

The Messenger

October 12, 2022

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 9:30 am

St Andrews United Church

Sunday worship — 11:00 am

Announcements

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.

Nov 6, 2022 Zion Armstrong 9:30am

Dec 4, 2022 St. Andrews 11am

Covenanting Service October 23, 2022 at 2:30pm
St. Andrews. Please note morning service will be cancelled.

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

Oct 19, 2022



Askew's Cards

Askew's cards are available after church or by calling Eleanor at 250-546-8195 if you need cards during week. Please give me a little advance warning.

Thanks for your support over the summer.

Eleanor Kiefer

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photo by
Penny



Choir Practice

Oct 21, 2022 at 1:30 pm at
St. Andrews in Enderby



Annual Church walk in
Enderby will be on
Dec 10, 2022

If interested please
see Lindsay.



ZUC Decorated photo by Wilma

Coming Soon

MENS
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY

October 15

Please note that the date for
the breakfasts will be **the**
third Saturday for at least the
next two months.

Coffee will be waiting for you
at 8 am with a full breakfast
ready at 8:30. Hope to see
you there.

Wayne

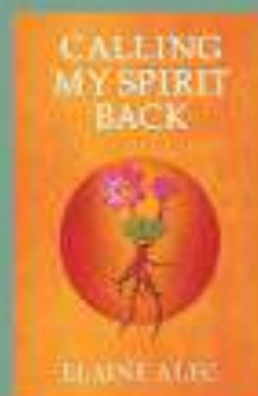
Retreat

Caring for Each Other on Splatstin Traditional Territory

Friday, October 28, 2022, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm
St. Andrew's United Church, Enderby

Leadership Team includes Crystal Morris (Splatstin Nation)

Sponsored by the women of Trinity United, Zion United,
Lumby United, & St. Andrew's United Churches.
Open to all genders.



Recommended reading in advance of event:
Calling My Spirit Back, by Elaine Alec

Admission by donation. 30 participants maximum.
To register, go to <https://mackenziecamp.ca/adult-camps/>



Celebrating 75 years of Camp Ministry



Our new Gaga Pit was well used!



cooperation dinner



AMAZING race hosts



Our superb 2022 staff team!



Vespers each evening



crazy utensil dinner

Our 75th anniversary camp season was a tremendous success in terms of having an amazing summer of weather and an opportunity to connect with kids!

However, in coming out of COVID, the camp is struggling financially.

How can you help?

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Our beloved Mackenzie Camp needs your help! As we emerged out of two challenging COVID-19 summers, we had an amazing 2022 season, which was also the 75 anniversary of our camp ministry. But, the camp momentum was interrupted, which resulted in lower camper numbers this year. This has left the camp with a worrying deficit. The Mackenzie Camp board is working diligently to turn the tides on this, but we are also asking for your help. There are a number of ways you can help get camp back in the black.

#1. **Sponsor a camper.** The cost to send a child to camp for a week is **\$450**.

We give an average of EIGHTY camperships per summer.

#2. **Support the many fundraising events** in the valley.

The Annual Golf Tournament

The Dinner Theatre events at St. Andrews in Enderby

The Concerto Mackenzie concert at Trinity in Vernon

#3. **Organize a fundraising event** in your community to A) raise funds and, B) raise awareness of the camp!

#4. **Consider us in your annual charity giving!**

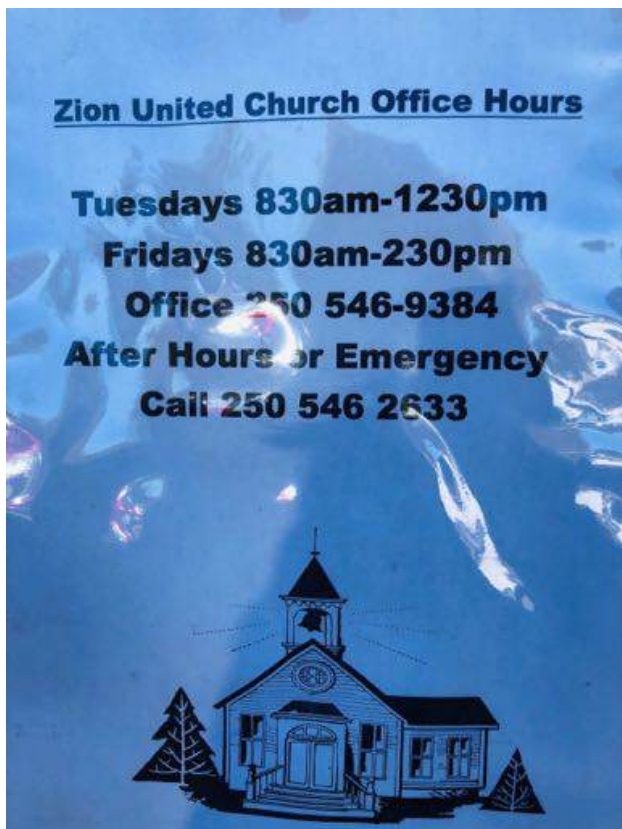
Lana O'Brien (she/her)

Teaching Artist - School District 22, Vernon BC

Artistic and Technical Director - 27th Street Theatre Company

Co-ordinator - Good Will Shakespeare Festival

With an open heart and mind, and a desire to learn the untold history of the development of our country, I respectfully acknowledge that I live on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc people who have lived here since time immemorial. I work on the unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan people who still affirm that the land is theirs, as no treaty has ever been negotiated. We must all live and work together to preserve the beauty and health of our Mother Earth and to teach this generation and all future generations the knowledge and gifts of the Indigenous ancestors.



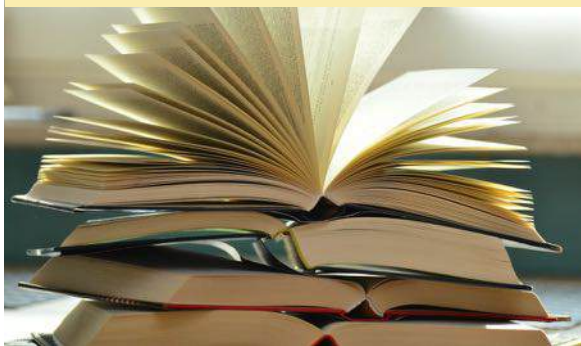
Our play group for infants/toddlers & their parents will be **starting up** **October 12th 2pm – 4pm.**

We're looking forward to seeing some of last year's participants (guaranteed they've grown a lot since Easter!) and hopefully welcoming newcomers.

Any questions regarding Breakaway please contact Wilma Koersen/Marj Bailey.

Thank you to those who are stepping forward to come play with us.

FALL STARTUP



BOOK NOOK:

Tuesdays .the Book Nook will be open once again 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. Thank you Barb Evans for stepping up.

INTERCULTURAL COMMITTEE:

How can we become an intercultural church? Anyone interested in having a discussion/ conversation as to how we can celebrate everyone's heritage please bring your thoughts & ideas to Zion's Book Nook on Tuesday mornings and let's see if we can make it happen. Can't make it on Tuesdays, contact Marj Bailey/Louise Burton.

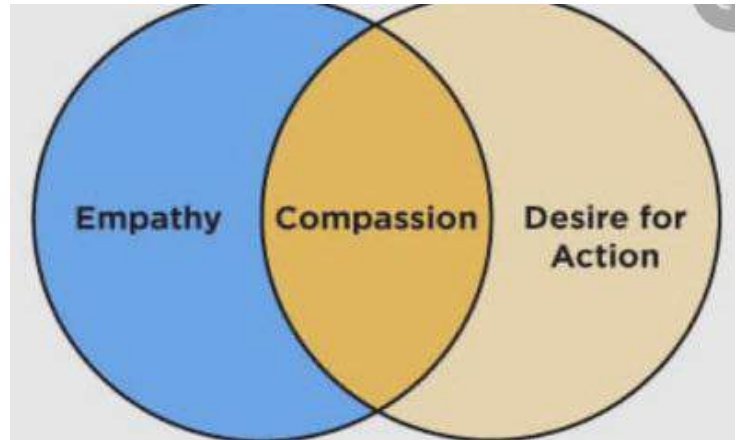
We would love to have someone from St Andrews join us.

Decorating for Thanksgiving



Nora and Griffin joined Catherine, Louise and myself to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving Sunday
Maureen

PASTORAL CARE (St AUC & ZUC)



The ministry of pastoral care is a compassionate presence, as modelled by Jesus Christ, especially for those who are hurting or in need.

Spiritual, emotional or physical assistance can be initiated by contacting one of the following:

St. ANDREW's UNITED CHURCH

250-838-7315

standrewsunitenderby@gmail.com

Lorraine Powell

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lorrep@telus.net

ZION UNITED CHURCH

250-546-9384

armstrongzionofficet@gmail.com

Wilma Koersen

wkoersen@telusplanet.net

250-546-6463/780-933-9732



An amazing group of 24 volunteers from Armstrong, Enderby, Kingfisher & Vernon made quick work of the annual **Camp McKenzie Clean-Up on Sept 30th.**



Photo's by Wilma

CWA (Cycling Without Age)

Photo of me (Rod) taking Louise & Leona for a ride on the rail trail in A Trishaw operated by CWA (Cycling Without Age) Vernon Chapter.

CWA is a volunteer non profit organization of cycling enthusiasts who take seniors for rides through Polson Park and along Kalamalka Lake on the rail Trail. They operate out of Schubert Center picking up passengers there and from other nearby seniors rest homes.

I would also love to take passengers from Armstrong and Enderby. This is a FREE opportunity to enjoy the stunning beauty of Kal lake and feel the fresh air blowing through your hair. If you or someone you know might be interested, give me a call and I can explain the Details.

Rod 250-308-8344



A lovely evening of great food, entertainment, and fellowship at the **St Andrew's UC hosted Harvest Dinner on October 1st**



Photo's by Wilma

The apology that changed Canadian history

By Jim Taylor

Sunday October 2, 2022 (Sorry for sending this out so late)

Friday September 30 was Orange Shirt Day, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Forty years ago, such an event would have been unthinkable.

And then, in March 1985, a woman named Alberta Billie did the unthinkable. She told a meeting of the United Church of Canada's Executive that the church should apologize for its role in running "Indian" residential schools.

A little more than a year later, on August 15, 1986, the church's moderator, the Rev. Bob Smith, led the church in Canada's first-ever apology to Canada's indigenous peoples.

I was there. Not in any official capacity. Just as a journalist, observing.

The church's General Council, its highest court, was meeting in Sudbury, at Laurentian University. The evening of August 15, about 500 delegates (officially called commissioners) crowded into the main assembly hall to hear Smith present his draft text of The Apology.

The capital letters are deliberate.

Unfamiliar process

Smith had heard Alberta Billy. He was convinced that the church needed to apologize. Not just for having collaborated in running some residential schools. But even more, for having denigrated, denied, and dismissed the social and spiritual culture of Canada's indigenous people.

His text said, in part, "We confused Western ways and culture with ...the gospel of Christ. We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel. We tried to make you be like us and in so doing we helped to destroy the vision that made you what you were. As a result, you, and we, are poorer..."

Now he had to convince 500 commissioners to accept it. By consensus.

The United Church had little experience with consensus. Traditionally, church meetings ran on parliamentary procedure: motion, amendment, amendment to the amendment, each debated individually ...

The commissioners agreed to proceed by consensus -- and immediately started moving amendments.

Smith broke tradition. He refused to accept amendments. Formal or friendly. Smith knew that one change would lead to another, either pro or con. The debate would go on forever.

His rulings led to points of order, and points of privilege, and mutters of discontent.

At times, he had to plead with the assembly: "Can we just agree on this?"

Eventually, they did.

Received, not accepted

From there on, my memories are less clear.

I know that Bob Smith led the entire assembly, all 500 commissioners plus staff and visitors, out into the night. It was a dark night. Moonless, I think. The stars were so close, we felt we could reach up and touch them,

We walked to the far end of the university's parking lot, where the "Native" leaders had set up giant tepees. It took a lot of time for all those people to shuffle through the night to the "Indian" encampment.

A huge bonfire sent sparks up into the darkness to meet the stars. Its flames flickered on the teepees. I think I remember seeing Bob Smith go into one teepee with the paper on which he had written The Apology. I watched the shadows of people moving around inside the teepee.

Then my memory blurs further. Did Smith and indigenous leaders come out together? Did he read The Apology aloud to everyone gathered around the fire? Or did they simply declare that The Apology had been received?

Note the wording. "Accepted" would have implied finality. It was done. Over. "Received" because it wasn't over, yet.

I recall a lot of hugging and handshaking. And tears. Perhaps we sang a hymn – that's often how we demonstrate unity.

And then we walked home. They, to their accommodation. We, to ours.

Still separate

And tragically, it is still so. They are "them," and we are "us."

A host of other institutions have since followed the United Church's lead by making their own apologies. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate, who ran most of the residential schools, in 1991. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, also in 1991. The Anglican Church of Canada, in 1993. The Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1994.

The United Church itself offered a second apology in 1998, specifically focussed on residential schools.

The federal government, finally, issued its own apology, on behalf of all the peoples of Canada, in 2008.

Pope Francis, during his "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada last summer, didn't formally apologize, but did ask for forgiveness.

Twenty-six years after Bob Smith led the United Church through that first Apology, our apologies are still words. We still want to make amendments. We want to work things out so nothing really has to change.

We've come a long way since 1985. We still have a long way to go.

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