

Clearwater United

"For the times they are a changing"

It is time to move into the final stage of becoming a shared ministry of Anglican, Lutheran and Uniteds. On Nov. 10, we will meet as a congregation at the home of Sandra Holmes, beginning at 10:30a.m. to make a decision on a name, to approve (or not) the new bylaws and the Shared Ministry Agreement. We will also discuss whether or not we want to take on a project from Gifts With Vision, or one of the other denomination's gift catalogues. When the business is done, a potluck lunch will be served, featuring Presbytery Chili and your contribution to the table.

Change of Leadership

Fear not! Brian isn't leaving us, at least not permanently, but he will be away Nov. 9 and Dec. 28. Sandra Holmes has volunteered to lead worship at both Clearwater United and Church of St Paul on the 9th. You are encouraged to volunteer to give the congregation the Christmas gift of your leadership on Dec. 28!

Change the Channel

Do you spend your evenings watching mindless television? Put down that remote and pick up a book! A new book study will start November 5, from 2:30 till 4p.m. at Sandra Holmes'. See her for your copy of this season's book under review.

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it"

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Change your Decor

Do you put up the same tired Christmas decorations every year? Maybe it's time for a change! Come to the Advent "New Church Year's Eve" gathering at the home of Leslie Ross, Nov. 29, beginning at 6pm and decorate an evergreen wreath. There will be decorations to choose from but you can also bring your own. You should also bring appetizers and/ or desserts for sharing.

A Change is as Good as a Rest...

We don't normally invite 80 people to come to our pastoral charge for three days, but this fall, as hosts of Kamloops Okanagan's Fall Presbytery meeting, that is just what we did. We rented the Barriere Senior's hall, with its well equipped and spacious kitchen, bought food, including free range, organic turkeys from Rainers Custom Cutting, and we worked and cooked, and peeled and washed, and billeted and baked. It was fun, it was profitable (each congregation earned nearly\$900) and it was exhausting. When everyone headed for home, the kitchen crew headed for a well deserved rest! Abigail is our Presbytery rep and will give a report to the congregation.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

-Reinhold Niebuhr

Change Your Tune

We are blessed to have a community of singers join us each fall to learn a new cantata. This year's presentation, "Lead me Back to Bethlehem" by Pepper Choplin was purchased with money raised from choir fees. (all other choir expenses are paid by the church). The cantata will be performed on Dec. 13, beginning at 4pm at the Baptist Church. All donations at the door will be given to the Forest View Recreation program. We will sing for the residents of Forest View on Dec. 21, with a 3:30 start and will perform a few selections at the Food Bank Fundraiser, Dec. 6, beginning at 6 pm, at the Dutch Lake Community Center. Director Louise Weaver and the other singers have taken on a big time commitment but the joy of the music will lift even the most weary soul.

Be the Change You Want to See in the World

- Gandhi

We are not just about showing up for Sunday worship. We come to church to be renewed and refreshed, so we can go to the world and show the love of Christ through our works. There is a bag in the cupboard at the back of the church, ready to be filled with your donations of personal care items. Brian will take our donations to the Ask Wellness group in Kamloops for distribution.

Sandra and Mary have picked the carrots, cleaned them and dropped them off at the food bank. With a little sweat, a few seeds and a plot of ground, we can add some nutritious food to the diet of many. If you wish to make a monetary donation to the food bank, mark your envelope giving accordingly.

Cookie Exchange

One of the cookies that caught the taste buds of Susan Murray at Presbytery (she was in charge of the coffee break table) was a gingersnap. She tracked down the baker, and here, for your baking pleasure, is the recipe from Thelma Schmidt. Thelma relates that she got the recipe back in the 1960's from the mother of one of her son's friends. When a kid comes home and says someone else's mum makes the best cookies, you know what you have to do!

Winter Gingersnaps

3/4 cup margarine 3/4 cup shortening
2 3/4 cup white sugar 1/2 cup molasses
2 eggs 4 cups flour
2 tsp. EACH baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and cloves

Mix in the usual way to make cookies. Form balls and place on a greased cookie sheet. Press flat with a glass dipped in white sugar. Bake at 350* for about 12 minutes.

"It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory"

-W. E. Deming

