

Events
Spring 2019



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A Note From Jan

Upcoming Sabbatical & Holiday Time (May 1 - Sept 1/19)

It's just a few more sleeps 'til Bob and I wing our way to NL for some quality time with Asher Stuart, our first grandchild! (photo) This wonderful new chapter of family life comes alongside my first experience of having an intentional Sabbatical. Perfect timing; hallowed ground!



Quite deliberately, "Keeping Sabbath" was the theme of our recent Lenten Series. It was wonderful to explore how observing/remembering the Sabbath Day is qualitatively different from a day off. The United Church of Canada's policy for Sabbatical Leave (a period of at least three months) is an extension of the biblical concept of Sabbath being a period of renewal; a time meant to refine our faith/trust in God's sustaining grace;

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Worship at 10:30 am—All are welcome!

Office Hours: 9 am to 12 pm, Monday to Friday; closed Statutory Holidays

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a period of creative work and reflection; an occasion for recovery and renewal of vital energies. A time on beyond time. Ecclesiastes chapter 3 comes to mind. There is a time. What and who's time is it really, though?

Once home from our family time in NL and ON, I'll immerse myself in all that's involved with being a volunteer performer with the Canadian Badlands Passion Play. (Practices begin May 17th and the final performance is July 21st). I'll portray a middle eastern villager; receive training in music, memorization & storytelling; support for spiritual, mental & physical fitness; and see what it is to be part of an interdenominational group of 200 people who make Jesus' story come alive each year in the natural amphitheater which is part of the valley I grew to love while living there 2007-13.

My sincere hope is that this experiential learning time will mean I come back with new energy and clarity about the ministry and mission of Jesus, and my part within the body of Christ. It's been heartwarming to hear people say they'll make sure and attend the Passion Play this year, for sure! Please do. Here's the link: <https://tickets.badlandsamp.com/TheatreManager/1/login&event=0>



Please pray for me as I pray for you. May this time be refreshing and invigorating for all involved. May we receive fresh insight and vision regarding what makes us - and makes for -- church now and into the future.

God bless us each one and as one.

Other Sabbatical Details

- ⇒ Our Worship Committee have made a schedule of those who'll provide worship leadership during Jan's Sabbatical. Many thanks to the committee members themselves for covering some themselves (beginning May 5/19) and arranging those where the UCW and M & P committees will also provide leadership. Rev. Mervyn Penfound, Rev. Carolyn Woodall, Barbara Lieurance, and Lay Worship Leader, Sherri Hughes are each doing one or more.
- ⇒ During Jan's Sabbatical, our Pastoral Care Committee will be offering leadership for some of the Lodge and Care Home services, and visits to people in hospital and/or shut in, etc. PLEASE call the office and/or Linda Day to inform us of pastoral needs/concerns, prayer requests. Funeral services will be covered by neighboring/retired ministers.
- ⇒ At the time of this writing, it looks like we will not be hosting a 2019 Kid's Day Camp. If anyone is willing to lead this yearly event, please let Michele know ASAP. Last year this was well attended with around 25 youngsters.

Communication and Calendar Coordination

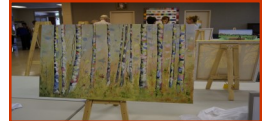
are very important to making sure everything runs smooth, please remember to let everyone know changes, additions, or any general information.

Small Group Ministry

****Please note, with the exception of men's breakfast and drum circle, the small groups are finished by the end of May and resume again in September.**

Elements of spirituality and socializing come together within these groups. They offer an opportunity to connect with, and nurture each other through sharing, listening or simply being. All are welcome to join in activities for fellowship, fun and faith development. No cost to participants, but donations are always appreciated. Please bring your lunch or snack, coffee & tea provided.

Art Mixed Media ~ Every Wednesday at 10 am the "Church Mice" gather to create art works using different mediums. If you would like to join these Mice, come when you can. All are welcome. Contact Joan Baltimore 742-4336.



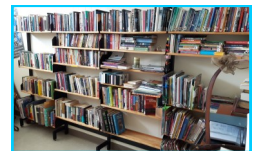
Avabelli Dance Troupe ~ This drop-in group meets every Monday evening starting at 7:00 pm in the basement of the church. Anyone who wants to give Belly dance a try is welcome to join.

Drum Circles ~ The Wonder of Drumming ~ Discover the gift to the body, mind & soul that comes from drumming the 3rd Wednesday of each month. People of varying ages and abilities are all welcome. **Drums can be provided.** No experience necessary. Contact: Michele Selinger 403-742-3387 or Bob Richardson, 403-820-5383



Knitting/Crocheting Prayer Shawls ~ Meeting the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays every month at 2 pm, this group shares stories & sweet treats while working on their creations. These creations are then gifted those in need. Contact~ Kate Sanders 403-742-3528

Luv 2 Read ~ This lively group meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Every month they read a different book and get together for an evening of comradery and interesting fun discussion. For a book list go to our website or call Gayle Tennant 742-5008

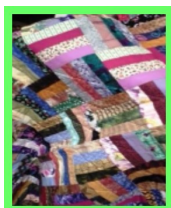


Men's Breakfast ~ Meets every Wednesday morning at 7am to enjoy a full breakfast, fellowship and a few laughs. They cook & serve a delightful Easter Breakfast, & often participate in spring fair as well. This group meets through the summer months. Contact: Gerry Bennett 742-1373

Music Ministry: Choir practices Wednesday at 7 pm and the 1st and 3rd (and 5th) Sundays at 10 am followed by Worship; contact Evelyn Shursen 403-742-4288; Dave and Barbara Lynn Goodwin lead music the 2nd and 4th Sundays.



SMALL GROUPS ~ DOING LIFE TOGETHER...



Quilting: The CE wing of the church is busy at 10 am on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The Ladies are designing, cutting out, & sewing together patterns for quilts that are gifted to, shelters, hospice, Ronald McDonald House etc. Contact Elpha Senft 742-2285

Scrappers Unite ~ Scrapbooking/Card Making:

Once a month a group of "Scrappers", come together to laugh, share food, discuss designs, and create. Dates are announced in our weekly bulletin and on social media. contact Gayle Tennant 742-5008



Lunch, Laughter & Learning: Friday's at noon (weekly); bring a bag lunch & look at the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday worship service. Only the Spirit knows where the discussion goes. Will start again in September, with Jan Richardson, and often David Holmes (Anglican minister) facilitating the discussion.

United Church Women: To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church & to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship & service. Please contact Letty Docherty at 403-742-8465 for meeting dates and times.



Spring Fair 2019



Annual Spring Fair ~ Saturday May 04 10:00—3:00. Mark your calendar's and come spend the day exploring (while your kids enjoy the carnival) a variety of vendor tables and don't forget the frozen homemade meat and/or fruit pies, or to grab your ticket for the fall paint night. After your purchases are made, enjoy pulled pork and/or a hotdog with homemade pie (coffee/tea/pop) for desert.

Our vendors include a variety of handmade items, Scentsy, garage sale treasures, Voxx socks, plants, pottery, Jams, Jellies, and the list goes on!

While you are visiting the vendors, get them to sign your door prize draw sheet, and you will be entered (and you might win!!) for 2 tickets to our fall paint night, valued at \$80.00.

Church Mice Art Show & Sale 2019



Art Show & Sale ~ May 11th ~ Our very own Church Mice will be hosting their annual show and sale, Saturday May 11th 1—4:00 pm. All the Artists gather every Wednesday from September to May creating their Masterpieces, you don't want to miss this exhibition! Your Donation includes refresh-

Finance & Stewardship



Our church operates, and extends itself in mission, thanks do donations/freewill offerings. Charitable receipts are issued to identified donors. Please ensure the church office has your address by putting it on your cheques or envelopes of cash. You could also choose to support the church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Our church administrator can assist you in joining this program. **Stewardship is** ... read more about this year's theme at <http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/what-is-stewardship>

Financial Statement: The income & operating expenses as of March 31, 2019
Actual Revenue = \$36,052.369 (Budget \$170,625.00) Actual Expenses = \$39,565.27 (Budget \$216,158.00). Mission & Service = Goal \$20,000.00

PAR ~ pre-authorized remittance. An easy way to set up your monthly contributions. One of the benefits for you is not having to remember to drop off post-dated cheques while you are away. A benefit for the church, from an accounting aspect is knowing that dollar amount will be deposited on the 20th of each month and the budget can be set accordingly. It is easy to set up, the church administrator can assist you in joining the program, all you need is a void cheque and that is submitted with your form.

ONLINE GIVING ~ Another Easy Peasy way to contribute.

Online Giving ~ One of the most exciting additions to the website is the ability to donate online through the website, or using your mobile device.



Website ~ go to www.stettlerunitedchurch.org, and click on the "Give" button on the top bar, and it will take you to the give page, where you click on the give button.

Mobile Phone/Tablet ~ Go to the playstore (android) or iStore (apple), and search for the tithe.ly app and click install. Follow the instructions on the app when you open it.



A Different Sort of....Fundraiser

Calorie and Sugar Free!!

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

A Bit of news we have today
A bakeless bake sale is on its way.
On these busy days, who wants to bake
Pies or cookies or even a cake.
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat or the time you lost.
Cooking for sales is extra work
Yet nobody really wants to shirk.
So we thought this plan was really grand
And know for sure you'll understand.
Now in an envelope please put the price
Of a pie or cake or something nice.
Without the fuss or bother you've done your part
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
Now this is the end of our little tale
And wishing success to our Bakeless Bake Sale.

Thank you Elpha for the suggestion!

Please put your donation into an envelope, mark it "Bakeless Bake Sale" along with your name, address or envelope number, and drop it off at the office (during office hours), place it in the Sunday collection plate, or mail it to "Stettler United Church, Box 1027, Stettler Alberta, T0C 2L0)



Since we are on the topic of Fundraisers... Mark your calendars and get your tickets! Friday September 20th, 2019 starting at 7:00 pm, we will be hosting another "Let It Flow" (acrylic flow art) paint night!

Tickets \$40.00 each ~ (Includes: Wine, Snacks, 2 Canvases, Handouts & all Supplies)

Tickets went fast in January, so if you missed out last time, grab them quick.



Informative Information



Chinook Winds Region ~ Barbara-Lynn and David Goodwin will be representing our congregation at the first **Annual Gathering** of the **Chinook Winds Region** will happen this June 7th and 8th, 2019 at McKillop United Church in Lethbridge, around the theme of "Born of Wind and Spirit."

Naramata Centre, located on the shores of Lake Okanagan, is an inclusive, welcoming place to connect and deepen in mind, body and spirit. This summer (June 29 - August 31) enjoy one of our week-long programs or personal retreats. <https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/summer-2019>



Bar Harbour Camp (supported by many of the United Churches in Central Alberta) is on the southeast shore of Buffalo Lake, and is available for youth programming and rentals. <http://www.barharbourcamp.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/barharbourcamp/>

Summer 2019 Youth Camping Programs ~ varying in length of staff & age appropriateness, July 29 - August 23rd Register on-line (funding available if/as needed for some registrants) <http://www.barharbourcamp.com/camps.php>

Staffing Needs & Applications (over 18, training week June 24-27) <http://www.barharbourcamp.com/staff.php>

Rentals ~ The camp is fully serviced May 15th to October 15th and available for family reunions, quilt retreats, etc. <http://www.barharbourcamp.com/rentals.php>



Come-To-Camp & Worship ~ July 5-7 is booked @ **Bar Harbour Camp** for the a Come-To-Camp and Worship weekend for all (aka Church Family Camp). Watch for further details. There'll be sharing of food & fun, Sunday worship, etc. Come for the whole weekend or visit as a day trip Contact person: Helen Reed, 403-664-9266 or info@barharbourcamp.com

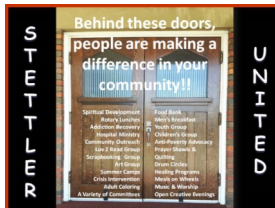
More Important & Interesting Information

- Summer Service Schedule ~ Once again Stettler United Church and St. George's Anglican Church will combine worship services during the summer months. June 30 - July 28th @ 10:30 a.m. @ Stettler United; August 4 - September 1st @ 10:00 a.m. @ St. George's Anglican
- Pete van Waardhuizen, pipe organ technician, worked on the organ April 16th and will be returning to finish a few things. We are grateful to those who've specifically contributed toward the organ repair.
- **Pete & the Re-Petes** (organ, piano, trumpet, flute and violin) will be performing at St. Peter Lutheran Church on Friday, May 31st, @ 7pm. They will be charging \$10/adult & taking a free-will offering to support mission work in the Philippines, as well. All are welcome. Sample sound bite: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FRljQebxyY&fbclid=IwAR2CHSWWXszLHPvGAMQUFPqLZgB61M7WLsdvji3aKn6CVQ8BWpG430-T7nM>

Mark Your Calendars!!

...(yes I know it's still spring... never too early to share important information)

Information regarding special services, topics for upcoming worship services, events, dates and times, etc are always in the announcements. The announcements are sent weekly by email, printed off for Sunday worship services, posted on the facebook page, and on the website.



Welcome Sunday ~ Please mark your calendars for this fall's Welcome Sunday, September 8/19. The Pastoral Care committee will again coordinate a progressive lunch as leaders and participants in our various Small Group Ministries make presentations and serve finger foods at display tables that surround the Christian Education Wing.

Annual Stettler Fire Department Food Bank Drive ~ October 07th

Fall Supper ~ October 27th

UCW Women's Potluck ~ December 04th

Christmas Bazaar ~ December 07th

Christmas Eve Service ~ December 24 @ 7pm

Social Media Links

We as a community of faith are readying for a spring/summer season of rest and renewal in ready for fall and the busyness that come with that.

Social Media: Changing times means adapting to new ways of communicating.

Stay connected at:

www.stettlerunitedchurch.org/

www.facebook.com/groups/stettlerunitedchurch/

www.facebook.com/StettlerUniteChurchSmallGroups

Do you know what PAR is?? (pg. 5)