

Tansley!

Tansley United Church Activities & Programs



Our mission is to Grow People of Faith Who Participate in God's Work in the World.

As part of the community fabric in North Burlington, Tansley United Church engages community by having an open door for our neighbours and providing support in the form of programming or other assistance as needs are identified. Tansley also has outreach programs in other parts of the world.

Tansley United Church was "planted" in 1986 to serve the thriving and growing community of north Burlington. We are a mix of young families, empty-nesters, singles and seniors.

Tansley United Church

Minister: Rev. Steve Huntley

Director of Music: Michael Mulrooney

Church Administrator: Rhonda Robertson

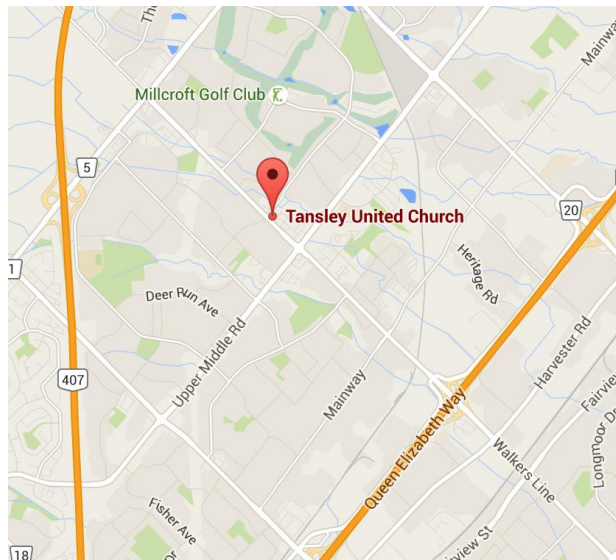
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FAITH FORMATION

Worship Services

Sunday Service: 10:00 am. Worship Service is every Sunday Morning. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with us. Visitors and guests are always welcome. Please join us for a cup of coffee/tea after the service and spend some social time.

On Christmas Eve, four different services are held – 5:30 pm Preschool Service, 7:00 pm Family Service, 8:30 pm A Celebration of Christmas, 11:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service. Closer to the Christmas season more information will be available on the Tansley website.

Sunday School

Our Sunday morning program for children aged 3 years to Grade 6 features a multi-aged curriculum led by teams of trusted volunteers who love kids. Children start the service in the sanctuary with their families leaving after the Children's Time. Parents can pick up their children after the service. There is also a room at the back of the sanctuary where toddlers can play while parents list to the service.

Prayer Wall, Prayer Chain & Prayer Shawl Ministry

Like the Western Wall in Jerusalem, the faithful are invited to place prayer notes into the prayer wall, a special place for prayer in our sanctuary. Writing our thoughts down helps us to focus our thoughts and prayers towards God.

The Prayer Chain is a group of Tansley individuals who pray daily for people who are in need. All prayers are confidential and are maintained for one month unless otherwise indicated. Prayer gives strength and hope to individuals in need. Tansley cares! Please let us know when you have prayer requests.

The women of the Prayer Shawl Ministry knit shawls, which are blessed to provide healing and comfort to the sick, the lonely and the elderly, or share in the accomplishment of the graduate, newlywed, and newborn. Please contact the office if you would like to join the group or know of someone in need of a prayer shawl.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

North BurLINKton Community

Tansley United Church is part of the North BurLINKton Community along with other North Burlington churches, food security groups, local agencies and community members who have been working together for the past 5 years to create an inclusive and friendly community that helps people connect and increase their sense of belonging. More information is available at www.northburlinkton.cdhalton.ca.

Dinner Night Out

North BurLINKton Dinner Night Out is one of the major initiatives of the North BurLINKton community of which Tansley is a member. Community dinners are held twice per month at Glad Tidings Church, 1401 Guelph Line on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month starting at 6:00 pm. Join us for dinner or call the office to volunteer.

Chill Zone

Chill Zone is an after school program held on Thursdays each week at Tansley for children from kindergarten to grade 7. Come join in the fun of crafts, recreation, outdoor play and homework help.

Community Support

Tansley supports many families in our area who need a friendly ear to listen, food help, housing/kitchen/furniture supplies, child issues, school issues, security and safety, legal issues, income tax etc. In many cases we help directly and in others we connect families with community resources that are in a better position to help.

Single Moms @ Tansley

In the summer of 2015, a new group has formed at Tansley comprised of single Moms in our community who meet for support, information and social connections. Dinner and child minding is provided. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 5:45 pm to 8:00 pm. There is no charge for this program.

50+ @ Tansley

Tansley is continuing our programming reaching out to the 50+ crowd.

Tansley Moves

There are gentle yoga/ strengthen and stretch (10 classes for \$80 or \$10 drop-in) on Mondays from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. For additional information, speak with Donna Lelievre.

Join us for line dancing (10 classes for \$50 or \$6 for drop-ins) on Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. For additional information, speak with Bonnie Blackie.

We will continue to investigate what kind of activities are of interest to seniors in our community. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please contact the office at Tansley.

Little free library @ Tansley

There is a Little Free Library at Tansley. You are invited to bring a book or take a book. We invite you to take a look at the books and see if there might be one of interest to you that you would like to read. More information available at <http://littlefreelibrary.org/> .

Backpack Program

Tansley (in partnership with Appleby United) distributes backpacks / school supplies for students in North Burlington who otherwise would start school without these essential items. (mid-August)

Block Party

Tansley hosts a “Get to Know Your Neighbour” Block Party on the Sunday after Labour Day weekend each year. This is a wonderful opportunity for Tansley’s neighbours to enjoy a barbeque lunch and partake in lots of games and activities for young and old.

Christmas Tansley Elf Network (TEN)

Each Christmas, Tansley is able to help some families from our community who otherwise might not have a very merry Christmas. We provide food hampers, gift cards/ gifts, wrap and cards to each family. If you would like to help sponsor a family or inquire as to an opportunity to receive help, please contact the office at Tansley.

Pizza and Carols

Each year in December, we hold a Pizza and Carols evening where everyone can enjoy singing their favourite Christmas carols and enjoy some pizza. It is usually held the last Friday before Christmas. Children need to be accompanied by a parent/adult. Advance registration is needed for this event.

Musical Events

Occasionally throughout the year, Tansley organizes musical events featuring Tansley's Director of Music, Michael Mulrooney with the support of the Tansley choir and congregation, with talent from outside of Tansley, as well as, within. On Monday December 19th at 1:00 pm, Tansley will be hosting a Christmas musical afternoon. Plan to come and bring your friends to sing some Christmas carols! If you are interested in being notified when these events are scheduled, please contact the office at Tansley.

TANSLEY GROUPS

Tansley Reads

The Tansley Reads Group meets at Tansley Church on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. If you enjoy reading and talking about fiction, we invite you to join us. In the past year we've read books like Orphan No. 8, The Book of Madness and Cures; The Girl in the Spider's Web; The Lavender Garden; The Paying Guests; The Illegal; Up Ghost River; and The Lake House. Refreshments are served on a volunteer rotating basis. Check the website to see what we will be reading this year.

Mega Used Book Sale

On Saturday May 13th, we hold the Tansley Mega-Sale of Used Books. It's been called "*the best organized book sale in the area*" and people line up early to get the best selection. Gently used children's, young adult and adult books, novels, biographies, histories, memoirs, inspirational, craft & cook books, and much more!. Come and shop for this year's reading. Great prices, super selection! Watch the Tansley sign and website for the date.

Tansley Crop Circle

Calling all scrapbookers and card-makers! The Tansley Crop Circle happens on the 1st Monday of each month (7:00 pm -10:00 pm)! Bring your own gear and supplies, and we'll have tables and companionship all ready for you. Take this opportunity to get all those photos into your albums. Share ideas and be inspired by other people's work. We know how hard it is to find those couple of hours to work on a few pages or cards, so this is your chance to set time aside every month.

Daytimers

Daytimers is a group for women and men who wish to meet during the day to share their interests, ideas and spirituality and support one another in their journey of life. Daytimers meet from 12:30-2:00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month, September thru May. We meet at various local restaurants so contact the Tansley office to find out where we meet next!

United Church Women (UCW)

The women of Tansley gather for fellowship and activities such as movie night, guest speakers, craft nights or a potluck dinner evening on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Tansley Traditions

Tansley Traditions is our annual bazaar that is organized by the UCW and held the first Saturday in November. It features artisans displaying everything from pastels & watercolours to needlework, pottery and woodworking. There is the always-popular bake table, a tearoom for a

light lunch and a silent auction as well as our own 'Tansley Talent Table'.

Men's Breakfast Meeting

This is a twice-monthly breakfast meeting for men of all ages. We meet at Cora's Restaurant (at Appleby & Dundas), 7:30 am, on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Following a great breakfast and "informative conversation", we have a devotional time looking at issues related to men & faith for today.

Youth Group

The Youth Group is a joint Tansley/Appleby UC venture for grades 5-9. We meet to have fun, discuss concerns and topics, belong, and explore our faith and relationship with God. We currently meet monthly and alternate between both churches.

Tansley Choir

Our 4-part Choir offers music leadership each Sunday morning from September through June. We welcome anyone who has a love of music and wishes to sing. You don't need a musical background, only a desire to raise your voice in praise. The choir sings one gift of music each Sunday, plus special music during the Christmas and Easter seasons. We are a very social group--practices are a lot of fun, and we're always looking for new members! Come out to our Thursday night practice and give us a try!

FOOD ACCESS

Food for Life (F4L)

Food for Life is a food recovery program in Halton that picks up surplus food (mainly fruit, vegetables and baked goods) from grocery stores, restaurants and corporate partners. Weekly on Friday mornings, Tansley is a depot for around 40 families in North Burlington. There is no cost for this program.

Volunteers from Tansley manage this program providing a great opportunity for Tansley to connect with our community. Shopping bags

must be dropped off at Tansley by 10:20 am on Fridays and you are welcome to stay and enjoy some refreshments until the bags have been packed with food for you to take home.

Halton Fresh Food Box

Tansley is a North Burlington distribution point for Fresh Food Halton, which provides hampers of vegetables and fruits. Approximately 60-70 families once per month get fresh produce from Tansley. It helps people to buy local, eat healthy and to learn how to cook with fresh Ontario produce.

There is a cost of \$20 for a large hamper, \$15 for a smaller hamper or \$10 for a bag. Orders are taken one month in advance of the delivery, which is the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

Emergency Food Pantry

Tansley maintains a cupboard of non-perishable food items to be used for local families who need some immediate help. Food is donated by Tansley members, as well as, coming from Burlington Food Share donations from the community.

SUPPORT FURTHER AFIELD

First Nations Support

Tansley has initiated some projects in support of youth in First Nations communities along the James Bay coast and in areas close to the northern Manitoba/Ontario border including a fresh fruit drop and snowsuit collection. In addition to financial donations, we will be organizing other fundraising events throughout the year.

Haiti

A group of 8 from Tansley went to the Cap Haitian area of Haiti in April 2013 with Empower Global. Our commitment was to provide \$15,000 over a three-year period to support an agronomist to work with local groups to improve their agricultural skills in order to provide a source of healthy good food. We have fulfilled the commitment and Empower Global has restructured the program with support from other sources.

Thank you Tansley for your help to the people in northern Haiti, who are now able to raise more food and live a bit better! Please contact Janice Hatt for additional information.

We are also collecting outer milk bags for weaving mats for Haiti. Donations can be dropped off in the collection boxes in the front lobby.

Eyeglasses for Sierra Leone

We collect used prescription eyeglasses for Sierra Leone. To date, over 350 pairs of prescription glasses have been collected / donated.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Ink Cartridges

Tansley collects used ink cartridges to keep them out of landfills. You can drop them off in the collection box in the front lobby.

Document Shredding

Tansley organizes a document-shredding event when we feel there is a need in the community. Clean out your desk, closets and storage lockers. On-site shredding trucks will be in our parking lot. You can watch your documents shredded right before your eyes. Personal or business papers welcome. A donation of \$5.00 per grocery bag or \$10 per banker's box is suggested. Tax receipts will be issued onsite for donations over \$20. Call the office for details.

The next date for this events is Saturday June 10th.

E-Recycling Programing

For the last 5 years Tansley has held an Electronics Recycling Drop off day. To date we have collected over 96 tonnes of unused electronics and ensured that they were safely recycled right here in Canada. We currently plan to hold one each spring. Each year over 600 cars come through our parking lot and our team of volunteers (some members of our church and teenagers from local high schools) removes the items for the residents, no need to leave your car.

We collect:

- . Televisions / Computers / Laptops/Printers / Copiers
- . Telephones / Cell Phones / Cameras / Video Recorders

The date for this event this year is Saturday April 8th.

COMMUNITY GROUPS @ TANSLEY

ROCK Ontario Early Years

The ROCK Early Years Centre operates at Tansley Monday and Friday mornings 9:00 am to noon. It is a drop-in program for parents/caregivers and their children newborn - 6 years of age who are welcome to attend an informal and friendly program. Activities include creative art and sensory activities, a large variety of toys, free play and reading or circle times.

Yoga with Susanne

Yoga classes taught by Susanne include an in-depth study of yoga postures, meditation and breathing practices that are beneficial to everyone. If you live a busy and stressful lifestyle, are involved in physical activities or an athlete, or if you need to get in touch with what your body is telling you, give Yoga with Susanne a try! Class schedule and seminar information is available at yogawithsusanne.com. All classes are held at Tansley.

Montessori

Burlington Montessori Preschool provides children with the opportunity to experience the joys of learning. Children achieve academic and personal success through individualized programming. Our environment is warm, caring and always fun! For children aged 2 - 5 years, we offer 2, 3 or 5 half-day programs (9:00 am to 11:30am) as well as full days (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) for children 3 to 5 years

Contact - Patricia Midensky 905-332-1175 / bmpreschool@bellnet.ca

Girl Guides of Canada

The Sparks, Brownies and Guides meet at Tansley weekly on Wednesday nights from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



Our church is wheelchair accessible. We have accessible entry doors and interior washroom doors. We have an elevator to allow movement between the 3 floors at Tansley

Tansley has a large fully lit paved parking lot. We have recently repaved our front walkway to make it easier to access our church building.

We have also installed a new speaker system to improve the sound quality in our sanctuary

There are lots of ways to get involved at Tansley. Give us a call or drop in!

For information on any of these programs, please contact Tansley at 905 335 0090 Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

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