

COMING UP

A look ahead at entertainment in Whitchurch-Stouffville

EDITOR'S PICK

Water celebrated in Lemonville

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Lemonville United Church wants its members and the community at large to understand what a precious resource water is and to treat it accordingly.

"This year, we are trying to learn about, and practise, good water habits, personally in our family life, community life and globally," said Diane Ward of the Whitchurch-Stouffville church.

On Friday, Jan. 16, the church will be hosting a coffee house evening, complete with entertainment by local Celtic folk band Poor Tom. The evening's guest speaker will be Cynthia Wesley, who is a member of the Lake Simcoe conservation group Ladies of the Lake.

This is the second event associated with water conservation for the group.

WATER BOTTLE BAN

The first information meeting took place in October when people learned how harmful plastic water bottles are to the environment.

According to Treehugger.com, almost 90 per cent of plastic water bottles are not recycled, therefore they end up in landfills where it takes thousands of years for the plastic to decompose.

The evening's guest speaker was from Kitchen-Waterloo, which

became one of the first municipalities in Ontario to ban the sale of plastic water bottles in town facilities and schools.

"We're certainly hoping Stouffville will consider it and it will become an issue," said Marsha Cox, volunteer co-ordinator for the AWE program at Lemonville United Church.

Last year, the congregation participated in the 100-mile diet.

"It seemed like a very interesting concept and very do-able by us in the spring, summer and fall," Ms Cox said. "It certainly doesn't hurt to discover where your local ingredients come from."

100-MILE DIET

The 100-mile diet is about understanding where your food comes from and eating only what is in season and grown within 100 miles of where you live.

Although the year of the 100-mile diet is over, many, if not all of the participants are sticking to it.

"It was great to eat in-season," Ms Cox said. "It really makes you appreciate the first asparagus and first berry (of the season)."

The Lemonville United Church's coffee house event takes place Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lemonville Community Centre, 13453 McCowan Rd., just south of Bloomington Road. The evening is free.

For more information, go to www.lemonvilleunited.ca



Susan Luke (from left), Neil Numminen and Wanda Stride and the rest of Poor Tom will perform at a coffee house in Lemonville next week. Water conservation is the theme of the event.

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