

The Messenger

October 15,, 2025

Upcoming events

Wednesday's **Book Nook** 10 am –noon

Line Dancing Saturday 10-11 am weekly

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

October 15 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary **Fraud Awareness**

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

October 24 **Harvest Dinner** doors open at 5 pm dinner at 5:30 pm

October 25 **Art-Theology 9:30 AM –11:30AM**

October 26 **Pumpkin Carving 2-4 pm** in the hall

October 31 Annual Chamber of Commerce **Trick or Treat Spectacular 3:30-5:30pm** (See page 3 for more details)

November 8 Music as Ministry -Saturrday 9:30 am –12:00 noon (details on page 8)



Men's Breakfast - will be held on the third Friday of each month (except July and August) beginning with coffee at 8 am.

Breakfast is served at 8:30 am. All men are welcome.

This month of October it will be on **Friday 17th**

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 10:30 AM

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 22, 2025



Askew's Cards

Askew's cards are available at church on Sundays or by phoning Eleanor Kiefer at 250-546-8195. You can pay by cash, cheque or etransfer to zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com

Art Theology: Expressions of Faith

In this retreat-workshop we will learn about Abstract Art and discuss how art making can help us to understand more about God and about ourselves.

No previous art experience is necessary.

Workshop leader: Rev. Wendy Adams

Where: Zion United Church,
2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd.
Armstrong B.C.

When: Saturday, October 25th
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Pre-Registration is required, email: revwendy@shaw.ca



ALL ARE WELCOME

THE INCREDIBLE GROWING AND SHRINKING CALENDAR!!!!

You may have noticed the new calendar in the church hall!! This is because we, as a church, are GROWING and getting very busy.

We would like to try this type of calendar as a new way to keep track of all the activities happening in the church hall, in the sanctuary, and in other meeting areas.

You will notice a shorthand for various meeting locations, and highlights for whether an event is for church usage or rental group usage.

There is still a large wall calendar in the lounge. Just a reminder that I am the contact for all bookings for church meetings and church groups to ensure there is a 'space for all'. I will update the calendars as changes or additions come in.

Thanks for your patience as we move through our learning curves. Here we go!!!!
Bev Hunter, Office Admin

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING! C'MON, YOU KNOW YOU WANNA!

Who: Anyone! Everyone! All are welcome to join in!

When: Armstrong Light Up November 28th (yes it's 28th, not 22nd)
4pm - 8pm (you don't have to be here the whole 4 hours!)

Where: Here at Zion (no walking around town!)

Rehearsals: Fridays Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1pm

If you haven't already, please let Joey, Bev, or Leona know that you want to sing, so that we can be prepared with enough music for everyone



Christmas Baking request:

I know it's not even Thanksgiving! But in case you get the urge to bake we will need some cookies for Christmas Light Up on November 28th & then for the Christmas concert & bake sale on December 7th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Marj



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.

From First Third Ministry Committee

October 26th, 2025 - First Third Ministry Committee is hosting a **Pumpkin Carving Event**

2-4pm Zion United Church Hall

Invitation for families to join us for an afternoon of FUN

In addition to carving pumpkins there will be Halloween crafts, games and treats

If you are interested in joining us and assisting with games, crafts and carving - Please email:

dngkearney@gmail.com diannboyd@yahoo.com
maureenmacdonald8@gmail.com

October 31, 2025 – 19th Annual Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat Spectacular

Zion will participate in the trick or treat trail this year hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

We will have the hall open for family's trick or treating to have access to the washrooms.

To all in the congregation we invite you to join up with others and host a trunk of treats for the kids.

We will set up in the parking lot at the church. We would be very excited if we were able to have six trunks open with treats and our church folks to meet the families and kids. You can be as creative as you

like in decorating your trunk and wearing costumes and of course this is not a requirement – we just want to connect with kids as they enjoy the trail of treats sponsored by the Chamber. We would probably **set up about 2:30 as the event runs from 3:30-5:30pm.**

If you are interested or have any questions, please email:



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





PUMPKIN CARVING AND FUN AFTERNOON

Pre Halloween Celebration



October 26 from 2-4pm

"one pumpkin per family"

Zion United Church Hall
2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Armstrong BC

In addition to carving there will be pumpkin activities and treats. Some carving tools will be available.

Everyone welcome! Moms, Dads, Kids, Teens, Cousins, Aunts, Uncles, Omas and Opas



COOKIES & SLEEPING MATS NEEDED FOR YOUTH TREK RETREAT at Trinity UC

October 24-26.

If you are able to provide any mats, foamies or inflatables, please make sure they are labelled for their safe return to you and drop them off at Zion by 9am October 23. You can leave them in the "Babyfold" room

Cookies to feed hungry youth! All cookies should be nut-free. If you have the resources to make gluten-free or dairy-free they are also greatly appreciated. Please label all cookies with cookie type in a container/bag that need not be returned. Cookies can be left at Zion in the freezer downstairs, labelled "Youth Trek". They will be delivered to Trinity the morning of October 23.

Thanks
First Third Committee



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>

A Christmas Craft Fair

was suggested, are there any people who would be interested in having a craft table in conjunction with our Christmas concert/bake sale on December 7th? If you have an interest and you are willing to set it up please let us know.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Marj Bailey, Chair

Operations Board

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 siblings & 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 15

For the Creative People

Do you have any creative genes? Do you enjoy decorating?

We would love to find a few folks who actually enjoy decorating and would be willing to decorate the sanctuary and maybe even the hall periodically. If you have any interest in forming a "team of creative folks" please let us know by leaving a message with Bev or email zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com. We will get together over a coffee and have a discussion as to what is needed.

Marj Bailey, Chair Operations Board



All the compliments for the Sunday decorations were much appreciated and I passed them on to my friend Heather. **Thank you, Heather** for your very creative touch.

Penny Kirk did all of the sweet little pumpkins (made by herself) and brightly coloured leaves on every window sill.
Thank you, Penny!

Dianne



Zion United Church is Pleased to Host:

October 24th, 2025 Friday

Autumn Harvest Community Dinner

2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Armstrong, BC

\$25 / ticket includes: pork loin roast meal, dessert, beverages, entertainment & door prizes

Children 6 and under FREE ☺

Doors open at 5:00 pm / Dinner at 5:30 pm

Tickets can be reserved by contacting:

Isobel Kay (250-309-8714), Wilma Koersen (780-933-9732), or through Zion United Church office (250-546-9384)



Ticket Purchase Deadline is October 19th (Sunday)



**SENIORS!
STAY ALERT. STAY SAFE.**

FRAUD AWARENESS

**GUESTS:
RCMP & BANK
REPRESENTATIVES**

IS KEY

**BRING YOUR
STORIES
& QUESTIONS**



FRAUD AWARENESS SESSION

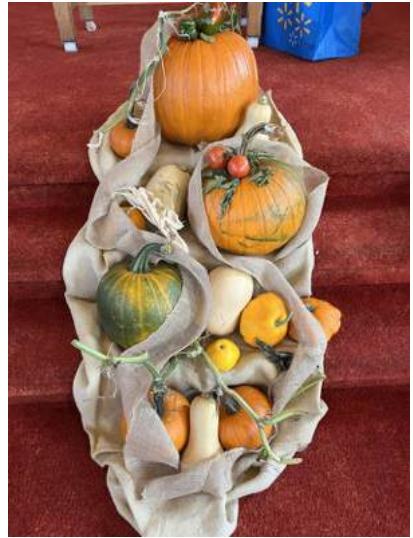
OCTOBER 15 • 7-8:30 PM

SENIORS +55

**ZION UNITED CHURCH
2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Armstrong BC**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE REGISTER BY
EMAIL - zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com**

Donations gratefully accepted to fund building improvements.



During a recent trip to Switzerland, Wilma & Gerry, were able to stay with James & Isabelle in Montreux. James Alexander (Manson) was the Zion UC pianist from 1972-1976. His father, Rev. Alex Manson, was the minister at Zion UC from 1964-1977. James had recently retired as a Professor of Piano Theory from the University of Bern. He says 'hello' to all those who knew him!



Photo's by Roy

CGIT event





MUSIC AS MINISTRY

Join us for a morning of musical exploration: Singing, story-telling and spiritual discovery. Behold the power of music as it affects our lives and our worship experience.

Workshop leader: **Rev. Juanita Austin with Jim McConnell**

Juanita is a United Church minister with over 35 years of experience, a musician, composer and author of "Cup of Wine and a Piece of Bread."

Where: Zion United Church,
2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd.
Armstrong B.C.

When: Saturday, November 8th
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
lunch following

Please register by October 31st

Email: zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com
or call 250-546-9384

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