

Clearwater United

Check the Slides

Come to church early enough in the next few weeks to see the announcement slides. There will be a list of name suggestions for the "new" congregation we will become when all the hoops have been jumped. Would we sound conceited if we became "All Saints"? Should we spell it AUL Saints to denote the three denominations? Does "Clearwater Ecumenical Church" not say enough to the general public of who we are? What about "Trinity"? Or "Clearwater Shared Ministry"? How about "Church of Awesome Works"? The board had a discussion and many opinions at their last meeting, which could be why the meeting lasted over 2 hours!

Roll Up Your Sleeves

We (The North Thompson Pastoral Charge) are hosting the Fall Presbytery meeting on Oct. 24-26, in Barriere. The Seniors' Hall has been booked, the menu has been planned, the paperwork is being done. About 100 church goers will descend upon us, hoping to be well fed. Helpers will be needed for Friday dinner, and Saturday lunch and dinner. Your baking is also needed as we will be providing muffins and cookies for break times, including offerings for gluten free, vegetarian, lactose intolerant and diabetic diets. **THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE IN CLEARWATER ON OCT. 26.** Instead, we will worship at the Church of St Paul in Barriere.

Open Your Mouth

Open your mouth and sing! Choir starts Oct. 8 here at the church. Doors will be unlocked at 4pm and practice will start at 4:30, ending at 5:30, under the leadership of Louise Weaver. For \$10 you get to spend an hour a week making beautiful music. Then, on Dec. 13 you get to be on stage! What a deal!

News from the Pews- Fall, 2014

Sit Down and Sip

Thanks to Abigail, our coffee sales income didn't decline while Sandra was in Montreal. We are never sure that the bank account will have enough to pay the monthly bills, but thanks to coffee sales, the Barriere Thrift store women, and interest on a sale of building GIC, we owe nothing... except perhaps a debt of gratitude for all who give and a heartfelt thanks for those who work so hard at the thrift store.

We also have things to share. We will give the carrots we are growing for the food bank as much time as possible to get bigger before harvest. Camp McKenzie representatives will be at Presbytery, so any craft supplies you'd like to pass on can be given then. And don't forget to gather soaps, shampoos, sox and other personal care items, either sample or full size, to donate to Ask Wellness in Kamloops. Barb Ferguson picked up two hand made quilts from the stash the United Church Women left with Leslie and will pass them on to recent fire victims. We who have little still have much to give.

Curl Up with a Good Book

A book study, featuring Diana Butler Bass's book, "Christianity for the Rest of Us" will begin later this fall. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book, please let Rev. Krushel know.

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God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but He expects us to do the baking

Reese's Unbaked Peanut Butter Bars

Tested by board members. Easy to make just half a batch, if you are so inclined.

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter (melted)
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 3/4 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 (11 oz) bag chocolate chips

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients, except chocolate chips in a medium sized bowl. Stir until the mixture is smooth and creamy. Spoon the mixture into a 9 x 13 pan. Melt the chocolate chips in the microwave at 50% power for 1-2 minutes. Stir and pour over the peanut butter mixture. Spread the chocolate with a spatula. To even out the chocolate, tap the pan on the counter. Refrigerate the bars for one hour. Cut while the bars are cool.

