

## Clearwater United

### Help Wanted

Wanted: a couple to sit in the second to front pew, one to take up the offering each Sunday, to be ardent supporters of Mission and Service fund, to contribute to the community and our church, both to show a genuine interest in their friends and neighbours..... With the departure of the Gregorys for Edmonton, we have a huge hole in our church fabric. The Wrights hosted a wonderful going away lunch on Oct. 10 to give us a chance to say our goodbyes and speak of our love for Greg and Pauline. Spirit West United, the closest United Church to their new home, has been contacted and will be in touch when they are in residence.

### Smile and Say Cheese

Leslie Ross has created a waiver that you will be asked to sign, indicating whether or not your photo can be posted on our web page. If she doesn't personally give you one, please ask for your copy. We are a handsome group, and the world wide web could use more photos of beautiful people!

### Antidotes for Boredom

Are your Saturdays boring? Do you long for something to do on Tuesdays and Thursdays? Is your Wednesday afternoon dragging? Join us!- On Saturday, Nov. 16, Bob Stirling of Barriere is teaching a **Joy of Painting** class. Many of us have signed up, ready to take home a masterpiece. You still have time to register at the Skills Center.

The **Barriere Thrift store** would love to have you visit on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10-2. Lend a hand or shop till you drop. This group supports us generously.

**Choir** on Wednesdays is an hour of music, visiting, and good vibrations. It is not too late to begin to learn this year's cantata, in preparation of the Dec. 14 public performance at the Baptist Church.

## News from the Pews- Fall, 2013

### Party Time

Life can be stressful- people moving away leaves us sad, dark winter days will soon be here. Before you find yourself too depressed thinking such gloomy thoughts, change your outlook and think party. Nov. 30 is the day before Advent and the beginning of the Christian Year. On that day, beginning at 6pm, Leslie Ross will host a New Year's Eve party, with appies and desserts provided by the party goers.

### All Wrapped Up?

Have you finished your Christmas shopping? Have you started? On our hymn book holder, you will find copies of the United Church's Gifts with Vision catalogue, The Anglican Church's Gifts for Vision and the Lutheran Church's Gifts from the Heart. Buy your loved one anything from lunch for 10 people for \$31 to a bicycle ambulance for \$600. Last year, one of the gifts we gave was a bike to a preacher in Zambia. Ours was one of 44 bicycles purchased. In the current Gifts for Vision catalogue one recipient says, "On behalf of the Church workers and myself, thanks to UCC for the bicycles and motorbikes. I pledge that we shall be prudent in the usage of these gifts" Take a look and pick a project for all of us, or a few gifts you will give yourself.

### A Minute in Time

On Monday, November 11, if you can't attend the ceremony at Small Park in honour of veterans, at least take a minute to be still and focus on those who have fought, or still fight for freedom in the world. Veterans are not only from the 2 World Wars. Those serving in the forces today are facing many struggles, mentally, financially and spiritually. Honour the moment of silence.