

The Grapevine



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Harvest Thanks

The season of pumpkins and gourds is the time when Canadians express their collective thanks. The harvest of the earth – grains, fruits, vegetables, fish, fowl, and animals – food and drink, bread and wine – are gifts to gladden all hearts. (Read Psalm 104 for a wonderful thanksgiving Psalm.)

We revel in the colours of autumn – yellows and browns of sunflowers reaching their peak, hardy dahlias with their deep burgundies and yellows, leaves turning from greens to yellows and reds, evenings skies blue and pink – ablaze with the glory of God.

This is the time when we are grateful for a return to the “normal” life. Schools are in, vacations are past, and in the congregation we return with energy and hope. The church is a beehive of activity with congregational programs and various other groups’ activities sanctifying this holy space with dedicated time, talent, and energy.

People of faith know to whom their thanks are directed: the Eternal One who is both beginning and end, the Creator of all that is, the Holy One who cannot stand to have the earth broken or the human family in pain, the Parent who reaches out to the brokenhearted and the newly delighted, the Redeemer who mends, heals, and transforms – God.

As Christians, we know that we are blessed beyond measure by the boundless love of God. We rejoice in God’s abundant grace in our lives. And so we live thankfully, generously, compassionately.

We see evidence of this grateful life-style in the SHUC congregation:

- we gather to worship God on Wednesdays and on Sundays, knowing that in community our thanks and praise are shared and fortified by a common trust in the living God;
- we learn – all ages benefiting in the Spirit from the scriptures, from the Tradition passed on by forebears in the faith, from elders’ wisdom, from each other’s experiences in order that the gratitude in our hearts may be deepened;
- we reach out gratefully – in the workplace and in our neighbourhood and around the world. The SHUC First Annual Outreach Conference, with the theme: “Poverty: From Charity to Justice,” to be held mid-November is a singular opportunity to strengthen the impulse to grateful

- and faith-filled living. (Have you registered to engage Jim Wallis of Washington, DC’s Sojourners community and Ross Olivier of the South African Methodist Church in conversation and witness? Check the SHUC website for more information.)
- we do all this in a caring community – conscious of those who are too old or frail to be among us as we gather and those too young to understand the blessings of community, but all together discovering the Gospel of the Way of Christ.

At its heart, the Christian community is a people who give thanks. Eucharist – the ancient word for the Lord’s Supper or Communion – in Greek means “thanksgiving.” So for Christians, giving thanks is always in season.

In this harvest time, may our gratitude grow for the Gracious One, who blesses us so abundantly.

*A.H. Harry Oussoren
Ordained Lead Minister*

Welcome Christine Ackermann

The transition from Nina Matthews’ ministry of administration in the church office to Christine Ackermann has gone very smoothly. Supported by Nina’s careful planning and bridging work, Christine has settled in very effectively in congregation’s busy admin hub.

Christine comes to SHUC with substantial office experience in the hospitality industry and years of lay leadership in her Lutheran congregation. She was selected from among 80 applicants by a great team: Susan Dickson, Pat McKenzie, Heather Clarke, Betty Ann Knickerbocker, Yvonne Choi, and Philip Francis. Thanks to them for their dedication to this task.

Poverty: From Charity To Justice REACH OUT 2003

Featuring: Sojourners Community Leader Jim Wallis
South African Methodist Church Leader
Ross Oliver

November 14 & 15 at SHUC. You are invited.

Mission Development

Mission & Service Fund

About \$40,000 from SHUC participants is contributed to the M&S Fund of the whole United Church of Canada. This is money added to gifts from about 3500 other congregations across Canada and from individual donors. Aside from funding the operations of the General Council and Conference staffs, the \$63 million total supports projects throughout Canada and around the world.

In Canada, collective contributions fund many projects like: university campus ministries, new congregations, First Nations congregations, outreach ministries such as the First United Church, theological schools, and various chaplaincies – hospitals and prisons.

Internationally, we partner churches in 37 countries like Cuba, Haiti, Guatemala, Chile, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, India, Nepal, and the Philippines. We support various ministries, training and development or relief work projects. The United Church has 36 overseas personnel in 16 of these countries.

If you want to know more about the work supported by the Mission and Service Fund, pick up a copy of the special “Mission and Service Fund” edition of MANDATE magazine. Copies can be found on the table outside the admin office.

Special gifts for the “M&S Fund” are welcome. Envelopes are available on information tables throughout the church.

General Council Meets in Wolfville

Three hundred and seventy-nine “Commissioners” or delegates from the 13 regional conferences gathered for a week in August to chart directions and make decisions for the whole United Church.

At the meeting a new Moderator for the Church was elected: the Rev. Peter Short of Fredericton, NB and a new General Secretary, the Rev. Jim Sinclair of North Bay. The church is blessed by the gifts of their leadership. At the end of September, the Moderator made pastoral visits to Barriere and other BC communities stricken by the summer’s forest fires.

Other news of the General Council can be gleaned from the website of the UCC: www.United-Church.org.

Quotable quotes from GC 38:

“I thank you because I am so impressed by your courage,” said Rabbi Dow Marmur, Rabbi Emeritus at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. Marmur said he was impressed by the influence the UC has on Canadian society and by the fact that it is ready to exercise its influence with a measure of powerlessness, rather than with power. When the church functions this way, it can be a “corrective of politics, rather than an imitation of it,” he said.

Gerard Granado, General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches, praised the church for finding relevant ways of expressing its faith in the Canadian context, and for finding ways for young people to participate in that mission. “We wish to urge you to continue in the spirit of advocacy and the spirit of daring, both of which are evident in the ways in which you have chosen to address the critical issues facing this Council,” Granado said.

Please pray for the General Council and its staff as they seek to serve the entire church faithfully.

Worship Schedule

By gathering to worship God, the faith community becomes the people of God, committed to the transforming power of the Gospel for self and neighbour and world. You are invited!

On **Wednesdays, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Chapel – prayers, scripture, and communion – a chance to renew and replenish.

The **Labyrinth** is available for personal “walking” – Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Sunday from 8:00 – 9:45 a.m., and Wednesday from 8:00-9:45 p.m. or else by appointment.

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Childcare in the nursery; Sunday Children’s Circles from 10:15 a.m.; Junior & Senior Youth Quest.

October 12: **Thanksgiving Sunday**

October 19: **World Food Day**

October 26: **Peace Sabbath** Baptism & Reception of New Members
(worship for all ages together)

November 2: **Communion – All Saints Sunday**
5 p.m. Fireside @ Five – refreshments, singing hymns – in the Lounge

November 9: **Remembrance Sunday**
(*newsletter copy deadline for Advent edition*)

November 16: **Outreach Conference Sunday** – Rev. Ross Olivier, preacher

November 23: **Children’s Sunday**
(all ages worship together)
Universal Gospel Choir sings

November 29: **“Hanging the Greens”** event, worship, and supper. 4-7 p.m.

November 30: **Advent 1 – White Gift Sunday**

Mission Development: Celebrating

Pipedreams

With One Voice:

The liturgy of the Christian church, originally the ‘shared activity of a people gathered together’, in 17th century Europe had degenerated into a sort of *opera* looked at by the nobility from the galleries and boxes above the sanctuary while choirs and orchestras displayed their talents. The people down in the nave below could only gaze and listen.

Artistically this was a marvelous enrichment of Christian culture, but liturgically it was disastrous – music had become the mistress, rather than the handmaid, of liturgy. Eventually, there was bound to be a reaction, and it came towards the end of the century when attempts were made to restore active participation by the people in the liturgy itself.

The first real success came in Germany with the singing of vernacular hymns, and, as they say, the rest is history – we can proudly point to the fruits of such reformers as Martin Luther, among others, to prove it.

Since earliest times, wherever Christians have gathered, they’ve read the scriptures, prayed and sung. The Christian liturgy was born singing, and it has never ceased to sing, despite the excesses of previous periods like the 17th century.

I believe that singing and music take their place along side the spoken word as indispensable signs and symbols that make up the liturgy. To sing a hymn or play the organ is every bit as much a part of the liturgy as are reading the scripture, saying a prayer or breaking bread.

The purpose of singing and music is to awake meaning and induce an attitude. Many individual voices blend rhythmically so that only one is heard, and this brings out a very strong feeling of unity and of belonging. Singing *with one voice* has remained a privileged way of expressing unity in diversity.

Missionaries of all periods have made use of hymns to teach and spread the Christian faith. Popular hymns have played a great part in the reforms of Luther, Calvin, Wesley and the Catholic Counter Reformation. None of this should be a surprise since singing adds new power to a text thanks to rhythm and melody.

Hymns play a vital role in many lives today, often forming the core around which our faith continues to be nurtured.

FIRESIDE@FIVE is a gathering of like-minded folk who relish the opportunity of revisiting the great hymns of the church by singing *with one voice*. It is a time of fellowship that begins with refreshments in the lounge at 5pm and is followed by a hymn sing that will conclude by 5:45pm.

FIRESIDE@FIVE will be held the first Sunday of every month – every one is welcome. Every voice counts!

Our worship has recently been blessed with the participation of Mr. Song Hwan Han, a cellist of international stature and gentle disposition. Not only is he a member of the Korean Trinity Presbyterian Congregation, but conducts its choir as well. His moving contribution highlighted again for us the fact that music brings unity through diversity, and enables us all to speak *with one voice*.

Roy Campbell

Music Notes

The year is off to a great start, with many exciting things happening. All three choirs are up and running, with new members in all of them. Please remember that there is a place for anyone, of any age, who loves to sing.

The Sanctuary Choir is pleased to welcome back **Kevin Louden** as our men’s section leader this year. As well as choir work, we will also have a chance to hear him sing some solos. **Sandra Stringer** is back as our women’s section leader, until her Doctoral studies begin to consume all of her time! We are also pleased to welcome **Gordon Robertson** to our tenor section – proof that persistence pays off.

The Sanctuary Choir has been invited to participate in a production of the **Requiem**, by Gabriel Faure, on **Sunday November 9**, in the evening at St. Helen’s Anglican Church in West Point Grey. Members of the Youth Choir will also be participating in this evening and are hard at work learning the soprano solo (in Latin!)

For those of you who wish to sing on an occasional basis, look for the **Firelight at Five** series of hymn sings that will be happening at SHUC. On the first Sunday of every month, people will gather for coffee and tea at 5:00, followed by singing from 5:15-5:45. If you enjoy singing great hymns, come along.

Thank you to **Susan Dent, Janet Pritchard** and **Marian Turner**, who have all offered to work with Songsters and Youth Choir, so that I can float between the two. It is great to have such talented and willing congregational members. If anyone else is interested in working with any of the choirs, in any capacity, please talk to Cathy Pedersen. There are always some non-singing things to do, like making coffee and tea for the hymn sings, looking after the bell choir’s set-up and pull-down and many other opportunities to assist the music programs in a very valuable way.

Enjoy the music, and keep singing!

Cathy Pedersen

Mission Development: Reaching Out

New Ways of Leading

“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off” Mark 9:42

The penchant in United Church congregations for quick resolution to difficulties has got us into difficulty. God’s word is calling us to change the way we go about our ministries. The listening we now need to do creates a tempo that goes against the pattern and the fast pace of the urban, entertainment-based, commodity-driven culture we live in. Therefore, in church gatherings the primary question is: “Why are we here?” rather than: “What are we expected to do?”

Recently, I was in a group that jumped right into a task and finished it in record time. It was only later that someone noted that only three people completed the group task while several others were not even asked for their insights or opinions. While it is true that people need to take responsibility to participate for the group to become whole, it is also true that the unspoken thoughts of many are self-censored because they believe the group (read committee, task group or congregational meeting), will do “just fine” without them.

In an effort to transform its patterns of burning out leaders, Shaughnessy Heights has set a high priority on learning leadership skills for group settings. This year will mark an emphasis on ways to create healthy environments for sharing, planning and decision-making. We are stressing some of the following insights during a new course for church volunteers on leadership. These are:

- The need to affirm the presence and talents of each person in the group
- The importance of making communication everyone’s responsibility
- Necessity for collaboration and trust
- The importance of a clear purpose and the goals that flow from it.
- A focus on alternatives and process, not just on solutions.
- Practicing the skill of strategic planning and consensus building
- The importance of reflection, evaluation, and closure

Effective churches usually have a good familiarity with Robert’s Rules of Order and a high value on action to carry out mission. Churches good at engaging people have an additional meeting strategy. They are churches that value people enough to be asking the question “how could we have done that meeting better?” It may mean sacrificing something that, on the surface, looks like efficiency. We may have to cut off our tradition of being relieved when someone moves for adjournment. Holding on to important tradition while embracing new patterns has always been the cutting edge of the church.

Ross White

Communications Committee Communique

We’re ready for fall and increased committee activities! We primarily do this through our weekly *Grapevine*, the *Grapevine Newsletter* and website www.shuc.ca. Our Committee provides vehicles for communication and some assistance in format, but we rely on you to provide the content. Here are some guidelines for submissions:

- Due dates for *Grapevine* submissions must be adhered to.
- Electronic format is encouraged. Hard copy format should be less than 50 words.
- Submissions, in general, should not exceed 250 words.
- The newsletter editors, website administrator and Communications Committee chair are responsible for editing. Edits will be reviewed with the submitter, when possible.

We aim to reduce the cost of production and distribution of the *Grapevine Newsletter*. You can help by choosing to have your *Grapevine Newsletter* in electronic format (see announcement) OR picking up your copy (and perhaps those of your friends or neighbours) at church.

The website’s *What’s New* is kept current with upcoming events and participation information <http://www.shuc.ca/whatsnew.shtml>. If you wish to advertise an event on the web, submissions should be made to the Chair of the Communications Committee heather.clarke@shaw.ca.

Late breaking news: Nina Matthews has agreed to join Karen Hardie, Allison MacLean, Jim McLennan, Mae Sagar, Ross White and myself on the Communications Committee. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Heather F. Clarke, Chair – (604) 733-9329; heather.clarke@shaw.ca.

Heather Clarke

Leadership Development Workshops

It is not too late to sign up for sessions #2 and #3 of Ross White’s **Leadership Development Workshop**. Not only did the 7 people who attended the first session learn about ways to help group life function well, they also enjoyed lunch, fellowship and appreciated Ross’s enthusiastic facilitation of the workshop.

Session #2 will be held Sunday Oct. 19th starting at 11:30 am to 12:45 pm and is entitled, ‘**Ways to Avoid Feeling Powerless in a Group and Restore Vitality**’ and session #3 on Sunday Nov.11th is on ‘**Ways to Lead and Facilitate Groups Without Feeling Anxious**’.

The fee for each session is \$10.00 that includes lunch. There are registration forms at the church or call Dawna Claxton at 604-737-6008.

Mission Development: Learning

Fireside @ Five

The first Sunday of every month (except January) at five o'clock, you are invited to the Lounge at the Church for refreshments, good cheer, and singing a variety of hymns, including personal favourites.

From 5:15 to 5:45, great hymns and favourites will be sung at the piano with Roy Campbell playing. We will (re-)learn the hymns and discover yet again the Gospel's power in song.

You and your family and friends are invited.

Kerrisdale Faith/Work Group

Modelled on SHUC's Downtown Discussion Group, we are pleased to announce the formation of the new Kerrisdale Faith/Work Group to "share, care and grow in faith in the local professional and business community". Meetings will be held monthly at 12 noon in the 3rd Floor Board Room of RBC Dominion Securities, 2052 West 41st Ave, over a sandwich lunch and finish promptly at 1.30 p.m.

SHUC participants working on the Westside are invited to join the group to discuss faith and ethical issues affecting our professional or business lives and local, national or international issues from a faith perspective. The meetings will also provide an opportunity to get to know other SHUC professionals working on the Westside. If you are interested in joining this new discussion group please speak to Harry Oussoren or Philip Francis at 665-0693 or email philip.francis@rbc.com for further information and meeting dates.

Daycare News

September was a busy month with many transitions for children and staff. Everyone is happily settled and enjoying lots of outdoor time with this exceptional fall weather. In October we look forward to Thanksgiving activities and then some spooky Halloween fun! We will share some songs with the Stroke Club at the end of the month.

Our Daycare staff, while providing excellent, safe care for the children in this facility, is also concerned about those unable to access or afford child care. Stephanie Seaman passed on recent news from BC Parent Voices. Please e-mail dgoldberg@shaw.ca to add your support to this important issue. E-mail fraserlew@telus.net if you would like to read her brief.

Cathy Lew

Children at Reach Out 2003

**At
Shaughnessy Heights United Church
For
Ages 9 to 12 years old**

Friday November 14th from 5pm to 8pm
Saturday, November 15th from 8:30am to 5:30pm

What: A program for children 9 to 12 years of age that would be run parallel to and integrated with the Reach Out 2003 Conference being held at SHUC.

Why: Children are an integral part of our communities and they will bring wisdom, valuable questions and hope to the process. Children are also the "decision makers" of the future. What they learn will help shape the way they choose to live their lives, exercise their power and face challenges.

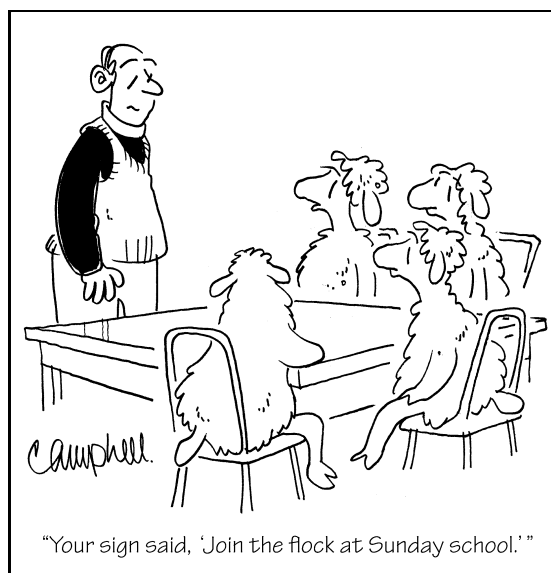
Resource Team:

Cathy Cryder: Minister for Children and Families at SHUC

Michelle Slater: Ordained Minister, Dunbar Heights United Church

Cost: Earlybird (before October 12th): \$50.00
Post October 12th: \$55.00

For a registration form, contact Cathy Cryder at: 604-261-6377 or children@shuc.ca



Mission Development: Caring

Stepping Stones



“preparing for the future, in the Spirit of Christ.”

SHUC is at an important point in its life as a community. For the past six years a series of visioning and planning initiatives have been undertaken – joint needs assessments, focus groups, town hall meetings, retreats. Although much useful work has been done there is still a sense in which SHUC seeks clarity around how its purpose and vision as a community of faith might best be lived out.

“Stepping Stones” is an initiative approved by Council that will review SHUC’s strengths and weaknesses with particular reference to the four core ministries of worship, faith formation, community and outreach.

Philip Francis and Ric Matthews will work with a small team of lay leaders including Linda Hodgson, Marilyn Thorsteinsson, James Fraser, Clif Prowse and Mike Arbogast. The team has been asked to review SHUC’s previous materials and reports, to gauge progress in implementing previous recommendations, and to recommend options for future growth. Team members will be available for one-to-one and small group discussion with members of the congregation, and hold “Second Hour” consultations.

The Stepping Stones team has been asked to present a *Preparatory Report* to Council before the end of 2003 so that it may be considered by the congregation at the January 2004 Annual Meeting. Members of the team ask for your support as they seek to discern where the Spirit is leading us as a community. They look forward to opportunities of discussing this important work with you.

Philip Francis

Staff Meetings

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., all the available members of the Church staff meet together to look back at the week past and to plan ahead. Prayers follow a time of checking-in and then various agenda items are tackled. The volunteer receptionist ensures that phones are answered and visitors welcomed to the church.

Tuesday mornings are a good time to remember the church staff in your prayers.

The Stitch and Chat Group

After a rest during July and August, on September 10th, I arrived early in the Youth Centre - not knowing what to expect. Our 2 members (Sherrie and Daphne) had not yet returned from holidays overseas.

To my surprise, 5 women came to register! Two women could sew, and 3 came to learn. I called on Betty Roaf for help. The following week she came - not to sew, to assist the learners.

We now have 8 members.

Please visit our display in the lounge and support our outreach projects.

Christmas is coming! During the month of October, the cabinet will be brought in to the hall - each Sunday.

Margaret Walker

Pastoral Care Committee Needs Your Input!

Are you presently involved in ‘keeping in touch’ with senior members who are unable to come to church?

Do you know of someone who needs visiting or phone visits?

Would you be willing to visit?

Would you be willing to offer transportation to and from Church?

Would you yourself like a visit?

If so please get in touch with any of the following members of Pastoral Care: Edith McLellan, Lois Saad, Esther Carter, Phyllis Hayter, Beryl Sawyer, Bernice Bell

Your assistance in assuring our ‘Caring’ Ministry is extended to all is greatly appreciated.

*Dawna Claxton
Edith McLellan*

Outreach Conference 2003

**At SHUC: Friday, November 14 &
Saturday, November 15**

You Are Invited

Mission Resources: Reaching Out

Reach Out 2003

A gathering of people of faith and goodwill at SHUC will address "Poverty: From Charity to Justice" on November 14 and 15, 2003. Our program features sessions led by two highly respected religious leaders, Rev. Jim Wallis and Rev. Ross Olivier, and local experts in the area of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Afghanistan, Immigrant/Refugee Settlement, and Business/Social Justice relations. All are invited. Program information is available at www.shuc.ca, or through the church office at 604-261-6377.

David Ansley

Support WISH

The WISH Drop-In Centre has been short listed for the VanCity Award of a million dollars, given each year to a non-profit organization. Last year, the Van East Cultural Centre got it. All members of VanCity (anyone with an account) will be sent a ballot to vote between 2nd September to 15th October.

As a volunteer at WISH for the last 6 years, I strongly recommend voting for WISH. I have seen this organization grow in leaps and bounds, despite an incredible struggle for funding.

The number of women using the centre has doubled and the staff has increased accordingly. Now they are seeking a larger facility to ensure better and more comprehensive services.

As a church we support WISH by providing a meal once a month and passing on toiletries and clothes from the donation cupboard. Your vote for this award would make a tremendous difference for this organization.

Anyone wanting more information can call me at 604 266 5483. On-site volunteers are always needed.

Lorna Robinson

Presbytery News

At its September meeting, Vancouver South Presbytery approved the SHUC Joint Needs Assessment passed by the congregation at its June meeting. Presbytery also approved the changes in pastoral relations included in the Needs Assessment.

Paul Saxon

An Opportunity

First United Social Housing is inviting you to become a Board Member. Members serve on a volunteer basis covering such areas as finance, maintenance, tenant selection, personnel and resident relations.

Board Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month between 5 and 7pm. A person with some financial background to act as Treasurer would be particularly treasured.

First United Housing oversees the operations of two buildings in the Downtown Eastside and one building in Mount Pleasant. Church Members from First United Church and other lower mainland United Churches make up the current Board roster.

As I will be leaving the Board at the end of October after seven years of service, it would be desirable to have at least one member from our Congregation on the Board to maintain the liaison with regard to the Children's Fund, which Shaughnessy Church supports. For further information please contact Brian Forster 604-739-9486, e-mail brianforster@lightspeed.ca.

Brian Forster

Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra

The fortieth anniversary season of the Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra introduces our new conductor and music director, Juan Castela, with an exciting concert series, to be performed in our 'home', the SHUC sanctuary. Details about the concerts below can be found in brochures displayed at the church entrance.

The first takes place on Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 pm and features Ronald Greidanus in the Scriabin Concerto for Piano in F sharp minor, Beethoven's Egmont Overture, Gaos's Impresion Nocturna for string orchestra and Gounod's Ballet Music from Faust. An "anniversary" reception in the hall follows.

A new piece of music commissioned from Cameron Wilson will be performed on February 21 by soprano Rosalind Beale-Dala, in memory of our last music director, Wallace Leung. On April 3 Paul Luchkow plays the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor, and on May 29, Carina Reeves joins us for the Elgar Cello Concerto. For further information, phone 604-878-9989 or visit our website at www.vcn.bc.ca/vpo.

We will also be performing the Magic Flute with the UBC Opera ensemble, fully staged in the Chan Centre, December 10, 12, 13, and 14, 2003.

Barb Paterson

Current News

Advertising in the Grapevine Newsletter

Now available! Advertising (business card format) in *Grapevine Newsletter* (hard copy and on-line versions) to individuals and groups. Purposes of individual or group advertisement should be consistent with the mission, values and policies of SHUC. All requests for advertising will be reviewed by the Communications Committee.

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- \$400/year for those not connected to SHUC (external)

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Please forward all requests or inquiries to the SHUC Administrator: admin@shuc.ca or fax 604-261-3102.

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☐ Want to sign up but not feeling too confident about your Internet skills? Ask us!!! You can leave a message for the Communications Committee at the office and one of us will give you a phone call and walk you through the process of getting on to the SHUC website and downloading *e-Grapevine*.

Transitions

Weddings:

Sharon Eng & James Chung on September 6
Emily Ho & Matthew Ng on September 6
Elizabeth Amstutz & Craig Stowe on September 13
Shalini Chand & Etienne Rheume on September 20
Elizabeth Chong & Graham Wong on September 20
Lynne Johnson & Derek Stanger on September 26
Waylin Cheng & Geoffrey Chong on September 27

November Grapevine Article Deadlines:

Electronic Submissions: November 9, 2003
Paper Submissions: November 2, 2003

Christmas Issue Deadlines:

Electronic Submissions: November 30, 2003
Paper Submissions: November 23, 2003

Handbell Choir

SHUC Ringers were off and running in September with regular rehearsals Saturday mornings at 9am. We were guests of the bell choir at Gordon Presbyterian Church in Burnaby under the capable leadership of Alma Tomei. Technical aspects of bell ringing were illustrated with demonstrations, and later both groups achieved amazing results reading through challenging repertoire.

Remember, the only thing that is required of a bell ringer is a *smile* (assuming you can already count to four). So watch it – if I see a smile, you're fair game! Please speak to me after the service or contact Roy at 604-685-8987.

Roy Campbell



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