

E A S T E R 2 0 1 1

Kimberley United Church

Food for the Soul --- Friends for the Journey



Family Spring Planting

“United for Kids” 2nd annual event

All ages welcome, rain or shine.

Kimberley United Church, Saturday, May 7th, 10:00 – Noon

Come plant some seeds and watch them grow - let's just hope it doesn't snow!

Lunch Provided!

Please ensure your children are dressed to get dirty!

Visit us on the web at kimberleyunited.ca

Palm Sunday
April 17

9:30 am in Platzl
Blessing of Palms

10 am in church
Sing Hosanna

Good Friday
April 22

10 am in church

Music & Readings
We witness the loss
of light

Easter Sunday
April 24

10 am in church

Joyful Worship

Rev Jeff Seaton

*But the angel said:
Why do you look for him
among the dead?
He is not here!*

*Lord Jesus,
help us to lay down the graveclothes,
roll away the stone
and come out into life,
here and now.*

(Kathy Galloway)

The story at the heart of our faith is a story of death and resurrection. It's a story that does not deny the ugly and painful reality of death: Easter morning begins in a tomb. But, to the great amazement of the disciples, it's an *empty* tomb. The still-living spirit of Jesus has burst the bonds of death and is on the loose in the world.

During the season of Lent, we have contemplated the life of the church, and the ways in which we seem to be reaching our limits: we've talked about being depleted and diminished, lost in

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the wilderness with no road map for the way forward. We may feel at times as though we have 'one foot in the grave.'

A wise person once said that the first emotion of resurrection is *fear*. Standing at the crossroads between death and life, holding on to the discarded grave clothes, one foot in the cold, dark tomb, and one foot on the warm, sunlit ground outside, we are for a moment paralysed.

The question Easter provokes is, 'Where is our other foot?' If we have one foot in the grave, can we find the courage to plant the other foot firmly on the side of *life*? Friends, the spirit of Jesus beckons us, and together as a community we can companion each other on the way that leads to abundant life.

May God bless our Easter journeys.

Rev. Jeff Seaton

Council Report

Easter blessings to all in the community we call Kimberley United Church. We have been travelling through Lent, through a time of reflection and we eagerly anticipate the Easter message with it's hope for renewal, it's promise of peace, it's challenge to incarnate God's word by being doers and not just sayers and it's invitation to inspire us to continue the work of Jesus in spirited and truthful ways.

The first few months of 2011 has brought us many challenges and new prospects of change. Although we are very sad to see Rev. Jeff's time at Kimberley United come to an end June 30 - we have been truly blessed with his strong leadership, his exceptional communication skills, his sincere and deep commitment to this United Church of ours and the many opportunities he has made available for each of us to learn of God's abundant love for us. We know that he "will go, and make a difference" wherever he is called to be. Our blessing is that we have been fortunate to have him here for four years and that he leaves us with the skills to continue to move forward as we prepare to receive a new minister.

Through the JNAC and search process it has become evident to me that the congregation of Kimberley United is very clear on their desires and direction for our church to follow. To that

end, this year Council and your committees will endeavor to follow and implement strategies that will support our goals of:

1. Engaging new members, especially younger families
2. Explaining to the broader community what KUC is all about.
3. Working towards sustainability and a balanced budget.

It will be a vibrant and exciting year.

This Easter season please join us for Holy week services. Perhaps the spirit will encourage and surprise you to grow in new and meaningful ways.

Blessings,

Diana Semenchuk, Council Chair



Worship Committee

EASTER SERVICES:

April 17, Palm Sunday

9:30 am Blessing of the Palms in the Platzl, followed by 10 am Worship.

April 22, Good Friday

10 am service.

April 24, Easter Sunday

10 am Easter Worship.

The sunrise service will not be held this year. With Easter so late in April, the sun will be rising just after 6:30—early, even for early risers!!

COMMUNION

- April 24, Easter Sunday.
- June 5.

SERVICES AT THE 'PINES'

April 8 at 2.P.M.---Ecumenical Easter service.

May 12 at 10:30 A.M. ---with Communion.

June 6 at 10:30 A.M. ---Regular UC worship.

Easter blessings, Esther Jacobson

Search Committee

From the beginning, our committee knew we had a tough job. Our role is to find a minister that our congregation will meet our needs now, and into the future.

Our committee includes: Gail McColl, Sheila McDonald, Howard May, Murray Dean, Catherine Pennington and Louise Welsh. We have had excellent guidance and support from our Presbytery representatives, Pat Ridler and Rhonda Pigott, who are both from Cranbrook United Church.

The JNAC committee produced a good document to present to the prospective

candidates. While we had no illusion that we would be would have an easy task, our Kimberley United Church has a good reputation and our community is definitely one that has much to offer. Each of the committee has taken a part of the work and contributed to our journey.

We have worked through a number of emails and phone calls and five meetings. We did receive a flurry of attention and six applications. We have just completed three interviews. We have spent \$1,656 on travel costs. Contributions of hospitality from Murray Dean and Sheila & Greg McDonald have kept our costs to a minimum.

We plan to present a candidate to the congregation for consideration after church on April 17.

Centenary Celebration ~ Flo McGillivray

Drop into the Kimberley Elk's Hall on Saturday, May 21 between 1 & 4 pm to help our Flo McGillivray celebrate her 100th birthday. Please no gifts, cards or flowers...just your presence!

Spirituality: A State of Faith?

Participate in a fun evening of conversation on Thursday, April 28th at 8:00 pm at BJ's Creekside Pub.

Rev. Jeff Seaton and Catherine Pennington are planning to co-author a paper about the relationship between today's young families and religion / spirituality. As part of our

research we want to learn more about how people between the ages of 25 - 50 view spirituality, faith and religion.

What better way to do this than have conversations and what better place to have conversations than a pub? We've got a series of provocative images and questions to guide an unstructured, relaxed and free flowing evening of dialogue.

Kimberley United Church

2011 Council & Committees

Church Council

Chairperson: Diana Semenchuk
Secretary: Gerda Mann
Treasurer: Jack Ratcliffe
Minister: Rev. Jeff Seaton
plus members shown where name is underlined

Property and Finance

Terry Macham, Jack Ratcliffe (treasurer),
Carol Fergus (Envelope Secretary), Bill Bale,
Tom Bethune, Murray Dean, Jay Mellor, Gerry
Semenchuk
Privacy Act: Don Roberts

Worship

Esther Jacobson, Terry Macham, Carol Andrews,
Pauline Bethune, Michael Jones, Joan Giesbrecht
Banners: Joan Giesbrecht
Flowers: Anne Jones

Faith Formation

Eileen Dean, Bill Bale, Pamela Cooper,
Cory Muir, Catherine Pennington, Bob West-Sells

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Betty Wilkinson, Donna Baldwin, Mary
Bergeron*, Ruth Carlson, Lil Child*, Eileen
Gross, Carol Mellor, Diana Semenchuk, Corinne
Backman, Barb Streich, Donna Vander Maaten*
(* members who participate outside of meetings)
Card sending: Corinne Backman

Outreach

Graham Mann, Gail McColl, Gerda Mann,
Sheila McDonald, Pat Oslund, Diana Semenchuk,
Joyce Wilkinson
Rock Lake Camp: Gerda & Graham Mann
M&S enthusiasts: Joyce Wilkinson

Communications

Pauline Bethune, Jim Andrews, Catherine
Pennington, Don Seaton, Ruth Ratzlaff
Observer: Ruth Ratzlaff

Ministry and Personnel

Jim Andrews, Bev Roberts, Murray Dean

Trustees

Bill Bale, Linda Johnson, Graham Mann,
Scott Owen, Louise Welsh

Presbytery Representatives

Gerda Mann, Sandra Warner