

The Messenger

September 3rd, 2025

Operations Board update

Things are definitely happening around the church. Several of the committees have been meeting and gearing up for September.

I personally met with some of the Girl Guide leaders on the evening of August 26th, they have started moving some of their supplies into the basement and the Units will start up the week of September 15th.

September 7th don't forget to come to the Kitchen Sink Pocket Orchestra concert, sponsored by Greg and Wendy Adams, it is a fundraiser for our church.

September 13th the church will be represented at the Recreation Fair at the Curling Club – thanks Gail for putting together the display and information. And a small choir with music leader Joey is singing.

We are hosting a **meeting of the Hwy 97 Corridor Youth Ministry team the evening of September 19th and during the day September 20th.**

The CGIT reunion is taking place on September 27th.

And an extra special lunch will be happening on **September 28th. Jeff Thomas (Mackenzie Camp cook) will be providing a "Bannock lunch"** following worship. A couple days prior to the official Truth and Reconciliation Day.

That's it for September.

Marj Bailey, Co-chair Operations Board

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
September 10, 2025**

excess frozen food

Mackenzie Camp has excess frozen food for sale by donation.

There is a case of bacon (\$56.99); a case of breakfast sausage (\$44.99) and a case of chicken breasts (\$57.99).

You will find the cases in the big freezer in the basement of the hall. You can make a donation by e-transfer to maccamp@shaw.ca (please leave a note in the message as to what it is for) or leave a cheque in the office.

Thank you for your support as always

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**kitchen sink
pocket orchestra**



Live In Concert

Join us for this fresh and exciting mixed string and wind ensemble introducing orchestral instruments in a fun and engaging way. From Mozart to Metallica, Beethoven to the Beatles, there truly is something for everyone!

September 7, 2025, 7:00pm
Tickets by donation (cash only at the door).
Zion United Church
 2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Armstrong
 All proceeds to Zion United Church zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com
 Sponsored by: Wendy and Greg Adams



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 replace it if it has not been used.



* **ARMSTRONG CURLING CLUB
IS PROUD TO HOST THE
THIRD ANNUAL:**

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
or zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com



Zion United and the IPE
float

Photo by Penny

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

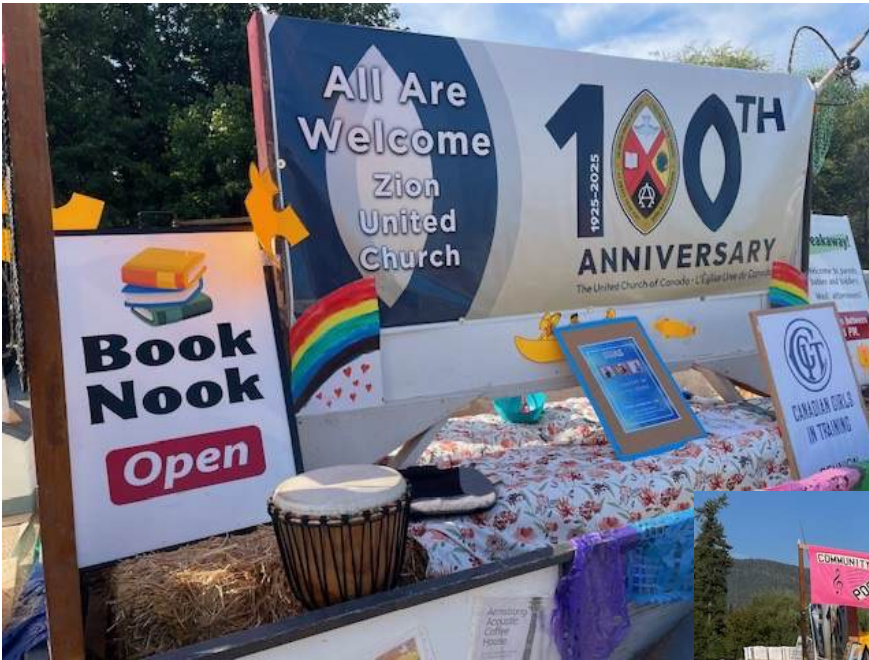
zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com

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



Zion's IPE Float

Photo's by Sharon



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

Every Monday
til October



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LYNN HADFIELD



ANN DORVAL

A CONCERT OF CELTIC MUSIC



*Featuring: fiddle flute harp whistle
stepdancing guitar bodhran singing*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 2 PM

Zion United Church

2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Armstrong

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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.

**Next opportunity to SING:
Recreation Fair Saturday, September 13th
Rehearsals: Tuesday Sept 2, 7pm and Tuesday Sept 9 1:00pm**

Interested? Excited? Eager?

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.

**Next opportunity to SING:
Sunday, September 21st 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!
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 28th**. 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.

joey.minshall@gmail.com or 250 803 1754

Good food Box

Many changes to this program are happening. It moved upstairs successfully for the August dispersal and will continue to be up there.

A few glitches were addressed as the August distribution day went by - the biggest being learning how to stack the tables on the racks to push under the stage.

(The bottom table needs to be placed with the feet on top!) Too bad we didn't learn this until we had the full stack and were trying to push it under the stage!

Where to pay ahead:

1. online on the website. www.goodfoodbox.ca
@goodfoodboxnorthokanagan
2. At the table in the hall on dispersal day
3. At the BGCO (Food Bank building beside the Post Office)
4. **Chamber of Commerce Building (former Oddfellows Hall) by City Hall**

This replaces the Gathering Grounds Thrift shop which has been an outlet for us for many years and we thank them for their contribution to this program over those years.

For September , order and pay by September 9 and pick up on Thursday September 18

Louise