

Join the Journey... Healing, Learning, Giving...
St. Andrew's United Church



September 2 – 8, 2018

Worship leader: Rev Julie Lebrun | **Reader:-** | **Piano:** Jean-Marc Stacey | **Power Point Operator:** No power point service

This Week at St Andrews

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sept 2	9:15am	Choir practice	Sanctuary
Sept 2	10am	Worship - Communion	loco UC
Scripture Reading:		Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15,21-23	
Sept 3	10:30am	Centering Prayer	Lounge
Sept 3	Noon – 2pm	Healing Pathway	Board Room
Sept 8		Explore Amalgamation	Main Hall

What's Happening at St Andrew's

SUMMER 2018 WORSHIP – Thanks to Rev. Jennifer and the congregation of loco for hosting us at **loco United Church at 1790 loco Road, Port Moody.** *****Next Sunday, September 9, we are back in our St Andrew's sanctuary.**

OFFICE HOURS AT ST. ANDREW'S

Office hours will vary but voice mail will be checked regularly as will email

EXPLORE AMALGAMATION **Saturday, Sept 8 9:30am-2:00pm**

Workshop for congregations of **St. Andrew's** and **loco United Churches** to explore amalgamation.

We will:

- vision about what is possible for the United Church presence in Port Moody
- explain the process of amalgamation
- discuss potential impacts, express our views, and answer questions
- ideally by the end of the Workshop you will have the information you need to vote at the September 30th Congregational Meeting, on the question of whether to proceed to writing an amalgamation proposal

Kathy Davies, the BC Conference Personnel Minister, will be facilitating the Workshop. Please see attached flyer for more info re food and childcare

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS **Sunday September 9, 2018**

Bring your back pack, briefcase or bag to worship on Sept. 9th.

YE ARE INVITED TO A MEDIEVAL FEAST!

Friday, Sept 14 @ 6pm

Plans for the Medieval Banquet are coming together well. Still room for more knights and ladies! Please invite people to join us. The more the merrier – and better for our fund raising efforts. Jan's email – janmor@shaw.ca

Come One, Come All to a sumptuous medieval banquet! Dress for dinner in your finest medieval attire and enjoy a delectable three course meal. Court Jesters will amuse with stories, poems and other entertainment. Jan Morrissey and Eny Hoffer shall be your contacts for this mouth-watering feast | Information is on the bulletin boards.

NEW PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

Next meeting Tuesday, October 2nd, final meeting December 4th.

Presbytery is made up of Ministers and Lay Representatives from United Churches from Burnaby to Maple Ridge. Attend evening meetings once every 2 months till end of 2018. Gain understanding and exposure to wider United Church. Meetings include dinner, worship, education, business. Info, questions, please contact Rev. Julie Lebrun

Remembering Eleanor Espeseth

Sunday, Sept 9th noon

A gathering for family and friends
Sunday September 9/18 at noon at Belcarra
Please RSVP Sharmaine and Gerrit

CONGREGATION MEETING

Sept 30 to follow worship

Purposes of meeting:

- to vote to write a proposal outlining the terms of an amalgamation of St. Andrew's and loco United Churches. Once a proposal is written, each congregation will vote on the proposal.
- to address the outstanding matters from the Annual Congregational Meeting and the May Congregational Meeting:
 - election of a presbytery representative
 - appointment of an independent financial examiner for the 2018 fiscal year

Transformation

ST ANDREWS AT "THE SPRINGS"

The TSG is working with Catalyst to finalize arrangements for the enactment of our redevelopment and building permits. We hope that this legal and procedural work will be completed by early fall. In the meantime, TSG and Kinsight are working to finalize space-sharing and operating agreements that will lay the framework for making the most of our space at The

Springs. The Transition Logistics Task Group is finalizing arrangements for our ministry groups to continue meeting through construction. The AV Task Group has completed its work with a consultant, to determine the audio-visual needs in our new church space. Archives and Heritage Task Group has worked with Catalyst to determine the use of key heritage elements from our church, to be included in the design of the new building. The Non-Heritage Stewardship Task Group has completed an inventory of all of the furnishings and equipment in the building, along with plans for what to store during construction, and what we can sell or donate. We will be talking with you soon about a garage sale at the church, in early fall. We are grateful for the support of many members of the congregation, as we complete all of the "pre-construction" work.

If you have questions or suggestions, please speak with any member of the Transformation Steering Group (TSG): Julie Lebrun, Brian Asselstine, Jan Morrissey, Sue McIntyre and Charlie Young

Please contact us at: transformation@sauc.ca

For latest building information, see www.thefuture2318.com

Life at St Andrews

Wednesday, Oct 10, 7pm

SANDWICH MINISTRY

First United Church has recently renovated its kitchen, and will be changing its approach to meal service. All food will be prepared on site from now on. This is in keeping with the regulations for food service as per its permit with Coastal Health Authority. Our St Andrew's Sandwich Ministry will stop sending sandwiches immediately at the request of the leaders at First United. First United has expressed gratitude for our support over the years, and looks forward to working with us to provide other opportunities for hands-on help. The Sandwich Ministry will meet at the church on Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm, to talk about the change and what might happen next. There will be no Sandwich Ministry meeting in September.

3030 GORDON AVENUE SHELTER

We are still in need of runners, sandals, socks and underwear (new not used) for both men and women. We can also use some smaller sized women's jeans, shorts, tops and summer dresses. Donations can be brought to St. Andrew's and Julie C will deliver them, or can be dropped off at 3030 Gordon Ave, anytime | More info, contact Julie C at julchu@shaw.ca | Thanks to all!

CENTERING PRAYER

Mondays 10:30am - Noon

With an educational component and 20 minutes of silent prayer | No experience required | Please meet in the lounge | For more information contact centeringprayer@sauc.ca

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

Children participate in worship and theme-based activity in the sanctuary.

HEALING PATHWAY

Mondays, noon to 2pm by appointment

Team of trained practitioners offer prayerful, energy-based healing sessions to all. It is not a substitute for medical care, but a complement to it. For more information please contact the office @ 604-939-5513.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Please contact Pastoral Care if you know someone who is ill, suffered a loss, are unable to get out to church and would appreciate a telephone call, cards or a visitor: pastoralcare@sauc.ca.
Please let Kathy Young know if you are interested and able to join our team of visitors / card writers 604- 468-8757 or e-mail kathy_young@telus.net

Wider Church

NARAMATA CENTRE FALL PROGRAMS

September & October

Open to people of all ages, Naramata Centre is an inclusive, welcoming place to connect and deepen in mind, body and spirit. Situated on 23 acres of land on the east shore of Lake Okanagan, the Centre provides a peaceful oasis for children, teens, adults, families and elders to play, relax, grow and be authentically themselves, supported in community. See web site for details - www.naramatacentresociety.org

COME AND SEE PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Oct 31 – Nov 10, 2018

Join Rev. Marianna Harris and George Bartlett on a pilgrimage to see for yourself what is happening in Palestine and Israel. Learn about the effects of the occupation on the lives of ordinary people. Discover how Jewish Israeli and Palestinian activists are seeking to create change. Visit key holy places as we reflect on Jesus' life and teachings. Cost \$2800 plus airfare. See attached brochure or contact George Bartlett at g.bartlett@sympatico.ca for further information. **3 spaces still available**

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

The other day there was a rally down the street, advocating for safe and affordable housing. As our community members gathered in the chapel the next morning, every person shared that they had each experienced homelessness at some time. Most of us take for granted that we have a safe place to go.

Most of us can get a good night's sleep. At First United, we try to provide safe space for vulnerable people, but it is not an answer to the crisis of homelessness. We encourage you to advocate for more accessible and affordable housing in your neighbourhoods and better mental health and addictions services and we thank you for your support.

Please consider donating the following items that are currently in need: TOWELS, men's & women's underwear, shampoo, toothpaste | Please visit our website at www.firstunited.ca/give-goods for details about donations.

WESTMINSTER PRAYER CYCLE – We pray for Presbytery Executive and the Staff of BC Conference.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE – Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo

Minister: Rev. Julie Lebrun | minister@sauc.ca

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Office Hours will vary, please phone for information

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