

The Messenger

June 1st, 2022

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 11:00 am

St Andrews United Church

Sunday worship — 9:30 am

June 5 Worship

Celebration of Pentecost and new minister Hati!

Zion has invited St. Andrew's congregation to
worship with us that
Sunday of June 5th at 11 a.m.
as we say farewell and thank you to
Rev Heather and hello and welcome to
Rev Hati to the North Okanagan.

The congregation at Enderby is organising car
pools to allow everyone to attend.

We look forward to this
special Sunday of transition.

Louise



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
June 8, 2022

UCW MEETING

WED., JUNE 8 @ 1:30 IN THE CHURCH HALL



I know that we changed our time to 1:00 pm
but with the pastoral meeting at 10:30 am I'd
like some time between for lunch.

Hope to see everyone there.

Suzanne

FOOD SAFE COURSE

I have signed up for

Food safe in Vernon (people's place)
on June 15.

If anyone else from Armstrong is signing up and would like a ride, give me a call.

Suzanne



Due to Covid and unexpected events Men's Breakfast at Zion is cancelled for May.

We will hold the **next Breakfast on June 11th** which will be the last breakfast before the summer break. At this get together we will decide what the future is for our long standing men's group.

Hope to see you there.

Wayne

Choir practices for joint service June 5th St Andrews and Zion

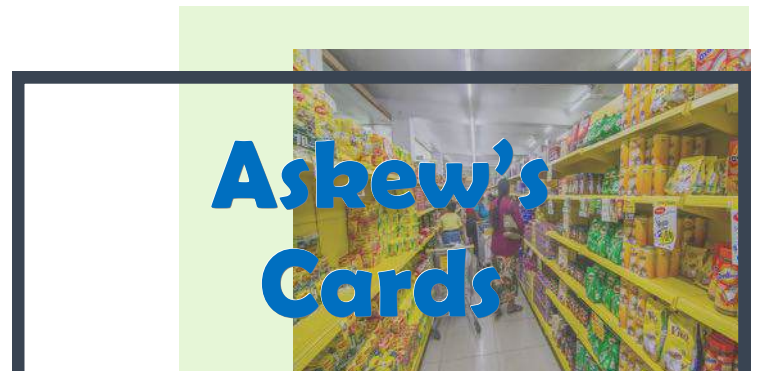
With the joint Zion and St. Andrews Worship Service **Choir practices will be May 29 after service,**

June 3, 2022 from 1pm-2pm and before church June 5.

Please reply by Friday May 27, 2022 if you plan to participate.

Search Committee will be serving Sundays for Sundays following service.

Tiffany



Askew's cards are available at Church each Sunday.

If you need to get them during the week you can give Eleanor a call at 250-546-8195 and place your order.

Thanks for continuing to support this successful venture.

Eleanor

The Annual MacKenzie Camp Golf Tournament!



Salmon Arm Golf Club
Saturday, June 4, 2022

Tee-off: 3 pm Dinner: 6 pm
Entry Fee: \$80.00 includes 9 holes of golf and dinner!
Entries must be received by May 20, 2022

Win Prizes!

- \$10,000 for a Hole-in-One on Hole #2!
- Best Score / Worst Score
- 3KPs; Most pledges raised

Collect Sponsors for your golf game!
For pledge forms call 250-542-1275 or 250-832-7827.



ALL proceeds will help children go to MacKenzie Camp this summer!



A limited number of golf carts is available!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Join in on a fun-filled round of golf ... No experience necessary!

So far three people of Zion have signed up to golf - Louise Burton, Rod Gilmer and Isabel Kay

Any of them will be willing to take sponsorships from you towards Mackenzie Camp.

Thanks,
Louise

A change to the Pastoral Care Meeting

There is a change to the Pastoral Care Meeting.

It will now be held on **June 8, 2022 at 10:30.**

Tiffany



*I have registered for **the 2022 Cultural Competency Course at Trinity United Church** that will happen in September and October of this year. It is expected that I share some of what I learn to the congregations of Zion and St. Andrews. What better way then via The Messenger. Here is my **second info** on the topic of the Residential schools. It is my hope that it will help to give more people some kind of insight in the struggles of Indigenous people in our country.*

Hanny

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA **INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS**

- **July 1, 1867** – Canadian Confederation. The government of Canada starts providing education to Aboriginal peoples through a system of church-run residential schools. The schools are part of the federal government's goal to assimilate Aboriginal people into Canadian society.
- **1925** – Methodist and Presbyterian churches and then the United Church of Canada explicitly support this goal. United Church and predecessors manage residential schools and day schools in Ontario and Western Canada – ranging from 13 in 1927 to 4 in 1966.
- **1969** – Federal government closes or takes over management of all United Church residential schools.
- **1970 – 80's** - Former students begin to report experiences of cultural, physical, psychological and sexual abuse at United Church residential schools and start bringing legal action against the different bodies responsible for the schools.
- **1981** - Alberta Billy, a member of the Laichwiltach We Wai kai Nation in B.C., lifelong member of the United Church and representative of Aboriginal church members at the Executive General Council, asks United Church leaders to apologize to the Native peoples of Canada.
- **1986** – The Right Rev. Bob Smith Moderator of the United Church meets with Elders in Sudbury, Ontario to deliver an apology to the Native Congregations. It is the first apology made by any institution in Canada. Elders present do not accept the apology, but instead “receive” it: to accept makes it a thing of the past, while receiving it means further work needs to be done.
- **1988** – Edith Memnook, a representative of the All Native Circle Conference responds to the 1986 apology, including these words: “The Native People of The All Native Circle Conference hope and pray that the Apology is not symbolic but that these are the words of action and sincerity”
- **1994** – Due to statements from Willie Blackwater and 15 other former students, Arthur Henry Plint, boy's dormitory supervisor at the United Church-run Alberni Indian Residential School near Port Alberni, pleads guilty to 18 counts of indecent assault and is eventually sentenced to 11 years in prison.
- **1998** – Blackwater and 29 others launch a civil suit against the federal government, which owned the school, and the United Church of Canada, which operated it. In a precedent-setting decision, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Donald Brenner ruled they owed a duty of care to Plint's victims, were liable for the harm he caused and needed to pay damages. He assigned the federal government 75% and the United Church 25% of the liability.
- **1998** – The Right Rev. Bill Phipps, Moderator of the United Church apologizes specifically for the church's role in Indian Residential Schools
- **2001** – The Blackwater case gives hope to other residential school survivors. By 2001, 8,500 abuse claims against the federal government have been filed by former residential school students. The Office of Indian Residential Schools Resolution is set up to manage the claims.
- **2005** – The number of abuse claims is now 14,000. The Assembly of First Nations launches a class action suit against the federal government.
- **2006** – The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) is announced. It recognizes the damage inflicted by the residential schools and establishes a \$2 billion compensation package for the survivors. It remains the largest class action settlement in Canadian history.

- As part of the IRSSA, the three settlement churches (Catholic, Anglican and United Church) are to contribute up to \$100 million in cash and services for healing initiatives. The United Church's portion is \$6.45 million (\$4.7 million in cash and in-kind contributions and \$1.75 million related to the Catholic fundraising campaign)
- **June 11, 2008** – Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologizes for residential schools and the government's policies of assimilation in the House of Commons. Willie Blackwater is an invited guest.
- **2008** – The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, one of the five main components of the IRSSA, begins. It is mandated to hear testimonies of former students, staff and the institutions that ran residential schools in an effort to put the full story of the residential school system and its legacy on the public record. It includes 7 national events to engage the Canadian public, educate people about the history and legacy of the residential school system and honour the experiences of former students and their families.
- **May 29, 2013** – Nine members of Trinity United Church attend a day of TRC hearings at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.
- **December 2015** – The TRC releases its final report. Included are 94 Calls to Action that address the ongoing impact of the schools on survivors and their families and provide a path for governments, educational and religious institutions and all Canadians to create a joint vision of reconciliation.
- **September/October 2017** – **Call to Action #59:** *We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families and communities were necessary.* In response, the TUC Outreach Committee organizes a 20-hour Cultural Competency Course facilitated by Okanagan/Syilx Elders Eric Mitchell and Christina Marchand attended by 21 members of the congregation.
- **2019** – TUC Outreach Committee applies for and receives a second ProVision grant to offer the Cultural Competency Course again. 20 participants, 19 from TUC and one from Kelowna First United, attend in September/October.

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Pastoral Care is an opportunity to deeply impact the lives of people in our community who need support, care and love.

Please contact one of ZUC's Pastoral Care committee members (Suzanne Skinner, Pam Krazanowski, Catherine MacAskill, Pauline Curtis, Mona Ball - 'Sunshine Card Gal', Wilma Koersen) **if you know of someone who would benefit from, or needs, extra support in any way.**

Rev. Heather Burton is also available for spiritual support:)

