

The Grapevine



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Welcome!

by Allan Cunningham, New
Chair of Council

It is my great honour to issue a warm welcome on behalf of the SHUC Council for 2006/7. As always, looking to the next few months is one of anticipation, excitement and renewal. As council, we have to build on the accomplishments of the past as well as find ways to engage the congregation in a vision for the future. I must thank Cheryl Banfield and the 2005/6 council for many hours of dedicated service which will allow us to focus on issues that support the many activities that make SHUC such a special faith community. Our primary issue will be a new ministerial team, but with the dedicated help of Rev. Gordon How, I know all concerns, issues and uncertainties will be addressed. As council, our goal is to serve the needs of the congregation and allow everyone a voice at the table. We welcome comments and suggestions by any means at your disposal. Please help if you can and I look forward to a joyous celebration of life at SHUC.



Congregational Meeting

on
Sunday,
September 17,
2006

Meet in the Church Hall
after the worship service

Open House

Sunday, September 10, 2006

Worship for all ages in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am
Open House in the Hall
from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Register the children for Church School & Music Programmes; Browse through displays showing what Shaughnessy has to offer; Meet members of the community who use the Shaughnessy building; Meet the ministerial staff.

Come!

Be prepared to be encouraged and surprised!

Enjoy!

Fellowship, friendship & food!

Please call co-ordinator Pat Mitchell at 604-948-4894 for further info & to find out how YOU can participate.

*"re-Discover This Growing
Faith Community"*



Introducing Rev. Dr. Gordon How

Gordon has been appointed by the Presbytery, at the request of SHUC's Joint Search Committee, to provide ministerial

services beginning September 1st

Gordon has had seven pastoral appointments since his Ordination in 1968. These included marine missions (Tahsis Inlet), city congregations (Knox UC, Vancouver), and intentional interim ministries (Penticton UC, St. Giles-South Hill UC). He served twice previously in the Shaughnessy Heights congregation - Associate Minister (1970-73) and Interim Minister (1998-2000). In his career, Gordon also served in five administrative offices, including Personnel Minister and Executive Secretary for B.C. Conference. Gordon was appointed (1980-83) by the World Council of Churches to prepare the local arrangements for its Vancouver Assembly. He was the first Executive Director of Canuck Place (1993-95). He worked in the national United Church offices 2000-02. After retirement, Gordon has recently served as a Supply Minister in West Point Grey UC (05/06). Gordon and Valerie have been active worshippers in Shaughnessy Heights since 1970 whenever not serving in another congregation.

Shaughnessy Heights United Church

A Christian faith community welcoming people at various stages in their faith journey

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Church Council 2006-7

Chair - **Allan Cunningham**
 Vice Chair - **vacant**
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 Worship & Music - **Clif Prowse**
 Secretary - **Val Munroe**
 Property - **Norman Barr**
 Christian Education - **Evlyn Morrison**
 Ministry & Personnel - **Heather Clarke**
 Pastoral Care - **Lois Millar**
 Outreach - **vacant**
 Presbytery Rep - **Lauren Hodgson**
 Presbytery Rep - **Paul Saxon**
 Congregational Life - **Brian Forster**

Search Committee

Email the Search Committee at search@shuc.ca

Tony Weall (Chair)
Dorothy Cummings
Noralyn Smiley
Darcy Daubaras
Mike Arbogast
Thomas Saxon
Ann Thorsteinsson
Pat McKenzie
Cheryl Banfield (Council Liaison)
Eric Stephanson (Presbytery Rep.)

Search Committee Update

by *Tony Weall, Chair of Search Committee*

Your search committee has met twice since we successfully negotiated to have Rev. Gordon How join us as supply minister on the first of September.

In our meetings we have focused on strategies for reviewing applications for the Lead Minister position and reviewing applications we have received. We are encouraged by the results so far and will continue to find ways to seek out other potential candidates.

We do anticipate more applications after the General Council meeting Aug. 13 to 19 in Thunder Bay, ON as a number of people have indicated that they would be singing the praises of Shaughnessy Heights there.

Our next update will be in late September.

Seniors Lunch & Programme

Wed., Sept. 27 at Noon

Come!

\$6.00 for a soup & sandwich lunch. Call to sign up by Sunday, Sept. 24. Meet & make friends, rides available. Enjoy a short programme! It's social !!! Call Co-ordinator Pat Mitchell at 604-948-4894 for info.



SHUC Golf Tourney Surplus Creates University Scholarships For Tsunami Survivors

by *Brian Forster, Chair of Congregational Life Committee*

The 3rd Annual Shaughnessy Golf Tournament in July was a great success with Charlie Carpenter taking home the coveted Ward Allen trophy for the lowest score together with a \$50 gift certificate supplied by Tremayne Perry. 28 golfers enjoyed a fine afternoon followed by a barbeque dinner. The event surplus of \$281 plus a further cash donation has been presented to Rose Charities to provide two scholarships for university entrance students in Kalmunai, Sri Lanka who suffered through the devastating Tsunami. This money will cover books and related expenses. Others who wish to support this program and the work of Anthony Richards who is working in Kalmunai, please contact Brian Forster for details.

Sunday, September 24 - Focus On Outreach

by *Nina Matthews, Member of Outreach Committee*

SHUC has a proud history of Outreach initiatives that are undertaken with commitment, and quiet dedication by many volunteers. On Sunday, Sept. 24 we will celebrate some of these programs that are caring for those in need right here in our city. After the service there will be an opportunity to find out more about these and other initiatives and find out how to become involved.

Open Doors Campaign

by *Alison MacLean, Chair of Stewardship Committee*

September is the launch of the "Open Doors Campaign", a two year Stewardship initiative involving all ages of the congregation. Each month Shaughnessy will present a fund raising project to aid in the ongoing expenses of keeping our doors open and available to so many wonderful groups. For more information, contact Alison MacLean at 604-874-8174 or email tomboy_productions@yahoo.ca



Home alone on Thursdays with nothing to do?

Tired of watching Canadian Idol?

Need something more stimulating than another Sudoku puzzle?

JOIN THE SHUC SANCTUARY CHOIR!

Enjoy great music-making, camaraderie, nachos on a fairly regular basis...and the opportunity to improve your immune-system & brain function - **ALL FOR FREE!**

The choir is looking for friendly, happy types with the ability to match pitch & an unwavering willingness to dedicate Thursday nights & Sunday mornings to the greater choral good.

Sight reading is not necessary - though a welcome skill!

Call Ramona at 604-437-9200 to validate your membership!