



Dear Church Friends,

November 2021

Since our last newsletter, Judith has retired to the Crowsnest Pass and Rev. Hyun Heo has begun his ministry with us. Hyun moved into the manse when renovations were wrapping up. Many thanks to Garry Cleland and the Property Committee for organizing new blinds, refinishing of the hardwood floors and installation of new basement windows! We also thank Diana Smith and her crew for painting the kitchen, front steps and the church office as well!

Mountain Mill Church hosted a family picnic after their service in July where we said farewell to Judith and presented gifts from the Pastoral Charge. Hyun led his first services in Pincher Creek and Mountain Mill during August and Foothills Church in Cowley began services again

in September. We are learning Korean greetings and Hyun is taking pictures of everyone to help match faces to names!

Message from Hyun:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm glad that I have a chance to introduce myself especially for those who haven't met or talked to me yet. I was born and raised in South Korea. I pursued a theological education at Hanshin University and several years later, earned a Bachelor of Theology and Masters in Divinity. In 2009, I was ordained in the Presbyterian Church of Republic of Korea (PROK) while I served as an associate minister at An-min church which is one of the Min-Jung churches that have been working with those who are politically oppressed, economically exploited, sociologically marginalized, culturally despised, and religiously condemned.

Then, I served at Hyo-dong Church in Seoul and Hamburg Korean Church in Germany as a youth and young adult minister. I came to Canada in 2013 and started my studies at St. Andrews College in Saskatoon and completed the Master of Theological Study (MTS) in 2019. Then, I served Kipling and Grenfell United Church in Saskatchewan for about 4 years. I grew up in Seoul with a population of 10 million people. But as I served small churches in the rural area, I felt so blessed to see how people care, love, and support each other as the people of God.

I believe that church, as an example of the Kingdom of God, has to welcome and include all people regardless of age, gender, race, and sexual orientation. With such a great calling to fulfill, it is my dream to invite all generations into worship, find time to visit people, make church a safe and positive place for youth and Sunday School folks, and encourage people to take a walk with Jesus.

I moved to Pincher last summer. I feel that I found my second home that meets both my spiritual and physical needs because I love mountains and rivers, X-country skiing, camping, hiking and riding my bike.

I am a people person and love to sing. So, I hope that we can sing, praise, and celebrate God's presence together in every corner of our lives. Peace of Christ be always with you.

Truth and Reconciliation Gathering: Hyun, Joyce Taylor and Carol Watt planned a service outside at our church to recognize the first National Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept. 30. The sun shone on us as Reverend Hyun and Elder Peter Strikes With A Gun led us in reflection. Members of the Strikes With A Gun family shared singing and drumming. It was a thoughtful and positive experience for all who gathered.

Worship Committee - Here are services that the Worship Committee is planning at the Pincher Creek Church during the Christmas season:

Cowboy Christmas, Nov.28 at 11am – Braden and Rachael Barber and Hyun will lead a service that celebrates our rural way of life in God's world

White Christmas, Dec.5 at 11am – We are invited to bring items for the Food Bank on this White Gift Sunday

Blue Christmas, Dec.15 at 7pm - Hyun is preparing a prayerful time for those who have experienced loss and are dealing with grief

Sunday School Service, Dec.19 at 11am – Our young people will lead us in worship

Christmas Eve Service, Dec.24 at 7pm

Regular service on Dec.26 at 11am

We are observing Covid protocols of distancing and wearing masks at church; we are also recording each service. You can participate in each online service live or later on the Pastoral Charge Facebook page. If you would like to be added to this Facebook group, please contact the church at (403-627-3734) or pcucoffice@gmail.com

Food Bank: These are foods that the Food Bank always needs and would appreciate as donations at any time –

Rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned salmon or tuna or ham, cereal, oatmeal, tinned vegetables or fruit, tinned soup, crackers, lunch snacks of granola bars or fruit cups

Gifts of money are really appreciated for purchase of bread, milk, eggs and meat.

Cheques for the Food Bank can be made out to: Pincher Creek and District Community Food Centre

Waterton United Church: The 30th Annual Waterton UC Christmas Candlelight Service will be held on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21st at 5 p.m.** with Honorary Associate Minister Eva Stanley. If the weather is not good, the service will be available later on Facebook (Waterton United Church of Canada) and the website, watertonunitedchurch.com.

We are allowed to bring our own packed lunches and enjoy spaced visiting afterwards. Christmas blessings to you all.

Happy Anniversary Cake: Instead of an Anniversary Supper this fall, we're planning Anniversary Treat packages that you can buy as a gift for yourself or for someone else! On November 21, one hundred packages will be available after church in town (12 noon) or can be picked up at the church during the afternoon until 4pm. Each package will contain 6 different squares that have been baked in the church kitchen and will cost \$10. (None of the squares will contain nuts or coconut) If you would like to preorder, please sign up for squares on the counter in the church foyer. We look forward to celebrating our church's 137th anniversary with sweet treats!

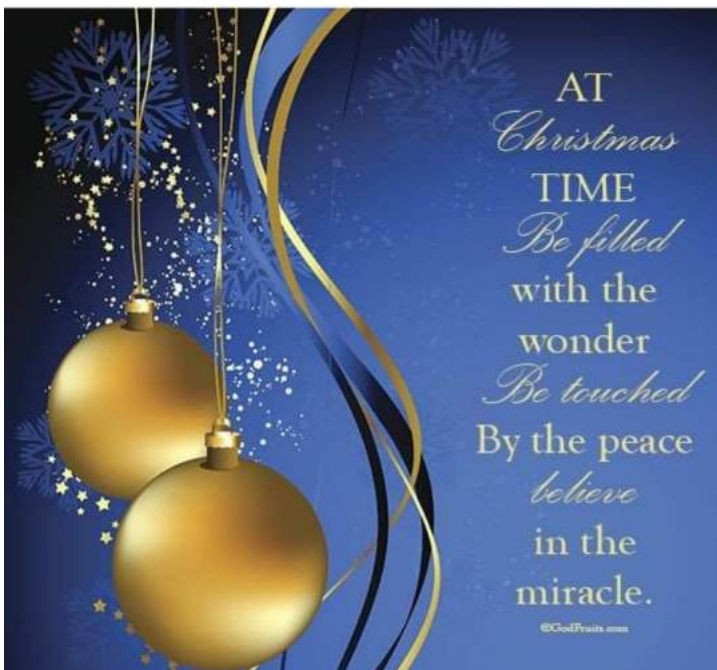
Church Musicians: We really appreciate everyone who is able to sign up to play the piano at church in Pincher Creek and/or Cowley. Thank you for sharing your talents with us!

Thrift Shop: Hurray! On Oct. 29 the Thrift Store returned to regular open hours: 10-4 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Thank you to the dedicated and flexible staff who keep this service going!

Pastoral Care Committee – We are concerned about our church family after a challenging year and would be glad to reach out to folks who might appreciate a phone call or visit. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like a visit from one of us: Hyun (306)290-4107, Mary May (403)627-3987, Lee McClelland (403)627-2341, Linda Johnson (403)627-3533 or Muriel McPherson (403)627-2872

As the Christmas season approaches, let us catch our breath as we look back on a difficult year. May this Vision of the United Church that was recently approved by the 43rd General Council inspire us to go forward with hope and strength:

“Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.”



This brings wishes to you for a Christmas season filled with love, hope and many blessings.

Pastoral Charge Social Committee
(Rev. Hyun, Carol Watt, Caroline Johnson,
Donna Elliott, Muriel McPherson)



Gifts for Judith



Mountain Mill Family Picnic



Truth and Reconciliation Service

“God, help us to treasure these moments of myst’ry;
To hallow the Sacred in all that we do.
Throughout ev’ry season may we be your agents
Of love, joy, and blessing as hearts are renewed.”