

The Messenger

August 21, 2024

Worship times

**ALL services in August are at
Zion at 10:00 am.**

Quick update for the congregation

Ministry in the North Okanagan:

A task force has been formed & an initial meeting has been held on August 1st with Kathy Davies of Pacific Mountain Region.

Members of the task force are: Wilma Koersen, Rod Gilmer, Janine Carscadden, Hati Mvundura & myself.

We have discussed what is needed to be a sustainable ministry & we will be meeting again in October once our company goes home & holidays have happened.

Submitted by:
Marj Bailey, Co-chair
Zion Council

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 10:00 AM

St Andrews United Church

Sunday worship —

If you have announcements to be included here please email them to:

ckooyman@shaw.ca

It would be helpful if announcements for The Messenger are sent to the above address before Wednesday.

Next Messenger will be
August 28



Askew's Cards

**Thank you for continuing to buy
Askew's cards this summer.**

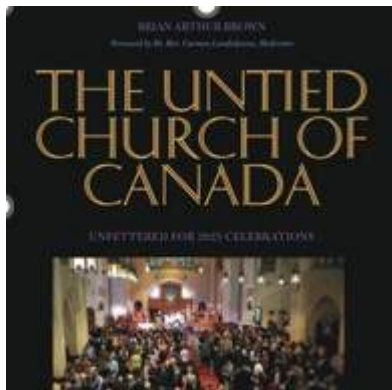
Now that we are back to worshipping at Zion, they will be available from Eleanor or one of her helpers at church on Sunday.

If that doesn't work for you please order them from Eleanor by calling her at 250-546-8195.

Enderby folks are welcome to purchase them also.



The 100th Anniversary banner of the United Church of Canada was presented at Zion United Church on August 18. Thank you to the committee involved in its design and to Jenny (daughter of Cathy and Bill Crane) for the production of the completed banners!



*****2 copies still available if you missed ordering one *****

Celebrating 100 years! On June 10th the United Church of Canada begins its 100th anniversary year. A commemorative book "The Untied Church of Canada" containing written and pictorial accounts of past and present as well as hopes for the future is being published by Wood Lake Books. And yes, it is "Untied"! – unfettered for 2025 celebrations and for the future!

Cost is \$15.00. Contact Leona Harrison hleona6@gmail.com

IPE FLOAT-----100th ANNIVERSARY



Zion United is putting a float in the IPE parade on Aug 31st.

We must endeavour to let the community know we are alive and well at Zion. Our aim will be to show what activities go on at Zion.

A work party is planned for Aug 23rd to assemble and build the float. We need help!

Come to Sharon and Cliff Eliason home at

4165 Round Prairie Rd.

Time 10 a.m.

Even if you can't help come for fellowship and coffee.

You need more info call Isobel Kay 250-546-8234.



So wonderful to see so many folks in attendance for summer worship 2024, both at St Andrew's United Church in July and at Zion United Church in August. Fellowship is a strengthening experience!



Wilma



Zion Finance Update - as of July 31, 2024

Part 1: Church Operations:

Total YTD Operating Income	\$51,953 (\$1,657 more than 2023)
Total YTD Operating Expenses	\$60,056 (\$2,616 more than 2023)

Year to date Deficit **(\$8,103)** vs. YTD projected **(\$10,796)**

Our deficit is \$959 more than last August, and is currently growing by about \$1,500 per month. Unless revenue increases we will soon need to draw on our savings to meet operating expenses.

Part 2: Building Fund:

Building Fund Balance January 1 2024	(\$6,427.96)
Total YTD Revenue	\$2,710.38
Total YTD Building Upgrades	\$1,316.02
Building Fund Balance July 31 2024	(\$5,033.60)

Needed upgrades continue (we love the clean, new look in the church hall), and some progress has been made in "rebuilding" the Building Fund.

As we move into the Fall please ask yourself **"What can I do to increase Zion's revenue?"**

Zion Finance Committee

St Andrews “Safe our Church!!!”

You have probably seen Facebook posts and stories about Saint Andrew’s United possibly closing its doors. The church is struggling with an aging congregation, with several members moving away or into care facilities or passing away.

This church has been the community church since 1906, built with rock from the Shuswap River and bricks from the Enderby brickyard. It was originally the Presbyterian church, but became the United Church in 1925 when the national United Church was formed. The congregation itself began in the late 1800s! Over the years, Saint Andrew’s has been home to many community organizations, including Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, AA, NA, and the Food Bank, to name a few. When AL Fortune burned down in 1977, it housed classes until the new school was built. It is the church where people who don’t attend church go to be married or have funeral services.

The church supports MacKenzie Camp, a non-denominational camp at Mabel Lake, where all are accepted as unique, important and capable. It inspires campers through relationships, nature and spirituality to grow and have fun! Thousands of children have been able to attend camp because of funds raised by and at Saint Andrew’s.

Currently the church houses the Enderby and District Resource Center, which is a hub for the community. It provides programs and services for children and seniors, and would like to expand into youth and teen programs. It provides support for those experiencing emergencies or homelessness. If Saint Andrew’s closed, not only would the Resource Center have to find a new home, it would be faced with commercial rent, plus having to rent space for the different programs they run. As the Resource Center is funded by donations and grants, this would severely restrict what they could provide for the citizens of Enderby. Saint Andrew’s supports them with low rent and lots of space.

A group has been formed that is doing its best to insure that Saint Andrew’s does not close its doors. It has been meeting every Wednesday to formulate a ministerial plan that will be sustainable for the future. ALL are welcome to come and join us; ideas and volunteers are always needed. Check the community pages on FB for dates and times. It is updated every Monday.

The immediate goal is to raise \$50,000 dollars. That sounds like a lot but in the current economy, really isn’t. These funds would allow Saint Andrew’s a year’s grace to implement long-term sustainable programs to support the building. The better the church is funded, the better able it is to provide community space and programs.

Some of the goals we would like to see happen are a weekly Youth Night, monthly community dinners, after school care programs and more, but these can’t happen without funding, and more importantly, without people to run them. Volunteers are at the heart of every community and Enderby has a long history of amazing volunteers. We need you!

Donations can be made in person, by cheque, by e-transfer and by Canada Helps. There will be a GoFundMe as well. Visit www.standrewsenderby.com for more information and to make a charitable donation. Amounts of \$20 and above will receive a tax receipt. You may also reach out to the church on Facebook or by calling 250-838-7315.