traditions, language, music, food, stories --- all these things make up the culture of a people. We need to understand that there is no normative culture out of which all others are measured. Each culture is a prism through which we see reality and ourselves, including our spiritual selves.

Once I was called to school by a teacher who claimed that my daughter had been disrespectful. I went to the school to inquire. The teacher said that she had admonished my daughter and that my daughter kept looking to the floor. In this school in suburban Boston where my children were the first minorities ever, I had to teach the teacher that in our culture, when a person is admonished, that person should not look at the eyes of the other. That would be challenging and disrespectful. My daughter was not being disrespectful. She was behaving in the most respectful manner she knew, because of our culture.

One of the richest components of all cultures is stories. Matsuoka says in her book that for some theorists, an important tool for underrepresented people of colour in overcoming their disadvantages is to tell stories. Those stories can be either from individual experiences or from parables. When people tell stories they challenge versions of reality put forward by the dominant culture (see *The Color of Faith* p. 49). Hearing and learning stories can be a very rich experience in Christian education. We are people of “the story”. The narrative of other people helps us to understand their world vision and to enter into a different reality than our own.

Multiculturalism is a two-way street. It means learning to understand and appreciate other people’s culture and to be able to function in a an arena that may be unfamiliar. This was the clear message of Pentecost when every person heard the good news preached in their own language. The goal of multiculturalism is not to try to “make them like us,” not to learn and adjust to a monocultural vision of the world. Jesus shows us the richness of an ethnically diverse world, and he invites us to live and work and play there with him.

Dr. José Abraham de Jesús lives in Cleveland, Ohio, USA where he serves as Minister for Worship and Education Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

## Dear Reader,

*Here’s an excerpt from a letter that author Laura Ingalls Wilder used to send her young fans:* “Today our way of living and our schools are much different....but the real things haven’t changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures and to be cheerful and to have courage when things go wrong.”



## Hard to Be Good.



When I picked up my two boys from their last day of Vacation Bible School, I asked if they would like to attend next summer. “Yes, but I think next year should only be four days” said my 5 year-old.

Puzzled, I asked him why. “Because it’s hard to be good five days in a row”, he replied.

*From “Life in our House”  
Christian Parenting*

## GOD'S E-MAIL



"A little girl was learning the Lord's Prayer. Each night at bed-time her mother carefully repeated it. At last the child was ready to try it on her own. She knelt down, folded her hands, and began to pray. Each line was perfect until '.....lead us not into temptation....but deliver us some e-mail'."

God chuckles at our innocent mistakes. And he proclaims truth through children because God does deliver e-mail – just when we need it most! The King of kings gives you and me access into his grace over the phone line of faith – direct to his royal chat room. His e-mail address is Jeremiah 33:3@don'tstress.com. "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

I am thankful that even when I don't understand the Lord or his ways, I can still depend on him by faith. When computers, calendars and clocks seems to get the best of me and my time, I rely on the One who never changes. I figure God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things (right now I'm so far behind, I'll never die) but God is my hiding place from the tyranny of the urgent. Because of his grace, I can luxuriate in knowledge that all is well – even when the bits and bytes of my life look like scrambled gobbledygook.

The apostle Paul reminds us that through Christ, "we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand" (Romans 5:2). Like the Internet superhighway, we have access to grace at any time of day or night. This grace connects us with God himself and with people worldwide who have signed on to follow him. By faith we hyperlink to the wisdom we need to live by his kingdom principles. His extravagant grace is available in a fraction of the time it take to go through the red tape of the Department of Human Services. What is it you need today? Remember that you have immediate access to God's Riches At Christ's Expense (GRACE). It's all right there, waiting for you to dial in. Jesus said, "God's kingdom is within you." Click on that!

*From "Humour for the Heart", Barbara Johnson*  
Submitted by Irene Huan

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**2003 Lecture Series – Chalmers & Native Ministries  
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<p><b>Tuesday Evenings 7:30 pm</b> <i>VST Hosted in the Neighbourhood</i></p>	<p><b>Thursdays 12:00 – 1:00 pm</b> <i>Noon Hour Enlightenments</i> (Bring your lunch along to VST's Chancellor Lounge. Follow the <u>yellow</u> markers)</p>
<p>JULY 1 <b>Rev. Anthony (Tony) Robinson</b> <i>Senior Minister, Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle</i> <b>Transforming Congregational Cultures</b> LOCATION: Shaughnessy Heights United Church, 1550 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave – west of Granville</p>	<p>JULY 3 <b>Dr. Reginald Bibby</b> <i>Board of Governors Research Chair in Sociology, University of Lethbridge</i> <b>Beyond the Census and Senselessness: The Untold Story of Religion Rejuvenation in Canada</b></p>
<p>JULY 8 <b>Mr. Mike Durall</b> <i>Principal of Commonwealth Consulting, Belmont, MA</i> <b>Churches With A Soul</b> LOCATION: Ryerson United Church – Memorial Centre, 2195 West 45<sup>th</sup> Ave – at Yew</p>	<p>JULY 10 <b>Ms. Shiella Fodchuck</b> <i>Executive Director of the Cathedral Centre in Spiritual Direction, Vancouver</i> <b>Spiritual Direction in a Cosmopolitan Setting</b></p>
<p>JULY 15 <b>Dr. Jay McDaniel</b> <i>Professor of Religion Hendrix College, Arkansas</i> <b>The Truths are Many, and All Make the Whole Richer. Inter-religious Dialogue in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.</b> LOCATION: St. Mary's Kerrisdale Anglican Church, 2490 West 37<sup>th</sup> Ave – at Larch</p>	<p>JULY 17 <b>Rev. Mary Battaja</b> <i>Associate Priest at Christ Church Cathedral, Yukon, Northern Tutchone, Na Cho Nyak Dun Band</i> <b>Death, Dying and Grieving</b></p>
<p>JULY 22 <b>Dr. Margaret Guenther</b> <i>Associate Rector for Spiritual Formation, St. Columbia's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC</i> <b>Spiritual Direction &amp; Healing</b> LOCATION: Canadian Memorial United Church &amp; Centre For Peace, 1825 West 16<sup>th</sup> Ave – 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Burrard</p>	<p>JULY 22 <b>Dr. Roberta Bondi – TUESDAY</b> <i>Chandler School of Theology, Georgia</i> <b>Julian, The Trinity &amp; Us</b></p> <p>JULY 24 <b>Ms. Patricia Vickers</b> <i>Doctoral candidate in Counselling Psychology, University of Victoria, Tsimshian</i> <b>Power of Addiction and Relapse</b></p>

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### **PUBLIC LECTURES**

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| Wednesday, July 2  | JOHN G. STACKHOUSE JR.<br><i>This is My Father's World: C.S. Lewis's Theology of Culture</i>   |
| Monday, July 7     | DAVID LIVINGSTONE<br><i>Adam's Ancestors: Five Centuries of Christian Thinking about Human Origins</i>   |
| Wednesday, July 9  | GORDON T. SMITH<br><i>The Soul of the Entrepreneur: Serving with Innovation and Creativity</i>   |
| Monday, July 14    | RALPH WOOD<br><i>J.R.R. Tolkien: Christian Author for our Time of Terror</i>   |
| Wednesday, July 16 | CHERYL BRIDGES JOHNS<br><i>Prophets and Mystics: The Rise of Pentecostal Spirituality</i>  |
| Monday, July 21    | ANDREW WALLS<br><i>Christianity after Christendom</i>  |
| Wednesday, July 23 | EARL PALMER<br><i>C.S. Lewis: The Friend of Storytellers</i>   |
| Monday, July 28    | TIM BOTTS<br><i>To See Thee More Clearly: Calligraphy as a Visual Aid in Worship</i><br>Woodward IRC, Theatre 2; Parking at Regent, in Health Sciences Parkade (west of the hospital), or B-1 Lot (south of the hospital). |
| Wednesday, July 30 | MAXINE HANCOCK<br><i>What has "Paris" to do with "Jerusalem"? (Or, what have the Arts to do with Theology?)</i>  |

All lectures are free and held from 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the Regent College Chapel unless otherwise stated. These lectures tend to draw large crowds, so plan to arrive early for a good seat. Private taping is not permitted. Audio recordings may be ordered following each lecture.

### **LUNCHTIME CONCERTS**

Tuesday, July 1 COLIN GODBOUT – Experimental Jazz



Thursday, July 3	RHYTHM ROUNDUP – Bluegrass
Tuesday, July 8	MARGO PUMAR – Contemporary Folk
Thursday, July 10	ROB DESCOTES – Jazz Standards
Tuesday, July 15	JACQUI BONK – Flute Improvisation
	JOSH BANNER – Contemporary Folk
Thursday, July 17	GYPYALERO – Gypsy Jazz
Tuesday, July 22	MICHELLE NG – Guzheng (Asian string)
Thursday, July 24	BROOKS WILIAMS – Contemporary Folk
Tuesday, July 29	EVELYN LOEWEN – Celtic Harp
Thursday, July 31	JOHN GILLIAT QUARTET – Nouveau Flamenco

All Lunchtime Concerts are free and run from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

### EVENING CONCERTS

#### Jubilate!

Tuesday, July 8 at 8 p.m., Regent Chapel, Free Admission.  
 45 singers from the Boulder, Colorado area will present an evening of a'capella choral music ranging from the Renaissance works of Palestrina to traditional American spirituals and original music by director David Harris.



#### Carolyn Arends & Brook Williams

Thursday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m., Regent Chapel. Tickets \$15 at Regent Bookstore.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Recent Paintings by Lindsay Farrell - Lookout Gallery

July 2 – August 9. Opening reception July 2, 4:30 p.m.

### OTHER

#### Postmodern Urban Spaces: A City Tour

Saturday, July 5 Led by DAVID LEY

A tour through Vancouver's downtown and inner city districts that emphasizes the changing social values of postmodern culture as these are expressed and reproduced in the urban landscape. Various views and challenges of the postmodern city will be illustrated. Cost \$30 per person. Phone: 604-221-3348 or e-mail [bustour@regent-college-edu](mailto:bustour@regent-college-edu).



Dear Pastor: I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland.

Loreen, Age 9, Tacoma



## **A Prayer that Honours Our Senses** *(based on Colossians 3:12-17)*

Yahweh, creator of the wind that whispers through the poplar trees;  
teach us to listen for your voice upon our hearts; to do your Will, not ours. *(sound)*

Yahweh, creator of the dewdrop that glistens in the mornings, first light upon a newly opened  
rose petal; teach us to see the good in others; to forgive, as we have been forgiven. *(sight)*

Yahweh, creator of the red sweet-succulent strawberry; teach us to use our mouths for building  
others up, not for tearing them down. *(taste-smell)*

Yahweh, creator of the soft and silky kitten; teach us to touch others with compassion, have  
empathy and share your unconditional love. *(touch)*

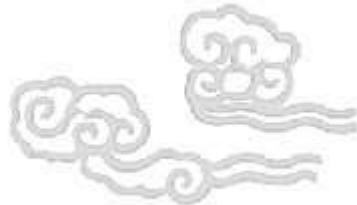
Yahweh, creator of peace and calm within; teach us to stand in the gap between you and our  
brothers and sisters whose burdens, sorrows, fears, and tears need healing and care through our  
prayers. *(feelings)*

Yahweh, thank you for all these blessed gifts you have given us; sight, sound, taste, texture, and  
scent; open us to the wonders of your world.

Hear our prayers,  
God of grace,  
help us to fulfill them,  
working according to your purpose  
having love, compassion, kindness,  
humility, meekness, and patience,  
in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.  
*(last stanza taken from Celebrate God's Presence)*

*Jan Thornington, Bobcaygeon, Ont.*





*Breathing Life into the Story –  
Fresh Air for Christian  
Educators*

## **Workshops + Music + Resources**

- WHEN:** Saturday, September 27, 2003  
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** South Arm United Church  
11051 No. 3 Rd., Richmond (at Steveston Hwy.)
- WHO:** Everyone interested in Christian education and congregational life.
- COST:** \$15 for workshop & lunch (or \$75 for your congregational team)
- REGISTRATION:** Dawna English 604-278-6609      dawnaenglish@telus.net
- QUESTIONS:** Jennifer Cunnings 604-277-4020      sauc\_cy@telus.net

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# DEATHS, BAPTISMS and MARRIAGES



## RECENT DEATHS

within the wider community and church family include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Date of Service</u>
Tetsuko Hirota	May 01, 2003	May 08, 2003
Stanley Webster	May 20, 2003	May 26, 2003

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Winston Kwan Chung Junior Liu	April 09, 2000	April 27, 2003
Jamie Kwan Yue Liu	September 06, 2001	April 27, 2003
Sneha John Kurian	July 18, 2001	May 11, 2003



## RECENT MARRIAGES

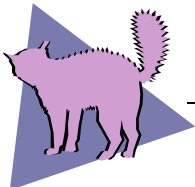
within the wider community and within the church family include:

Rock Hudson to Lisa Brandly on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at Steveston United Church. The groom is son of Dagmar Hudson. Rev. Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Darren O'Rourke to Jenny Reisenleiter on Saturday, June 07, 2003 at Steveston United Church. Rev. Rick Taylor officiated at the ceremony.

Shinji Yamada to Akiko Inoue on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at Steveston United Church. This Watabe wedding ceremony was officiated by Rev. Taylor.

Our thanks to Joan Crich and Suzi Petersen for their wedding coordination ministries.



**Great Truths About Life, That Little Children Have Learned**  
No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY 2003

We are asking *EVERYONE* to complete the form below and return it to the church office. (If you submitted a form in the Spring, you do not need to complete another one.) We are updating the Church Directory for Steveston United Church and would be grateful for your help.

**\*\*\*Please PRINT clearly.\*\*\***

Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. (circle one)

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*June 2003*