

FEEL CONNECTED MAKE A DIFFERENCE SHARE WITH FRIENDS VOLUNTEER AT FAIRLAWN AVENUE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2010 & 2011

Fairlawn Avenue United Church is a going concern! We have numerous programs that reach out to the community and nourish us socially and spiritually.

When you volunteer at Fairlawn, you make it possible for the programs listed here to continue and flourish. Besides the good feeling that brings, you will also enjoy the camaraderie of friends.

It's easy to volunteer and it's not a huge commitment. You decide the time you can afford. It could be a couple of hours helping out at one special event, or a few hours during the year, contributing as a committee member. There are many opportunities to volunteer; your contribution is greatly appreciated.

All of the contacts below can be reached at:
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REACH OUT TO OTHERS

**“I think of
volunteering
as a form of
giving.
And in
volunteering,
you also
receive a gift.
Your spirit
soars!”**

-- Sheila Corkill

FAITH IN ACTION COUNCIL

Supports the congregation in living out its Christian faith in the world beyond the church. We are concerned with the needs and causes of social justice, including human suffering and ecosystems in crisis. The Social Justice, Community Support (Outreach), Boarding Homes Ministry and Green Action teams work within Faith In Action, as does Mission & Service. *Council meets four times a year. Contact: Rob Metcalf*

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We aspire to be a congregation passionately engaged in actions that transform society, individual lives and ourselves. The team supports that aspiration through its work with the Christian Resource Centre in Regent Park and other housing and social justice organizations. The focus is looking at how we can take action to support our belief in social justice. *The team meets as needed. Contact: Jannie Mills*

COMMUNITY SUPPORT (OUTREACH)

We identify and assess local needs and support agencies committed to improving the living conditions of our less-fortunate residents. These social responses range from ad hoc, short-term situations to investments in long-term, preventative programs. *The team meets as needed. Contact: Elaine McCarthy*

BOARDING HOMES MINISTRY

At least three members of the team visit a boarding home in the west end of Toronto every second Thursday afternoon. We take turns creating a short program or service and the other two people on the visit bring pop, fruit and cheese. Qualifications include: 1. being a good listener with empathy for those with many problems; 2. availability one Thursday afternoon a month; 3. willingness to lead a short service every three months; and 4. willingness to buy pop or fruit and cheese once a month. *Contact: Rob Metcalf*

GREEN ACTION

We raise awareness, educate and promote action to help us become better stewards of the Earth, as part of Faith in Action. We should understand and live every day in a way that respects the interdependence we have on the Earth and its web of life. We support a variety of initiatives such as waste diversion, local food and green improvements to the church property. *Meets as needed. Contact: Tom Cullen*

MISSION & SERVICE FUND

The United Church's Mission & Service Fund supports the work of the wider church in Canada and overseas. All contributions are forwarded monthly to the Mission & Service Fund. The team helps raise awareness of how M&S effectively puts our money to work. *Contact: Judy Fleming*

**CELEBRATE
YOUR FAITH
&
SHARE WITH
OUR
CHILDREN**

**“I teach
because
these
children are
our future.**

**Whatever we
can do to
help them be
kind, caring
people
affects us
all.”**

-- Sonya Gotzlanan

WORSHIP COUNCIL

We work with the ministers to plan and conduct the schedule of services and the order of worship for regular and special services throughout the church year. We also need volunteers for lesson readings, ushering, the sound board and the service of Communion. *Committee meets monthly. Contact: Trish Jones*

MUSIC

Under the leadership of renowned organist, accompanist and composer Eleanor Daley, Fairlawn Avenue's music program is a fundamental component of our worship. As availability allows, there are singing opportunities in: Junior Choir, ages 6-11; Intermediate Choir, ages 12-17; and Senior Choir. Members of the Music Committee co-ordinate activities, including arranging Parent Representatives for the Junior and Intermediate choirs. *Contact: Eleanor Daley, Music Director, or Jill Klaehn*

FAITH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

We create and carry out programs and events for people of all ages in developing their Christian faith. The Sunday School, Christian Education, Adult Education and Youth teams work within the Council, as does the library. *Council meets four times a year. Contact: Marg Harper or Lorraine Molloy*

ADULT EDUCATION

We work with the Minister of Worship and Adult Education to help members of the congregation in their faith journey, plan special programs and workshops, and support existing spirituality groups. *Contact: Rev. Stephen Iverson or Esther Ewing*

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

We focus on developing programs that help our children in their faith journey. Among the things we explore with them: what we believe and why; what our faith means to our daily lives; and our love for God and God's love for us. We oversee the Sunday School and help out at special events such as the Pageant, the skating party, and the Sunday School Picnic. *Contact: Sandy Giles or Erika Boone.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our volunteer teachers tell us their experience is fun and rewarding, and certainly their care is instrumental in introducing our children to faith, and in helping them to develop their understanding. A three-month commitment, you choose to teach one of the following age groups: toddlers; Kindergarten-Grade 1; Grades 2-3; Grades 4-5; Grades 6-7; Grade 8 and up. There is teacher orientation and lesson plans are provided. We also need people to be substitute or part-time teachers. *Contact: Susan Doran, Sunday School Administrator*

YOUTH GROUP

We represent, and work on behalf of, a vibrant segment of our church: youth. We are fresh and creative and welcome anyone with a heart for youth ministry. Youth groups meet on Thursday or Friday evenings and there are a variety of special outings during the year. *Contact: Dona Slater, Minister of Children and Youth*

GET CONNECTED

**“Being on a
committee
has been a
great way to
get
acquainted
with other
members.”**

-- Wilf Boyce

PASTORAL COUNCIL

We provide a ministry of pastoral care for the congregation and the growth and development of membership. The Network, Contact, Visitation and Communication teams work within the Pastoral Council. Other groups within Pastoral are *Community Life*, the Buchanan Allen Seniors, the United Church Women and the church website. *Council meets four times a year.*

Contact: Marlene Jones

NETWORK

We organize or support social events that enrich the lives of all who worship at Fairlawn. This includes evening functions for adults and families and coffee hours following church services. *Meets monthly.* *Contact: Carolyn Clark*

CONTACT

We work with our ministers in maintaining contact with the congregation by phone, three times a year. We also keep people informed of upcoming events at the church. It's a rewarding role that can be done from home. *Meets four times a year.* *Contact: Beth Jones*

VISITATION

We visit people who, largely for health reasons, cannot attend church or social functions. In nursing homes, hospitals and private homes, we spend some time providing company, sometimes taking greeting cards and flowers. A Seniors Tea, held in early June, is an annual reunion for those we visit. *Contact: Diana Stephenson*

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sign up to help people brew the coffee, lay out the cookies, and clean up afterwards. This is a meaningful gathering at the end of each Sunday service. *Contact: Gina Atkinson*

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We make sure the public knows about our events and services, and help promote fund-raising endeavours. Volunteer opportunities include writing, distributing notices to the media, updating the Web site and helping other committees publicize their activities.

Contact: Derek Wishart

COMMUNITY LIFE NEWSPAPER

Published quarterly and distributed to 5,000 homes in the Yonge/Fairlawn area, *Community Life* promotes church activities and serves as a forum for commentary pertinent to our faith community. We welcome your participation: write an article; make suggestions for articles; submit a photo from a church event; advertise your (or your friend's) business. *No meetings.*

Contact: Kathy Magladry, Editor

BUCHANAN ALLEN SOCIAL CLUB

We are a Seniors group that meets at the church at noon on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Volunteers are sometimes needed to help with special get-togethers, and also to help prepare soup. *Contact: Peter Heinz*

UCW – UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

UCW provides a medium through which women may serve through Christian witness, study, fellowship and service, and provides funding for the Mission and Service Fund. Volunteers can support the group by lending a hand at one or more of our functions.

Contact: Marjorie Flower

HELP CARE FOR OUR ASSETS

“Not only do I help the church in a tangible way, but I get to know members of the congregation better, and challenge myself to grow in new ways.”

-- Kathryn Salisbury

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Council is the official Board of Fairlawn Avenue United Church, to which the congregation has given authority to run its affairs. We oversee the workings of the church, make operational decisions, and report to the congregation about Fairlawn's life, work and financial position. *Meets at least once every two months. Contact: Doug Crozier,*

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

Our committee provides organizational and human resource counsel to Fairlawn Avenue's staff. Reporting to Executive Council, we facilitate communication among the various staff members, encourage objective setting and performance evaluation, and address issues concerning the operations of the church, as they occur. *Meets monthly. Contact: Allan Hux or Jim Pollock*

PROPERTY AND MANSE

We are responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the church building, grounds, furnishings and signage, and for making recommendations to the Finance Committee with respect to insurance and other property-related matters. Help is always welcome, either as new members on the committee or occasional assistance with gardening and maintenance chores. *Contact: Tom Clarke*

VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

We bring people who are interested in volunteering together with opportunities and activities in the church that need help. Your time and interest are greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you. *Contact: Gary Schlee*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees are elected members of the congregation who oversee the management of the funds and assets of the church as outlined in The Manual of the United Church of Canada. *Committee meets quarterly. Contact: Paul Mills*

CHURCH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The church Library provides books and videos on various topics for adults and children. There is also a book cart in the Sanctuary. Volunteers can help by tidying books, changing the selection in the book cart, promoting the library and writing bulletin notices concerning new acquisitions. *Contact: Michelle Sparrow*

VISION OF FAIRLAWN AVENUE UNITED CHURCH

We commit, through God's grace, to maintain, enhance and extend the work and witness of The United Church of Canada.

We further commit to fulfil this mission as a thriving congregation that serves the needs of our North Toronto community and beyond.

We are inspired by Christ to:

- Love, accept, teach, heal and serve ourselves and others;
- Nourish the spirit creatively and generously;
- Be a dynamic and inclusive community of faith;
- Live our Christian commitment to social justice;
- Be innovative in our ways of delivering ministry.

The spirit of this vision infuses all aspects of our work, worship and stewardship.

HELP US BUILD OUR FUTURE

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

We look at all financial matters pertaining to the raising, handling and dispensing of funds for the operation of the church, including the preparation of financial and budget statements. The Council coordinates the weekly counting of the givings after Sunday services; the annual budget process, and the reporting of financial information to the congregation and Executive Council. *Contact: Mark Ogden*

SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTING

Volunteers help count the givings immediately after Sunday services. *Contact: Brian Ford*

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Our most important fundraising event and – we're pretty sure – the oldest annual book sale in the city, Fairlawn Avenue's Annual Book Sale is held the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in April. Each year, the Book Sale team collects, sorts, prices and sells thousands of used books. Team captains for each of these functions are already in place. Volunteers are needed to lend a hand for a couple of hours during the actual sale. *Contact: we're looking for a coordinator (info@fairlawnavenueunited.ca)*



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Enjoy the Warmth

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