

# The Messenger

September 10, 2025

## Upcoming events

Wednesday's Book Nook 10 am –noon

**Sept 13** Recreation Fair 9 am-2pm @ Curling club

**Sept 18** Good Food Box

**Sept 19** Men's Breakfast

**Sept 19-20** Hwy Corridor Youth Ministry Conversation

**Sept 20** MacKenzie Camp Clean Up 9:30 am –2:00 pm

**Sept 27** CGIT Reunion 10 am –4 pm

**Sept 28** Orange Shirt Sunday & Bannock Luncheon

Zion United Church

**Sunday worship — 10:30 AM**

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  
September 17, 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.

Here's a tip from a customer-- When you get your cards take a picture of the number on the back of each card or write it down. Then if you somehow lose a card then Askew's can trace that number and

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# RECREATION FAIR

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN OUR AREA?

Join us and meet representatives from many clubs and groups based in the area. Its your chance to ask questions and find something fun to join!



**DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

**TIME: 9 AM - 2 PM**

**PLACE: ARMSTRONG CURLING CLUB**



## 110th Anniversary Reunion

This is our invitation to join us  
 Saturday, September 27th, 2025  
 Zion United Church  
 2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Armstrong BC

Who do you know that was in CGIT? or a Leader?  
 Please help us share the invitation.

We will celebrate with a full day of F.U.N. sharing stories, songs, skits, lunch, memories, worship, BBQ, cake, campfire, and more. From 10 am MUG UP to Campfire!



For more info and registration forms  
 please contact Diann Boyd 250-549-0724 (talk or text)  
 or email [diannboyd@yahoo.com](mailto:diannboyd@yahoo.com)  
 or [zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com](mailto:zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com)

## Produce Share Program

Monday mornings:  
 Produce Drop Off: 9 - 10 am  
 Produce Pick Up: 10 am - noon  
 Monday evenings: 5 - 6:30 pm

### OPEN TO EVERYONE

Farmers or Home Gardeners:  
 Got extra produce, please drop off Monday mornings or evenings for our volunteers to distribute



LOCATION: Community Gardens on Smith Rd. behind the red caboose (between the car wash & library)

[Spallumcheen Armstrong Food initiative Society](https://www.facebook.com/SpallumcheenArmstrongFoodInitiativeSociety)

Every Monday  
till October

## 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](mailto:zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com)

The PreAuthorized Remittance Program (PAR) takes an online donation from your account and transfers it to the church account on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com)

250-546-9384

**Bev is away** on holidays for the month of September. Please continue to email announcements to the church account by Wednesday each week, and if you have any questions please contact Maureen MacDonald (250-550-4573) or Dalynn Kearney (236-457-9357)

## New Directions for Zion Choir

Thank you for the many kind comments about Bucket of Love, presented as a Gift of Music by a small group of singers on Sunday, August 17th. That was, I hope, the first of more such presentations to come.

"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.

**Recreation Fair Saturday, September 13th**  
**Email or text Joey to get involved!**

[joev.minshall@gmail.com](mailto:joev.minshall@gmail.com) or 250 803 1754

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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.

**Next opportunity to SING:**  
**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Church Service**  
**Rehearsals: Friday, Sept 12 and Friday, Sept 19**  
**1:30pm**  
**to learn "God, Ever-Moving"**  
**Please let Joey know if you want to participate!**

[joev.minshall@gmail.com](mailto:joev.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 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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**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.

Ann



Kitchen Sink Pocket Orchestra totally exceeded any expectations and delivered a fantastic 2 hour concert at the Zion United Church here in Armstrong. Don't miss them if you get a chance! Bach to Beach Boys!!!

Congratulations to Wendy Adams on her 60th Birthday!!

Photo by Yvonne

## Men's Breakfast



The first Men's Breakfast of the season will be held **Friday, September 19, beginning with coffee at 8 am** followed by a hearty breakfast at 8:30.

All men are welcome to attend for good food and fellowship

The breakfast is cooked by the men and they also look after the clean up.

We hope to see you at the Zion church hall.

Wayne

## UPCOMING YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Please share this information with youth, young adults and young families in your circle.



### Highway 97 Corridor Youth Ministry Gathering

Vernon, Kelowna, Winfield, Lumby, Enderby, Armstrong, Salmon Arm, Canoe, Kamloops

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Zion United Church, Armstrong**

An invitation to all parents, youth and young adults! Please join us! Your voice is important in this conversation!

**5:00pm-7:30pm      Dinner and a conversation.**

Invitation to parents, youth, and young adults to share their thoughts about Youth Ministry in our Hwy 97 corridor, shared successes and possibilities for First Third Ministry collaborations.

RSVP by Sept 12 to <https://form.jotform.com/252315160873252>



### 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>