

## The Board Met

The Clearwater United Church Board met Nov. 20 and will not gather again until 2014, unless something terribly important needs to be dealt with. At least one of us cheered to know December wouldn't involve creating an agenda and taking notes.

What were we talking about this month?

- ❖ The National Church is encouraging congregations to take part in a Comprehensive Review conversation. Questions and instructions are being emailed to Leslie Ross and when she receives them, a time will be set to do the talking.
- ❖ Sandra Holmes cleaned and delivered the carrots from our garden beds to the food bank. Carrots, she says, have a lot of dirt on them! Next year – let's grow them bigger and more plentiful!!!
- ❖ The treasurer reported that we have the means to pay all our bills till the end of the year, thanks to a generous donation from the Barriere Thrift Store ladies. Our weekly givings do not cover our fixed expenses. Abigail reported that our Mission Support grant was approved at the Presbytery level. We've also applied to the Anglicans and Lutherans for funds.
- ❖ Sandra, Abigail, and Hailey attended a workshop in Naramata and came back refreshed and renewed. Book studies and video studies are being considered for the new year.
- ❖ White Gift Sunday will be Dec. 8. All money designated "White Gift" will be given to the Food Bank's Christmas hamper campaign. Gifts and food can also be donated.
- ❖ Christmas Eve Service was discussed. Will you be in town? Will you be coming? Will you be bringing hordes of family? Please let Brian know if you'll be attending.
- ❖ If you don't come to the Christmas Eve service (time to be announced) you won't see Brian till 2014. **Leadership is needed Dec. 29** while he is off.
- ❖ Choir practices are going harmoniously. Some will be singing Dec. 1 at the Rotary tree light up, and Dec. 8 at the C-Me Live fundraiser. The full cantata, with narrator Rev. Krushel, will be Dec. 14 at the Baptist church, beginning at 4 pm. Posters have been made, a program is in the works, an ad will go to the *Times*, and all money donated at the door for admission will be given to the Wells Gray Search and Rescue group. Go, tell it on the mountain! And at the grocery store, the bank, and wherever else you see people gathered. This is a performance not to be missed; it's going to be that good.
- ❖ An Advent eve gathering will be held Nov. 30, 6 pm, at Leslie Ross's home. Bring some appetizers or dessert to share and party in the new church year.
- ❖ At the annual congregational meeting, we need to appoint/elect a new trustee to replace Greg. Sandra Holmes is taking his place as signing officer.