

The Messenger

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 9:30 am

December 14, 2022

St Andrews United Church

Sunday worship — 11:00 am

Future Worship Times:

The first Sunday of each month will be a joint service alternating between the two churches and service time will be at the usual time of the host church.

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

Dec 21, 2022

Fascinating Bell Choir at December 11th's church concert.



Janine Carscadden is the Director of the Kampana Bells. She inherited the bells from her mother.

The singing group are the Rockin' Mamas and their director is Kathy Saul-Fowler. They meet every Wed afternoon at 2 p.m. at Heaton Place to practise.



Mom Sylvia Carscadden, grew up in Oshawa, Ontario where her music education began. Her philosophy: "Learn to be your best", "Learn from each other". Sylvia's mother gifted her with a three octave set of bells. The four Carscadden children and their friends formed Sylvia's first handbell choir. It was the 1970's. Sylvia's Community Choir was called "Kampana" for bells in Filipino.

The accent was always on "community", not school or church associated. Admissions were a gift to the foodbank or other not-for-profit organisations. And now the community of Armstrong has been enriched by the bells choir and community choir. Such a treasure.



Thank you Wilma for finding the additional info on Kampana.
Hanny



The ZUC entry for the A/S Museum's **1st Annual Gingerbread House contest** is currently on display (along with 16 other entries) at the Museum.

Please consider checking out all of the amazing, artistic entries (if you have not already done so). You will be delighted!

Wilma

Zion's Hamper Donations

Zion's Hamper Donations currently total \$1930 made up of \$1510 congregation donations and \$420, half proceeds from the Christmas Concert. Thank you to all those who contributed.

United church 2023 Calendars

United church 2023 Calendars. We have 4 calendars available for purchase at \$12.00 per calendar. See Eleanor Kiefer after church if you would like one.

Breakaway

Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold!
Those are the words to a Guiding song and how true they are for Breakaway.



We started Breakaway to offer a safe place for caregivers and small children to come to play & visit during Covid. There are so many newcomers to our area and they need a place to go to meet others and for the children to have the opportunity to socialize.

Every Wednesday afternoon Wilma, Pam, Sandra, Diann and I meet at the hall and hope we will have some visitors. Admittedly there have been days that it's just us but that's okay we enjoy one another's company.

Then there are days we have our young friends & the noise level rises as do our spirits. The afternoon goes by so quickly the kids have had a chance to play, sing and dance; the moms have visited & joined in the singing. Our hall was recently the location of a 5 year old birthday party, thanks to the Breakaway connection. It might be babysteps & you may not see them in church on Sunday morning but these families are connecting. It was one of our moms who created the poster for our Christmas concert.

Zion has such potential to be a thriving member of the Community. The folks at the Chamber of Commerce consider our building to be a cornerstone of the Community.



There are lots of things we could be doing to grow our church & to welcome more of those who have recently moved to the area whether they are young families or newly retired...but it takes effort and

commitment. We need to reach out. The smiles & enthusiasm of our Breakaway kids are the greatest reward we could receive.

Marj



We have a good supply of Askew's cards to fill your December needs. They will be available **after church on December 11 and 18** or by calling **Eleanor Kiefer at 250-546-8195**.

Place your order and then we can arrange a time for you to pick them up.

Thanks for your support and Merry Christmas to all,

Eleanor

Men's Breakfast



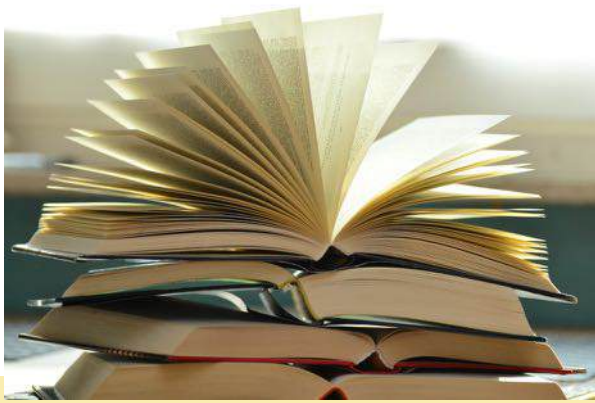
Mark your calendar and plan to attend our Men's Breakfast on **Friday, December 16.**

The coffee will be ready at 8 am and breakfast will be served at 8:30.

Please remember the change in day!

Come and see what surprise Rev. Hati has on the menu this time!

Wayne Kiefer and Rev. Hati.



BOOK NOOK Tuesdays

The Book Nook will be open from **10 a.m. – noon.**

Come in & browse, we have books & puzzles all available by donation. If you don't need a book, bring your coffee & have a visit.



MacKenzie Christmas Gift Campership

This Christmas, send a child to summer camp – your own or perhaps a grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbour, or even someone you don't know....



Wondering about a gift for a special youngster this Christmas?

Something they'll treasure for a life time? Think about sending them to camp next summer! Complete the MacKenzie Christmas **Campership Gift Form** at mackenziecamp.ca, send it to us with your cheque, and we'll supply a certificate for you to tuck in their stocking!. Thanks!

Don McNair for MacKenzie Camp

A schedule of events for December at Zion and St. Andrew's churches in addition to worship!



December 18 - Blue Christmas at Zion 7 pm Join us as we gather together to remember our loved ones during this Christmas season.

December 21 - Blue Christmas at St. Andrew's 7 pm - community to be invited

December 24 - Christmas Eve at St. Andrew's 5:30 pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve at Zion 7 p.m.

Dec 25—NO SERVICE

Advent project for the Boys and Girls Club:

We are asking for donations of Children and Youth socks. We have a cloth line up in the sanctuary to hang them.

Louise

