

# The Messenger

June 29, 2022

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 10:00 am

St Andrews United Church

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**We** started this last year with having only one church open each month of summer as so few attended in the summer.

The decision was made to extend this to 2022 and re-evaluate for upcoming years.

As the minister is at camp for 4 weeks of summer, things aren't "normal" either. So this year it is like this again and we will see what happens in 2023.

**July** - hosted by St, Andrew's **Enderby** at **10 a.m.**

**August** - hosted by Zion, **Armstrong** at **10 a.m.**

Members of each congregation are invited to attend 'the other church' for worship.

Louise

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  
July 6, 2022**

**MacKenzie Camp has SUSPENDED  
its vaccine mandate**

**W**hen we imposed it in December, it seemed the best way to protect kids, staff, and volunteers this summer. Now it appears too strict for the risks involved.

We are welcoming all children and youth to register for camp, REGARDLESS of whether they are vaccinated or not. (All volunteers too!)

Note that our COVID Safety Plan remains in force, as the BC Camping Association requires.

For this summer's camping schedule, see our BROCHURE: <https://mackenziecamp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2022-MCS-brochure.pdf>

Happy camping everybody!

Thank you!  
Don McNair  
for MacKenzie Camp



## Pastoral Care Team (PCT)

With our ZUC family, we recognize that all members are participants in our Pastoral Care ministry. This occurs in numerous ways such as phone calls, visits, rides, greetings or sharing a celebration or concern with us. We are reliant on the congregation to inform us if someone is going through a challenging time.

Please communicate with the PCT by calling the church office (250-546-9384), [armstrongzionofficet@gmail.com](mailto:armstrongzionofficet@gmail.com), or contacting a PCT member (Mona Ball, Louise Burton, Pauline Curtis, Leona Harrison, Isabel Kay, Wilma Koersen, Pam Krazanowski, Catherine MacAskill, Rev. Hati Mvundura, Suzanne Skinner). (As a PCT we will endeavour to provide spiritual, emotional or social support:)

Mona Ball had offered to continue to serve as our teams 'Sunshine Lady'. On 'Behalf of ZUC Congregation', Mona will send out cards for various reasons, as appropriate.

Currently the PCT is working on updating the church directory list and photo bank. To date, 43 photos have been submitted. Before our next meeting of June 29th, ZUC members may receive a phone call, or email, from a PCT member to check in, and update info, if needed.

On behalf of the PCT,

Wilma J Koersen



### THE FUNERAL TEA FOR VAL JOHNSTONE'S MOTHER

THE FUNERAL TEA FOR VAL JOHNSTONE'S MOTHER WILL BE CATERED BY THE LEGION LADIES.

Bea was an active member of the Legion for many years and the ladies wanted to do this.....Zion's UCW will not be required !

**For anyone wishing to attend the funeral:** It will be held at the funeral home 11:00 am, Sat. July 2. Rev. Lorraine Powell will be doing the service.

Suzanne

## Askew's Cards

### Summer Askew's card Sales

During July when we will be joining St. Andrews in Enderby Askew's cards will be available there from Eleanor or Sharon.

If you are needing them during the week please try to plan a bit ahead as Eleanor may be away occasionally.

You can call her at 250-546-8195.

Thanks, have a good summer.

## Foodsafe Level 1 Course

I just saw this post on face book.

Being local, folks might be able to attend.

Maureen

### What To Expect

St Joseph's Church in Armstrong will be hosting a Foodsafe Level 1 Course on July 9th.

Location: St Joseph's Hall, 3335 Patterson Ave, Armstrong

Date: Saturday July 9th

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Pre-registration required: Please contact Carol at 250 546 6215 or email [hilllonegan@yahoo.ca](mailto:hilllonegan@yahoo.ca)

Registration Deadline: July 5th

Cost: \$75 per person

Course is valid for 5 years.

There will be a half hour break for lunch. Please bring your lunch to eat on site to ensure we can stick to the schedule!

## Our 15th Annual Womens Retreat



Our 15th Annual Women's Retreat will be from **September 9-11, 2022**

Come join for a weekend of Sharing, Fun and Fellowship.

For more information contact Lorraine 250 838 7908



**Funeral Service for Sharon Lawson** to be held at Zion United Church on July 6, 2022 at 11am. Tea to follow at Zion Hall.

### Volunteer Driver Program

(for Armstrong-Spallumcheen seniors requiring rides for medical or dental appointments)

Call 250-546-0999; 48h in advance of appointment so driver can be arranged.

#### Costs (return) (June 16, 2022)

- Within Armstrong \$5.00
- Enderby \$10.00
- Vernon \$15.00
- Salmon Arm \$25.00
- Kelowna \$50.00

### Funeral Services for Bea Whitaker

Saturday July 2, 2022 at 11am at Personal Alternatives Funeral Home on Smith Drive in Armstrong, BC.

See further info on page 4)

### Emergency contacts for month of July

while Hati is at Camp will be :

Rod Gilmer 250 308 8344

Penny Kirk 250 503 4712

Suzanne Skinner 250 546 2842



**The Celebration of Life for Beatrice Catherine Whitaker** will be held at the Armstrong Alternatives Funeral & Cremation Services on Saturday, July 2nd, at 11:00, followed by a Tea prepared by the Legion Ladies.

The service will follow the Legion Order of Service. You are welcome to join with Val, and Glen Johnstone and the extended family. Beatrice, who was just short of celebrating her 98th, she spent most of her life in service in Armstrong.

**A Celebration of life for Sharon Leana Lawson**, daughter of Elsie Penner, will be held at Zion United Church on July 6th at 11:00 am followed by a Tea prepared by the Zion UCW. (Preparations start at 10:00AM) (Suzanne)

It is with sadness that we hold Elsie and her family in our prayers. Sharon, who celebrated her 76th birthday this spring, will be missed by her mother, three daughters, and a sister, four brothers, and a number of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Front page picture is of St. Andrew's United Sanctuary on June 26th, Pride Sunday with multic-olored Candles and a very fitting service lead by Lindsay Lundquist.



We are very excited to have Rev. Hati Mvundura at camp this week as a part of our Leadership Training Camp. There is still space in all the camps - check our web site: [www.mackenziecamp.ca](http://www.mackenziecamp.ca)

Blessings, Lorraine

**Isobel Kay** has graciously offered to drive people wishing to 'car pool' to St Andrew's UC, Enderby, for the 10:00 AM service on **Sunday, July 3rd**.

Please contact Isobel (**250-546-8234**), if you plan to ride with her (if you have not already done so).

**Departure 9:30 am from ZUC :)**



# Guilty of trespassing

By Jim Taylor

Sunday June 26, 2022

"Forgive us our trespasses," says the most familiar prayer in Christianity, "as we forgive those who trespass against us."

If those words are so important, why, in 80-odd years of attending worship services all over the world, have I never once heard a sermon connecting them with colonial peoples' treatment of Indigenous inhabitants?

Indeed, I doubt if any preachers focussed on those words from the Lord's Prayer even this week, which marked National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada. Because there can be no doubt that we are trespassing on lands that did not originally belong to us.

When I refer to "we" and "us," I mean all who trace their ancestry to some place other than North America. I mean anyone who, despite having several generations of ancestors living in Canada, still says with pride, "I'm Irish." Or Dutch. Or Italian. Whatever. "We" came here from somewhere else. And "we" set up camp on the land of the people who were already here.

Sorry history

Except that, technically, they weren't here at all. When Jacques Cartier landed on the Gaspé Peninsula in 1534, he planted the French flag on the shore, claiming the land for the King of France. As if it were empty. Uninhabited. Even though Cartier had specifically brought the local tribes and their leaders to that shore, so that they could witness a foreign king assuming ownership of their homeland.

The notion of *terra nullius* -- loosely translated from Latin as "No one's land" -- goes all the way back to the Crusades. Pope Urban II used the term in 1095. Effectively, it and later documents nullified the humanity of anyone who was neither a Christian nor a farmer, thus giving crusaders the right to plunder and seize most of the Middle East.

Remember that there was no International Court in those days, no United Nations, no European Union. Europe was a patchwork quilt of competing kingdoms, fiefdoms, and principalities. A jigsaw puzzle composed of mini-Monacos and Lichtensteins. In that context, the only law that transcended petty rivalries belonged to the Roman Catholic Church. And so the Popes obliged, setting up a series of rulings that scholars now refer to as the Doctrine of Discovery.

When Columbus sailed west to "discover" the Caribbean islands, he assumed he had the right to take possession of them. They were *terra nullius*. No one there. The next year, 1493, Pope Alexander VI made that assumption explicit. He issued another ruling, known as *inter caetera*. It authorized Spain to conquer and control any newly discovered lands. The inhabitants, if any, were to be "subjugated and brought to the faith." No one asked the people if they wanted to be subjugated. They weren't "us." Therefore they didn't exist.

No one there

That mindset persisted for centuries.

Indigenous peoples helped the Mayflower pilgrims survive their first bitter winter in Plymouth Rock. But they weren't really there.

Indigenous people showed the first settlers along the St. Lawrence River how to build and use birch-bark canoes. But they didn't count. Indigenous people taught European "explorers" how to travel along lakes and rivers in a land lacking Europe's Roman roads. But they were nobody. The Hudson's Bay Company and its rival North West Company relied on those nobodies to bring furs to their network of trading posts all across western Canada.

The province of B.C. has only a few treaties with Indigenous peoples, because its first Lt.-Gov. after confederation applied a new twist to the notion of *terra nullius*. Joseph Trutch refused to negotiate with Indigenous nations. He argued that they could not legally own the land, because they had not bought it from anyone.

The obvious truth

Trutch's devious legalism smothers the obvious truth: They...were...here...first!

This was their land, whether or not they had title papers to prove it. And we have been trespassing on it for the last 488 years, ever since Cartier's landing in Gaspé.

Our attitudes to Canada's original peoples remind me of a poem (which I thought was in public domain, but discover was written by an American professor named Hughes Mearns):

*The other day, upon the stair,  
I met a man who wasn't there!  
He wasn't there again today,  
Oh how I wish he'd go away!*

Ever since Pope Urban coined the principle of *terra nullius*, Canada's Indigenous peoples have been "the man who wasn't there."

And we have done our utmost – through reserves, residential schools, and neglect -- to make them "go away."

It is time for us to acknowledge that we have trespassed and need forgiveness.

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