


NEWS

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Valois United Church
Families Connecting


**Ash Wednesday
Service:**
February 6
7 p.m.

Hot Cross Buns, a Taste of Mardi Gras and other

Big Plans for 2008

Christmas has barely ended and volunteers are already busy with great plans for February and March. Mark your calendars and keep watch for more news about Lent and Easter celebrations in our next newsletter.



Weather Alert **Winter Thaw Blamed on "Samedi Gras"**

Move over *El Nino*, the men at Valois United Church have other great plans for a February thaw and everyone is welcome. Bold colours, toe-tapping music and the exquisite tastes of New Orleans are scheduled to fill every corner of **Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 9 at 6 p.m.** It's a party, a celebration and a feast! So leave all hats, mitts and coats at the door and join in the **Samedi Gras** festivities. Dinner includes delicious New Orleans Red Beans & Rice, Shrimp Gumbo, Salad, Crêpes with fruit, beverages, and an entertaining **evening of Karaoke**. You can pick up your tickets at coffee time after church service or at the door. Cost: \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under.

Sunday School News

One a penny, two a penny...

Throughout **Lent** the Sunday School will be **selling delicious hot cross buns and muffins after church**, in singles or small quantities. Proceeds will continue to fill the bank for "Music For Life & The African Children's Choir", a project begun at Advent. Help the children support this very worthy cause.

Easter Production Planned

All volunteers welcome.

Plans have begun for a spectacular spring service, and **everyone young and old is invited** to sign up for this special Easter Sunday production. Actors, prop makers and costume help is needed to make this show a success. Don't forget to mark your calendars for **March 23 at 10:00 a.m.** Contact Catharine for more information.



Many Thanks to...

It was a wonderfully musical Christmas at Valois United Church, made possible by a talented (and tireless) corp of volunteers whom we'd like to thank:

To all the children, youth and volunteers for their creative and entertaining delivery of the story of Jesus' birth. Even a foot of snow at the door could not stop the Children's Christmas Pageant, which included songs performed in English, French and Huron! A special thanks to Catharine for her tireless coordination efforts at this busy time of year.

Christmas Eve at Valois United hosted two evening services at 7 and 9 p.m. Volunteer readers at 7 o'clock brought the sights and sounds of Bethlehem alive with their animated presentations, while a volunteer corps of 8 men and 4 sons delivered the 9 p.m. service with joyful music and insightful stories. It made the night magical, and our heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who organized and participated.