

# Clearwater United

## Trinity Shared Ministry

The Ecumenical Shared Ministry Agreement, which will, when finally signed, see us legally become a congregation joined in United, Lutheran and Anglican traditions, is one step closer to being accepted. The Kamloops Okanagan Presbytery of the United Church has, after some changes, accepted the agreement, and accepted our name change to Trinity Shared Ministry. Now we await the go ahead words from the Lutheran and Anglican denominational leaders. While we wait, we do not sit idle. Those attending the annual congregational meeting on January 25th discussed a new sign. Rev. Krushel and Bob Stirling of Barriere will work on a design and then a sign maker will be contracted to create a public display piece of our new identity.

"And God so loved the world, that he didn't give it a committee."

But there are committees of the church. Clearwater United's 2015 board is Leslie Ross, Susan Murray, Abigail Rutley-Lewis, Hailey Jones, Sandra Holmes and Mary Neathway. The North Thompson Pastoral Charge board is Mary Neathway, Susan Murray, Abigail Rutley-Lewis, Leslie Ross (treasurer), and Sandra Holmes. You are welcome to attend any board meeting if you are curious as to what goes on. Ministry and Personnel committee members from Clearwater are Terri Campbell and Susan Murray. Trustees are Joanne Wright, Susan Murray, Sandra Holmes and Rev. Krushel. Abigail Rutley-Lewis represents us at Presbytery meetings, with Susan Murray as alternate. Lorne Wright is envelope secretary, keeping track of your donations throughout the year.

## News from the Pews, Winter, 2015

Extra, Extra, read all about it!"

To receive your subscription of the Observer, a national, award winning magazine that discusses issues of interest to United Church attendees, see Mary Neathway. A year's subscription is \$20 and each issue has something that will provoke deep thoughts, make your blood boil, pique your interest or cause you to raise an eyebrow. The Anglicans and Lutherans also have monthly reading material. Rev. Krushel will provide samples to those who are interested.

"What can I give him, poor as I am"

This year, we need to raise \$2776.67 a month to meet budgeted expenses. Your generosity is appreciated! We are also generously supported by the Barriere church women and their hard work at the thrift store and you are encouraged to both shop there and donate to them. (Rev. Krushel has been used as a delivery service more than once!)

As we receive, we also give. Mission Support objective has been set at \$850 for our congregation. Last year we pledged \$800 and donated more than \$1000. The North Thompson Pastoral Charge is one of the missions supported by this fund. To make a tax claimable donation, mark your envelope "M&S" Joy Box money goes to this fund also. This year we took on a special project through the Gifts With Vision catalogue of the United Church. Enough was raised to provide school supplies for 10 children in India.



## The I of the Church

After much discussion, those attending the annual congregational meeting decided that for the coming year, at least, the goal would be, "To be intentional in our discipleship". Thus, when we are attending church, that will be the focus. One member said that meant not making up your grocery list during the sermon! When we are holding a plant sale, we shall be intentional about providing beautiful additions to the gardens of others. Though there is no "I" in church, for us, this year, there will be... Intentional. Inspiring. Inviting...

## More than Sunday Morning

On Sundays, we come to worship to fill our souls with the zeal to go into the world for the rest of the week, for there is much to do. If you would like to take part in more than a 9a.m. service, mark the following on your calendar:

- February 17: Pancake supper at Church of St Paul, Barriere, to mark the beginning of Lent
- Lenten bible study- details to be announced
- March 6: World Day of Prayer Service. Details to be announced by co chairs, Susan Murray and Ena Chaisson of the Church of St. James.
- April 2- Seder Supper, at the home of Leslie Ross.
- Sometime in May: carrot planting in the raised beds at the back of the church.
- Annual Plant Sale: 9a.m.- noon, May 23. If you have a garden overflowing with flowering treasures, dig up a few to share! (or ask your friends for their excesses). If you wish you did own a Garden of Eden, come shopping.
- Fair Trade coffee- available from Sandra Holmes in one pound or five pound packages. Profits support the church.

- Choir: practices will start in early October.

## Change Your Career Path

Are you tired of your daily job? Do you wish you could try a new profession? Do you have things to say? Poor Rev. Krushel can't be with us every Sunday (though you know he would like to). The pulpit could be yours! There are resources to help you prepare for worship, and those in the pew are always eager listeners. Rev. Krushel's next scheduled absence is Feb. 15. To volunteer to lead worship, let him know you are ready to practice doing this part of his job.

