

News In The Pews

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What's Happening at Chilliwack United?

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to Maren Kroeker of the Cyrus Centre. Thank you for taking the time to come and tell us about the Cyrus Centre and their good works for youth in Chilliwack.

The weekly Bible Study, held on Wednesday mornings, is on hold until further notice. Watch your bulletin for more information.

The monthly pot luck lunch will not be held in October or November. *The next one will take place on Sunday, December 17.* This Christmas pot luck will be followed by the Christmas Concert.

The very popular Breakfast in Bethlehem event will be held on Sunday, December 3—the first Sunday of Advent—at 9:00

a.m. Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information.

The Mission Ministry Unit will once again be asking for your participation in their annual Fall/Winter fundraiser and projects. Information will be coming soon about:

- Purdy's Chocolates Christmas Fundraiser.
- Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family Project
- "Manning" the Christmas Red Kettles
- Donations of mitts, hats, scarves, underwear, toiletries and dental hygiene items.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Let the baking begin! Our United Church Women will



soon begin baking Christmas Cakes to fill their many orders. The Christmas Cakes are available at their Annual Cookie Sale & Tea on Saturday, November 25. Donations of your favourite homemade cookies are most welcome and very much appreciated.

Special points of interest:

- *Our Annual Musical Service of Remembrance is coming!*
- *A concert fundraiser for Chilliwack United.*
- *Naramata Centre is looking for willing hearts and hands.*

Important Congregational Meeting Coming Up

A Congregational Meeting is being held on Sunday, October 15 following the worship service, to hear about, and vote on, a proposal being made by the Futures Committee.

This Committee was formed, at the direction of the congregation, to look at the future of Chilliwack United Church. They were directed to look at options and come to the congregation with a recommendation for a way forward.

The proposal being presented was brought to the Chilliwack United Church Council on

Wednesday, September 13.

The Council unanimously supports this proposal and have asked that it be presented to the congregation for a vote.

An important reminder; *you must be a member of Chilliwack United Church to vote on this recommendation at this congregational meeting.*

Clint Hames will be presenting information about the proposal on Sunday, October 1 during the morning worship service. We encourage everyone to come and hear details about

what is being recommended.

The Growth Ministry Unit will be providing refreshments before the Congregational Meeting.

If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 604-792-4634 or speak to a member of Council or the Futures Committee. Don't know who to speak to? Call the church office and we will be happy to put you in touch with the right person.

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Our Annual Musical Service of Remembrance

This will be our 11th year for the Musical Service of Remembrance. This year the service will be a little later than usual and will be combined with the church's Remembrance Day Service.

It will be a beautiful morning of music that you have picked for your loved ones and a morning

to pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country.

The Musical Service of Remembrance/Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. You will be receiving a letter with the list of songs very shortly and any further information you may

need. We all look forward to this special service every year.

*Come and enjoy
gospel, country, folk,
acoustic blues and
ragtime music!*

Stephen Palmer Concert at Chilliwack United!

We have a big surprise for you! It is going to have your toes tapping, hands clapping and wanting to sing along.

We introduce you to Stephen Hardy Palmer playing gospel, country, folk, acoustic blues and ragtime for you on Saturday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. right here in our church sanctuary.

Stephen has been inducted into

the Edmonton Hall of Fame for his music. Believe me, you will see why when you hear him play and sing!

Chilliwack's own **Heritage Singers** will be Stephen's opening act.

This is a fun evening for the whole family!!

Admission is \$15.00, children

under 12 years of age are free. There will be a 15 minute intermission and refreshments after the show.

So come one, come all on October 21 to Chilliwack United Church! **Don't miss this evening of fun and singing with Stephen Palmer and the Heritage Singers!**

Other United Church Events

Evolve.2017; The World Needs Your True Self—This annual gathering of BC Conference youth (Grade 7 and up), young adults and leaders is taking place at Stillwood Conference Centre at Cultus Lake from November 10 to 13. For information about registration, contact the church office at 604-792-4634.

The Fraser Presbyterial United Church Women's Fall Rally is taking place on Tues-

day, October 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Northwood United Church, 8855—156 St., Surrey. The theme is "FORGIVENESS". Sharing the day will be Keynote Speaker Rev. Janice Young. Suggested reading is *"The Book of Forgiving"* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu.

Want to see your photos on United Church bulletin covers? Consider submitting them.

For information about how to submit your work, contact the church office at 604-792-4634. Deadline for submissions is Monday, October 30.



First United Church Mission Society

Current Needs—Food for Thanksgiving:

- 40 turkeys
- 300 lbs of potatoes
- 100 lbs of brussel sprouts
- Large containers of cranberries.

Please contact Heidi Morgan at hmorgan@firstunited.ca or call 1-604-681-8365, extension 116 if you can help with any of this.

AVIVA Campaign:

First United is excited to announce that they are once again

entering the AVIVA Community Fund Campaign. This year they are entering the \$50,000 category to buy a van so they can take community members out on trips. **THEY NEED YOUR VOTES!** Email Carmen@firstunited.ca to help. Voting starts October 10th, 2017.



The United Church Observer

In the September issue of The United Church Observer; “Yearning—Restless longing is at the core of the human condition, urging us onward through life. What happens when it veers off course?” by Jane Dawson.

The United Church Observer is an award winning magazine that looks at life and world issues

from a unique 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.

“Restless longing is at the core of the human condition...”

Naramata Centre

“Hearts and Hands Volunteer Service Event” - Come and donate your time, talent and treasure October 14 to 21.

Help Naramata Centre prepare for winter at this volunteer service event.

Come for one of the weekends, the week in between or the entire 8 days! Accommodations

will be provided at no cost and cooking facilities will be available.

Naramata Centre sits on 23 acres situated in the heart of the village of Naramata, only an 18 minute drive from Penticton.

For more information, or to register, call Naramata Centre at 1-877-996-5751.



Chapel at Naramata Centre

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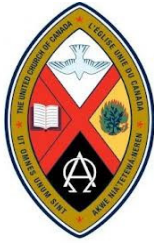
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Our Mission

Ministry is the work of all who gather.

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

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.

This Week at Chilliwack United Church Monday, September 25 to Sunday, October 1

Monday, September 25

No meetings are scheduled for today.

Tuesday, September 26

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

7:30 Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 27

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

Thursday, September 28

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

Friday, September 29

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

Saturday, September 30

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

Sunday, October 1

10:30 All Ages Worship Service & Futures
Committee Presentation

