

NEWS IN THE PEWS

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What's Happening at Chilliwack United?



Be sure to join us for coffee in the hall following this morning's service. A number of puzzles have been brought to puzzles and/or give away. Feel free to take as many home with you as you like.

Sincere thanks to Marilyn Taves and all who helped bring Stephen Palmer to Chilliwack United Church last Saturday. Preparing for a concert is no small feat. We truly appreciate all you do!

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!

Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 a.m.

Don't miss the annual Musical Service of Remembrance Service being held next Sunday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m. in our sanctuary. This year there will be a special

Faith Journeys

Last Sunday, we received a number of people into the membership of Chilliwack United Church and the United Church of Canada.

time of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, this country in peace keeping and combat roles.

Mark Your Calendar! Our United Church Women are holding their *Annual Cake and Cookie Sale & Tea on Saturday, November 25. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.* This sale is a big event for many people in the Chilliwack community, so your donation of home baked cookies is very much appreciated!

Orders for Purdy's Chocolates will be received until Sunday, November 26. Orders will be distributed on Sunday, December 10. Catalogues are available in the Narthex or at the church office. Proceeds from this fundraiser are donated to the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada.

Sunday, December 3 is Advent I and the date for the much anticipated annual Breakfast in Bethlehem family event! Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for the

We would like to extend a very sincere welcome to Norma Blampied, Verna Cockerill, Violet Edwards, Mary Jolin, Sally Kamara and Marilyn Knowlson-

availability of tickets.

"Wear Your Name Tag Sunday" - We would like to encourage everyone to wear a name tag so we can get to know each other better, and to help Rev. Bethan learn people's names. *On Sunday, December 17, the date of our next pot luck lunch and our Christmas Concert,* we suggest that everyone wear a name tag. If you would like to order one, contact the church office at 604-792-4634. Name tags are \$8.50 for a pin attachment and \$10.00 for a magnetic attachment, plus applicable taxes.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Please place your donation in the Salvation Army bin located in the Narthex.

Our Chilliwack United Church Women continue to collect postage stamps. The stamps are collected for Eastern Star and are used to purchase cancer dressings.

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May God bless all of you on your journey of life, love, faith, hope and joy.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Canada 150 celebrations continue at Carman United.
- ◆ Naramata Centre is selling parts of their property.
- ◆ 75 years since the Japanese Canadian internment.
- ◆ Consider alternate gift giving ideas.



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Other United Church Events



CANADA 150
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Hope United Church, 310 Queen St., is hosting **The Great Plains; Darrel & Saskia** today, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 at the door.

Carman United Church, 7258 Vedder Rd., is hosting **“An Event to Celebrate Our Wonderful Canada”** on Saturday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m. Come and enjoy musicians, musical groups,

performers, singers, drummers and audience participation. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth (8-15), and under 8 is free. For tickets, contact their church office at 604-858-3223, or Shirley Dargatz 604-858-6748 or ksdargatz@shaw.ca You are encouraged to dress in red and white or wear your ethnic attire.

EVOLVE.2017 for youth grades 7-12, young adults, youth leaders, elders, ministry leaders, anyone with a heart for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Friday, November 10 to Monday, November 13 at Stillwood Camp, Cultus Lake. For more information and registration, visit

www.evolveucc.ca

The 10th Annual Agassiz Social Justice Film Festival is taking place Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3 at Agassiz United Church, 6860 Highway #7. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

Guatemala Pilgrimage for Young Adults Aged 18-30, August 10-29, 2018. Spend a week in language school, live with a host family, and enjoy a 12 day educational experience. Email eric@vanyaya.bc.ca for more information.

COLD WEATHER IS
JUST AROUND THE
CORNER AND FIRST
UNITED IS IN NEED
OF A FEW ITEMS TO
MAKE LIFE MORE
BEARABLE FOR
THOSE LIVING
ROUGH

First United Church Mission Society

COLD WEATHER REQUESTS: Jackets, Toques, Gloves, Rain ponchos, Sweaters, Blankets, Mitts. Please email volunteers@firstunited.ca or call 604-681-8365 x116 for more information.

THE JOHANN HARI LECTURE – First United presents a FREE event Tues. Nov. 21 at St. Andrew’s-Wesley: noted author and thought leader on the topic

of addiction, Johann Hari. For more information, visit our website: <https://firstunited.ca/roddan-jubilee-lecture-series/>

WINTER MATCHING CAMPAIGN – From November 28th until December 31st, donors to the First United website will have their donations matched! It’s a wonderful way to see your gift grow.

Please note, Chilliwack United is unable to deliver your donations to First United Church.

Naramata Centre

Following the Naramata Centre Society annual general meeting and Board of Directors meeting in May, members and supporters were advised that, as one of the steps to keep the Centre financially viable, the Board will sell some of the Centre’s 23 acres of land.

It’s fair to say that no Board member came onto the Board with this thought in mind. But,

we all realize that we no longer need this large a footprint to serve our mission, and that selling some land has become a financial necessity—and our current reality.

Visit <https://www.naranatacentresociety.org/board-updates/> for further information about land sales.



75th Anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Internment

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the internment of Japanese Canadians, Honourable Claire Trevena, Ministry of Transport, made an announcement regarding Highway Legacy Signs, to be installed at provincially recognized Internment Sites and Road Camps.

The announcement took place at the Tashme Internment Camp site, 14 miles east of Hope. It was the largest internment camp, housing 2,600 Japanese Canadian internees who were forced to relocate there (1942-1946).

22,000 Japanese Canadians were

forcibly dispersed in 1942, relocated beyond the 100 mile coastal exclusion zone, across Canada and as far away as Japan. Although this is a dark period in Canadian history, it will be taught to future generations so that lessons of racism and social injustice will not happen again in Canada.

After she was evicted from Japan, May McLachlan, a member of our church and a Japanese missionary, served at the Tashme Internment Camp teaching English during the war. Her love of Japan and the Japanese people is widely

known in Japan. To this day she is remembered by the Japanese people and was honoured by their government following her death in October, 1991.



Let's work together embracing diversity, multiculturalism and social equality.

The United Church Observer

In the October issue of The Observer—A Complicated Icon; “I uncovered multiple Martin Luthers—Luther the monk, Luther the musician, Luther the married man, Luther the marketing device, Luther the anti-semitic and still more.”

The United Church Observer is an award winning magazine that

looks at life and world issues from a uniquely United Church perspective.

A few older copies of this magazine are available in the Narthex at the back of the church. Feel free to pick one up.

The annual subscription rate is \$25.00. Very reasonable for a

magazine of this quality and reputation.

If you wish to join Chilliwack United's group subscription, contact the church office at 604-792-4634. Your subscription cost will be pro-rated for the balance of this renewal year.

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Gifts With Vision

The Gifts with Vision catalogues have arrived!

During the upcoming Christmas Season, perhaps consider giving to one of the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service partners.

The catalogue has opportunities to donate to local and international organizations for as little as \$10.00.

Give a gift with vision and help change the world!

For more information about the Gifts with Vision Program, visit www.giftswithvision.ca



Our Mission

Ministry is the work of all who gather.

Together, we are God's people serving God in Chilliwack and around the world.

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Mission Statement

As a Christian congregation, we provide opportunities
to celebrate God's presence
and to grow
together.

In so doing, we foster an atmosphere
encouraging fellowship and spiritual growth
and leading to being a caring Christian community.

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This Week at Chilliwack United Church

Monday, October 30 to Sunday, November 6

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No meetings scheduled for today.

Tuesday, October 31

Rev. Bethan is in the office.

9:00 Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

7:30 Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 1

Rev. Bethan is in the office.

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

10:30 Drop In Bible Study

1:30 Celebration Ministry Unit Meeting

Thursday, November 2

Rev. Bethan is in the office.

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

1:30 Worship service at the Lynnwood Retirement Residence

Friday, November 3

Rev. Bethan is in the office.

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

Saturday, November 4

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

12:00 Mennonite Church Soup Kitchen

Sunday, November 5

10:30 Musical Service of Remembrance and Luncheon

**Mark your
Calendar**

