Clearwater United

Recycling or Keeping the Treasures ?

Clearwater United board for 2013 will be the same as 2012: Mary Neathway, Susan Murray, Lois Geiger, Leslie Ross, Abigail Rutley and Sandra Holmes. Executive officers will be elected at the next board meeting. Those appointed to the **Pastoral Charge board** for 2012 are Abigail Rutley, Leslie Ross, Susan Murray, Mary Neathway and Sandra Holmes, with Lois Geiger as alternate. The Clearwater representatives to the Ministry and Personnel committee are Leslie Ross and Terri Campbell.

If you have compliments, complaints, or comments, speak with one of the volunteers above.

We Who Have Much

The Mission and Service fund objective for this year has once again been set at $1400. Last year we were a few dollars short of our objective. To make a donation, you can mark the amount on your envelope, or deposit it in the Joy Box. Besides supporting this national church fund, we bring food or money for the food bank on the first Sunday of each month. Personal care items are being collected for House of Ruth. Just because we are small and poor doesn't mean we can't give-remember the widow and her mite.

News From the Pews, March, 2013

Sunday, a Day of Rest

March 10 will give you the opportunity to lounge in bed, reading the Sunday papers. **There will be no church service in Clearwater**. At 4p.m a covenanting/ installation service with the Church of St Paul will be held in Barriere to welcome Brian Krushel to the church family. A potluck dinner will follow.

Don't forget to turn your clock ahead on March 10!

Turning Pages

Looking for a good book? There are many in the box loaned by APCI resource center. Mitch Albom's "Have a Little Faith" is the true story of his visits with a dying rabbi. It is heartwarming, funny and like reading a well delivered sermon on faith.

For a monthly dose of church related reading, order the United Church of Canada Observer magazine, for only $20 for a year's subscription. See Lois Geiger to get your name on the list.

The Clearwater United library has many volumes. A list of what is available can be found in the cupboard. Leslie Ross will bring you any book you chose. Those written by Ralph Milton are informative, amusing and easy to read. How could something titled, "Looking at the World through Rose Coloured Glasses" not be?

"Life is like a roller coaster. It has its ups and downs, but it's your choice whether to scream or enjoy the ride."

"If you don't know where you're going, you will probably not end up there." *Forest Gump.*

Moses led his people through the wilderness for forty years. Noah and the ark sailed aimlessly over the swollen waters. We, however, have a goal. After discussion at the annual meeting, it was decided to adopt the following: **"To explore ways to become more visible in the community".** This isn't about getting newspaper coverage and tooting our own horn, but about letting those we live beside know there is a United Church in town, getting out the message of who we are and what we stand for, and having a lot of fun doing it. As Stuart McLean says, and Rev. Krushel quotes, "We may not be big, but we're small."

Becoming a shared ministry was also part of the discussion at the annual meeting. Pray on it, talk about, let board members know your opinion.

Milestones

Ah, the times they are a changing! At the annual meeting, Pauline Gregory announced that she is stepping down as Mission and Service fund representative. She has championed the M&S fund for more years than some of us have been going to church! With her encouragement we managed to nearly always meet our objective supporting the work of the national church. Thank you Pauline for a job well done!

The Pastoral Charge board will appoint a new representative. If you would like that to be you, let someone on the board know. If you want to know what the job consists of, ask Pauline.

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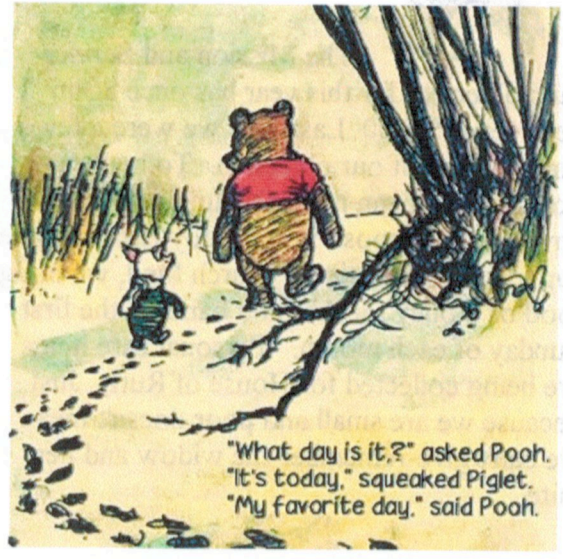
March 2: Happy Birthday to Brendin Campbell

March 5: Rev. Ivy Thomas's birthday. .

March 8: 44th wedding anniversary of Bob and Leslie Stirling.

March 20: birthday of Maurice Wright

Is that all there is?

Rev. Krushel gives thought provoking, brain turning, light bulb illuminating sermons. Worship on Sunday morning is soul filling. But what about the other days of the week? Be advised that after Easter, Rev. Krushel will lead a 4 week **bible study.** Details will be made available as plans are firmed up. A **Seder Supper** will be served March 28 at the home of Leslie Ross. A sign up sheet will be forthcoming. On April 6, a group will be traveling to Kamloops to attend the KSO and WCTC production of **Fiddler on the Roof.** See Sandra if you'd like to join us. Is there a movie you'd like to watch and then discuss? A game you'd like to play? Name the time and place and you'll be surrounded by eager participants.

"Live every day as if it were your last. One day, you'll be right."