

The Messenger

March 2, 2022

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 9:30 am

St Andrews United Church

Sunday worship — 11:00 am

**Pulpit
supply**



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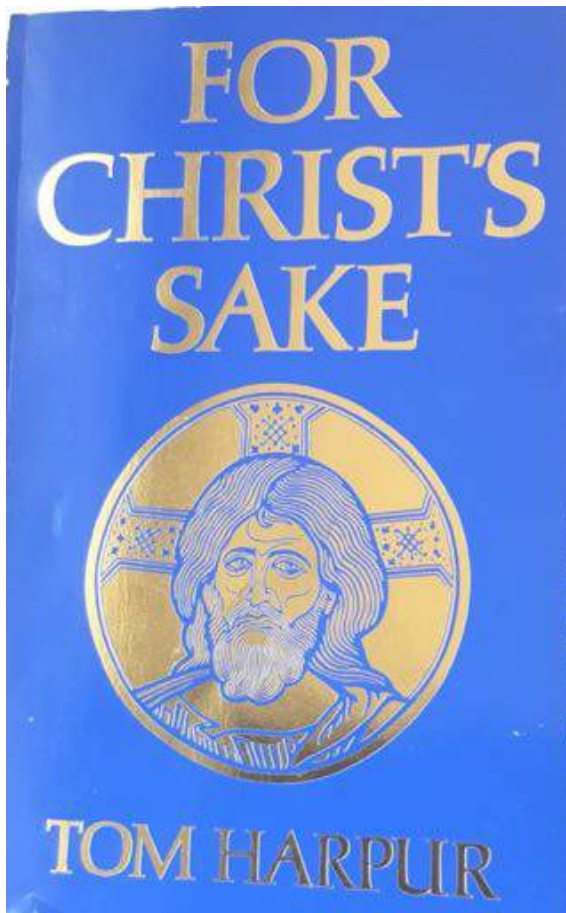
If you have announcements to be included here
please email them to: ckooyman@shaw.ca

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

**Next Messenger will be
March 9 2022**

Zion In Person Worship at 9:30 AM





Lenten Study

I'll be facilitating a 5-week Lenten study, using Tom Harpur's "For Christ's Sake" as the main resource.

Since this book was published in 1986, more recent resources will be referenced as well. There's no need to buy the book; I will present each of 5 themes with quotes and on-screen visuals.

The study will be held on Zoom, **Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:15 pm.**

The dates are:

March 8 (Introduction to the "Stranger from Galilee" and his message)

March 15 (The importance of Jesus' humanity)

March 22 (Jesus as prophet)

March 29 (Greek and Jewish roots of the Orthodox view), and

April 5 (Jesus from now on).

If you'd like to attend, please email me at jheatherburton@gmail.com I'll send out the Zoom link to those interested.

Heather

**MENS
BREAKFAST**

Is back!

All men are invited to attend Breakfast.

Saturday, March 12

Coffee will be ready at 8 am followed by a full **breakfast at 8:30** which is cooked by several of the men who attend.

We hope to see you **at Zion United Church hall.**

Thanks, Wayne

'World Day of Prayer'

WORLD DAY of PRAYER: **FRIDAY, MARCH 11 @ 1:00 pm.** If everything works as we hope it will be a video/power point presentation in the sanctuary .

Please note the time because we have done it at 2:00 pm in the past.

UCW

For future reference: **UCW will be starting at 1:00 pm** in the lounge on the 2nd Wed. of the month,as usual.

Suzanne



Annual Women's Retreat

We are planning our **Annual Women's Retreat- Sept. 9th - 11th,**
with the title being **"Care for Each Other"**

Including relaxation, renewal, getting to know each other and our theme speaker at MacKenzie Camp

The plan is to include crafts, beading, workshops and time for relaxation. Other suggestions are welcome. Please let us know if you are interested. Phone 250 828 7908

Lorraine



While Rev. Heather Burton and Leona Harrison did a fantastic job of leading us in ZOOM worship for 4 weeks, it was wonderful to be able to gather in our sanctuary once again. Heather's message theme of 'We Are the Body of Christ' was truly felt as we worshipped together in person. Especially heart-warming was to be singing together again!

Wilma



Dear Friends of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council,

Greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one we invite to live within us through faith, and in whose footsteps we try to follow. I write to you in deep sadness over the events of the past week in the Ukraine. And in this moment, I invite you into a time of reflection.

It is inconceivable to me that in these most modern of times, we are witnessing invasion and war, to achieve singular political gain, construed to be a viable choice; that people still believe violence is a justifiable way to solve complex social and political issues. In one hand we hold the undeniable truth that violence is not God's way. And in the other hand, we witness violence and acts of aggression – both large and small – every day of our lives.

As you take a minute to imagine these two realities in your hands, sitting in front of whatever device you read this from, we recognize that the scales of justice are in our hands. In one hand, the peace that surpasses all understanding not just for you, but for everyone. In the other hand, violence and acts of aggression, we see and/or unwittingly participate in.

This happens when we fail to see each other's humanity, each other's right to the fullness of life Christ speaks of in the gospel of John. From where I sit, that is what is happening in the Ukraine right now. The failure of one to see and recognize the other. And while this affects us all, none so much so as those in the direct line of fire, fleeing from homes and safety to God only knows where. And whether we're in disagreement about vaccine protocols and leadership capacities, pro-life or pro-choice, matters of reconciliation and right relationship, the minute we fail to see someone else's humanity, the easier it is to dehumanize them.

On your behalf, in words barely adequate for the time, I have written to the Father Mykhailo from Holy Eucharist (Ukrainian) Cathedral in New Westminster expressing our sadness and solidarity. And I know you are expressing your own words of love and support to those in the Ukrainian communities where you live and serve. That's what we do.

Let's also recognize that the way of peace takes practice right here at home, deep within each of us. Peter Short's words are present for me in this moment: "Behind every pair of eyes is a soul at work." Even those with whom we most disagree. Our common humanity is our common ground.

May be the peace of Christ be with you in the troubling days ahead.

Rev. S. Blair Odney

President Pacific Mountain Regional Council





Askew's



Askew's Cards are available at church!

Now that we are back to in-person church I will be selling Askew's cards after the service beginning this Sunday.

If you still prefer to order yours by phone and pick them up from me during the week you can contact me at 250-546-8195. I have lots of cards available in \$20,\$50 and \$100 denominations.

Thanks

The Book Nook



Book Nook/Coffee time:

The Book Nook is open on Tuesday mornings from **10 a.m.-noon**. Why not bring your own coffee and join us in a safe environment where we can social distance & still visit with one another? If you don't need a book or a puzzle – no problem, drop in anyway it's just nice to get out of the house at times. Small donation towards church operating costs/utilities would be appreciated.

Submitted by Marj Bailey/Jean Miskiman



Marj B, Jean B and Wilma K continue to enjoy facilitating the Breakaway program on a weekly basis!

Wilma



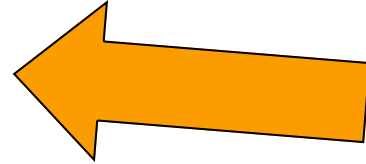
Slow no Tempo Concert!

A cappella quartet. Slow No Tempo is four guys making music with just our voices, based in Kamloops, British Columbia.

<https://slownotempo.ca/>

Slow No Tempo was formed in the fall of 2018. We sing a wide variety of music; from rock to sea shanties to jazz to barber-shop and everything in between, all with our beautiful blend of voices and unique brand of humour.

Everyone is Welcome!!
Sat April 2nd at 2 pm!!



(Doors open at 1:30)

Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door
 3335 Patterson Ave, St Joseph's Hall, Armstrong

Tickets available at Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce,

Mon – Fri, 10 am – 2 pm – **CASH only please** or phone Carol at 250 546 6215.

****Vaccine passport and ID must be shown at the door. Masks are mandatory. Thank you for your cooperation****

Thank you to the Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce who secured funding through the Artbeat Heartbeat Grant which makes this concert possible. Proceeds from this concert will go to St. Joseph's Parish to help offset the lost income from our IPE booth.

Carol Hill-Lonergan

250 546 6215

