

The Messenger

October 1st, 2025

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 10:30 AM

Upcoming events

Wednesday's Book Nook 10 am –noon

Oct 4 **Celtic Concert by SUAS 2:00PM** in the sanctuary

Oct 7 **Line Dancing** 10-11 am weekly

October 15 **Breakaway starts up** Wednesday afternoons in the hall from 2 - 4 pm throughout the winter

October 18 **Acoustic Coffee House** at 2 pm

October 24 **Harvest Dinner** doors open at 5 pm dinner at 5:30 pm
Posters have been created and will be distributed in a little while.

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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
October 8, 2025



Askew's Cards

Askews Cards are available at church or by calling Eleanor at 250-546-8195.

Remember they come in \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations and can be used at all 5 Askew's stores.

Fraud Awareness

There will be a signup sheet for a one-hour Fraud Awareness session.

I'm shooting for **October 15 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.**
OR send me an email yjmeyer@gmail.com to confirm.



Pictures from the CGIT Reunion will come in a separate mailout



SUAS, a Celtic trio from Vernon will play music to get your toes tapping and your knees slapping! SUAS (Gaelic for “UP”) features fiddle, penny whistle, Irish flute, piano, harp, guitar, haunting vocals, bodhran drum, AND a good dose of Cape Breton Step Dancing! Please join Caitlan Read, Ann Dorval and Lynn Hadfield in a concert honouring traditional Celtic music.

Admission Donations will go to help a student in Zimbabwe, a country with which we have a direct line.

How do I make offerings to Zion United?

We have three different donation methods to choose from:

1. Offering Envelopes
2. PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR)
3. Etransfer to zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com



Please note correct email address

The PreAuthorized Remittance Program (PAR) takes an online donation from your account and transfers it to the church account on the 20th day of each month.

For both Offering Envelopes and PAR there are applications on the table at the back of the church.

For further information about any of the three methods or to change to a different method, contact Leona Harrison 250-546-2728 or hleona6@gmail.com. Thank you for your continuing support.

Leona Harrison Treasurer

Thoughts & Suggestions ??

Throughout the month of September we would like to hear from you regarding thoughts, ideas and suggestions you might have.— anything goes—from services, to Bible Study to all church happenings. Please let us know. There are slips at the back of the church, or if you would rather submit by email that works too!

Contact info: zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com

250-546-9384

New Directions for Zion Choir



"Choir" is going to branch out in a few new directions this year! Here are some thoughts from a recent Music Team meeting:

1 - We want to develop an **acappella (i.e., unaccompanied), off-paper (i.e., music will be memorised) small ensemble, open to people both from Zion and beyond. It will be outreach oriented.** The goal is to learn and sing a repertoire of uplifting, positive-message music: songs, hymns, anthems, chants, canons, etc., with themes of love, peace, compassion, social justice, connection to one another, caring for each other, and caring for the earth we inhabit. This small ensemble will work at building ensemble singing skills, and will aim to sing at community and/or church events, as well as present occasional Gifts of Music.

Email or text Joey to get involved!

joey.minshall@gmail.com or 250 803 1754

2 - We want to encourage a group of **regular Zion-attending folks who would enjoy learning the melody of new hymns for church services, no**

need to memorise, supported by piano accompaniment, similar to how "choir" has operated in the past. This will be more casual than the acappella/off paper ensemble, with less rehearsal time, focused on supporting the congregation when learning music from the new hymnal Then Let Us Sing, and other sources.

Please let Joey know if you want to participate!

joey.minshall@gmail.com or 250 803 1754

3 - We want to encourage **anyone who'd like to sing Christmas carols in small groups**, casually, informally, during **Armstrong Light Up** when Zion has Open House on **Friday, November 22th**. Please let Joey know asap that you are interested, and we'll work out rehearsal times as we get closer, probably beginning mid-October after Thanksgiving.



Pastoral Care is a ministry that provides support and guidance to people who are going through challenging times.

Please contact Lorraine Powell (250-838-7908) or Wilma Koersen (250-546-6463 / 780-933-9732) if assistance is needed.

Armstrong Acoustic Coffee House.

Saturday October 18th, 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





Adele and her daughter Crystal, supported by sister Sherri spoke about the residential schools and how it affected them still today.

Hati led the service, singing a song in his native tongue, after which Crystal became inspired to sing a song in her language and used the indigenous drum that was on display.

"All are invited to the table" said Hati, pointing at a wider meaning.

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday September 28

Photo's by Penny



Lunch with Bannock for all in the hall. **Thank you to Jeff Thomas** who made the bannock.

Thank you to the Hoa Mai Berry Farm family who provided the jam.



YOUTH TREK – OCTOBER 24-26 for youth ages 13-18
at Trinity United Church, Vernon

A three day gathering that will bring youth and their leaders together.

Bursaries available and/or funding through Zion United Church.

For more information and to register: <https://www.firstthirdministry.ca/yt2025.html>


ZION UNITED CHURCH HALL
2315 PLEASANT VALLEY
BLVD. ARMSTRONG

Wednesdays
2-4PM

BREAKAWAY

DROP IN, PRE-K PLAYGROUP


find us on facebook
BREAKAWAY (Zion United, Armstrong, BC)



FREE

Breakaway is an opportunity for children (ages 0-5) their syblings & caregivers, to keep active during the autumn and winter months. Toys, Lego, music, books, colouring, crawling tunnel ect.

QUESTIONS?
leave us a message 250-546-9384



Breakaway starts right after Thanksgiving on October 15th.

Extra Hands

What is it?

A volunteer handyman/handywoman program.

Supporting people with minor home maintenance tasks. **Providing an extra hand.**

For example – changing a light bulb, hanging a lamp, hanging a picture on the wall, minor repair. Or help with administrative tasks, filling in a form or sewing on a button.

All of us have certain special gifts or qualities to “give away”.

Being meaningful for yourself and others, and at the same time bringing people together.

A database of people, forming a small network of support for each other by giving help or receiving help. Thus building towards a better life for all.

Together we will be able to make a difference. Offering or receiving help with small or even slightly bigger practical things.

A special way to contribute to our church community and beyond.

Meant to help make people’s daily life a little easier and at the same time more meaningful. All people involved becoming enriched, both the giver and the receiver. Makes access to help just one phone call away. Time and place to be determined by mutual agreement.

LINE DANCING LESSONS

Starting October 7, 2025

Zion Church Hall

10-11 AM once weekly - \$5

LINE DANCING

