

# The Messenger

February 14, 2024

## Armstrong Acoustic Coffee House.

February 17th, 2:00 PM

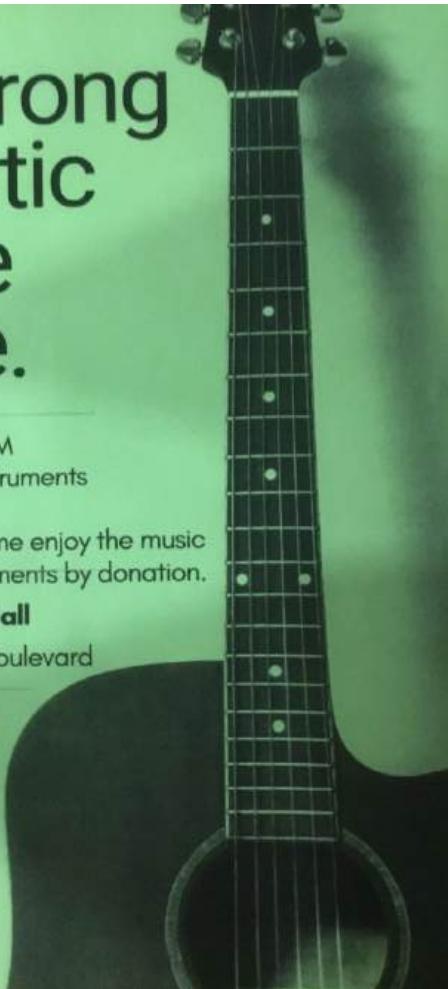
Bring your acoustic instruments  
to play and jam.

All are welcome to come enjoy the music  
Admission and refreshments by donation.

**Zion United Church Hall**

2315 Pleasant Valley Boulevard

**250-546-9384**



**Zion's Annual Congregational Meeting will  
be held **Sunday February 25th** following  
worship.**

**St. Andrew's AGM will be held on  
March 3rd following the joint service and  
coffee.**

**St. Andrew's UCW meeting is Feb 15th at  
1:00 pm**

Carole

**Zion United Church  
Sunday worship — 11:00 am**

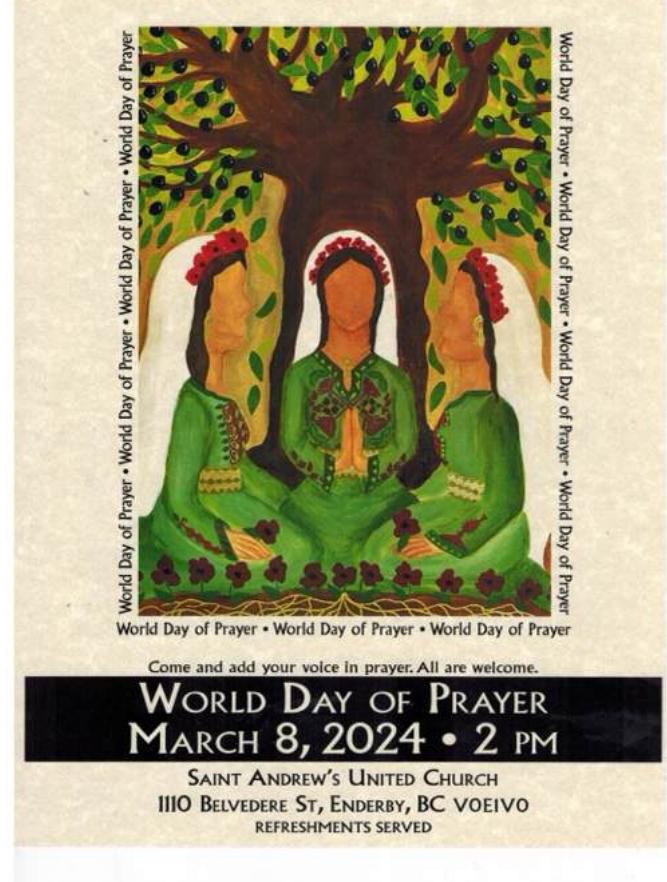
**St Andrews United Church  
Sunday worship — 9:30am**

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

[ckooyman@shaw.ca](mailto:ckooyman@shaw.ca)

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

**Next Messenger will be  
February 21, 2024**



Come and add your voice in prayer. All are welcome.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
MARCH 8, 2024 • 2 PM**

SAINT ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH  
1110 BELVEDERE ST, ENDERBY, BC V0E 1V0  
REFRESHMENTS SERVED

## World Day of Prayer 2024

**Hosted by St. Andrew's United Church this year on  
March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**

***"I beg of You Bear with One Another in Love"***

**T**his is the Theme of the World Day of Prayer written by Christian women in Palestine. In the past services have mostly involved women. It is now seen as a service that speaks to all, for all people. All are welcome to the service, which this year is being held at St. Andrew's United church on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The service will be followed by a special lunch prepared by many hands including Palestinian cuisine. **You are invited.** All our local churches have been invited to participate, and includes a special guest speaker, Rev. Juanita Austin, who has lived and worked in Palestine.

Palestine, the geographical area, which is home to the state of Palestine, as well as modern Israel has witnessed the invasion of various powers throughout history. The land has had many, many names depending on the tribes that have settled at different times. Historic Palestine geographical area includes Bethlehem, Nazareth, the River Jordan, where Jesus was baptized, and eastern Jerusalem

The West Bank including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip were under Jordanian and Egyptian Administration from 1949 to June 1967. Tensions continued between Israel and its Palestinian neighbours with the land once more being divided and changed four times between 1946-2000.

The Gaza Strip, or simply Gaza, is located on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea, bordering Egypt and Israel, and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most densely populated area in the world with 49% of the population being

children. In October 2023 escalated military activity occurred and continues to occur in this area.

It is established that there are over 5 million Palestinians living today in Palestine and Israel with 2% being Christian and over 12 million Palestinians living around the world, including the United States, Canada, Brazil, Chile, and Honduras.

Some of the crucial things that keep people's spirits strong and vibrant are Art and Culture, including Poetry, visual art embroidery, folk dancing, theatre and cinema. Palestinians have tilled, sowed, planted and harvested both large and small plots of the land of "milk and honey" for centuries, with Palestinian women making up a majority of those doing agriculture. This includes numerous plants, oils, fruit, nuts, citrus. All are an important part of agriculture, medicinal purposes, healthy cooking. As well, a high value is placed on education, health care, though it lacks financial support and water with lack of rain.

The World Day of Prayer movement reached Palestine in 1950 brought by the wives of clergy of various denominations. They started to pray at the YWCA headquarters, in the Protestant Churches in Jerusalem, Ramallah, Nablus and the Bethlehem area. Collaboration continues with a variety of church-related organizations including the YMCA and Kairos. We look forward to sharing some of their story with you this year.

Submitted copy and interpretation  
by Rev Lorraine Powell



## Men's Breakfast

Don't forget to come to the monthly Men's Breakfast on Friday, **Feb 16**. As usual, the coffee will be ready at 8 am with breakfast following at 8:30 am.

We hope to see you there.

Wayne



### The Book Nook is open again!

Barb is looking forward to seeing folks who are looking for books for all ages and gently used puzzle.

She will be open most **Wednesday Mornings from 10-12**. Just watch for her sign to be out.

Please drop in!



### MACKENZIE CAMP AGM

On Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 4 pm the Annual General Meeting of the MacKenzie Camp Society takes place at St. Andrew's United Church, 1110 Belvedere Street, Enderby, BC V0E 1V0. Light dinner will follow. For information, please email [maccamp@shaw.ca](mailto:maccamp@shaw.ca) or phone 250-838-6293.

### Bible Study dates have changed slightly

The Bible Study dates have changed slightly due to Hati's vacation days. So the Bible Study will be starting one week later - **February 21** and continue as previously scheduled **until March 20. - at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at St. Andrew's in Enderby**. This will be a Liturgy based study so lends itself to those who can only come some days and not every Wednesday.

This study will be of the scripture readings for the following Sunday and lends itself to Drop in participants who may not be able to attend every week.

We anticipate having another Bible Study in the fall at Zion, Armstrong.

## Worship times:

From now until the end of JUNE the worship times will be:

**St. Andrew's, Enderby**. 9:30 a.m.

**Zion, Armstrong** 11:00 a.m.

except: **The first Sunday of each month** will continue to be a joint service with alternating hosts.

**Feb 4** - Zion 11 a.m.

**March 3** -St. Andrew's 9:30 a.m.

**April 7** - Zion 11 a.m

**May 5** - St. Andrew's, Enderby 9:30 a.m.

**June 2** - Zion 11 a.m.

Louise



## Thurs 2-4 pm. ZION UC

Feb 1, Feb 15, Feb 29, March 14, March 28

A casual drop-in time for cards, crokinole, conversations, puzzles or other favourite games you would like to share.

Coffee, tea and sweet treats available.

Feel free to invite your friends. Facilitator:

Wilma Koersen [wkoersen@telusplanet.net](mailto:wkoersen@telusplanet.net)

250-546-6463

**Askew's  
Cards**



### *Attention Askew's card users.*

I recently found out that some clerks at Askew's are offering to re-fill your cards when they are used up.

PLEASE DO NOT DO THAT ! Zion will not earn 7% interest as we have in the past when you have the store fill them.

Just leave them with the clerk and I have been assured that these cards are not thrown in the garbage but they are sent away to be cleaned and re-filled and then recycled. Get your cards at church on Sunday or call Eleanor at 250-546-8195.

**A big THANK YOU** to everyone involved in the very successful Shrove Tuesday pancake supper held at the ZUC hall on Feb. 13th. Great to see such a great turn out of folks!





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