

E A S T E R 2 0 1 0

Kimberley United Church

Food for the Soul --- Friends for the Journey



65th Wedding Anniversary

On March 15th Jack and Jean Morrison celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, in the company of many friends and family.

Shown above (left to right) are Flo McGillivray (Jack's sister), Rev. Jeff Seaton, Jack and Jean Morrison.

Jack holds the honour of being the first baby baptized in our church building, when the upper hall was a Methodist church.

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Palm Sunday
March 28

9:30 am in Platzl
Blessing of Palms

10 am in church
Sing Hosanna

Good Friday
April 2

10 am in church

Music & Readings
We witness the loss
of light

Easter Sunday
April 4

7:20 am at outlook

Sunrise Service

10 am in church
Joyful Worship

Rev Jeff Seaton

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

(Luke 24:30-31)

Resurrection is a tricky concept.

The idea that Jesus physically died on the cross; that his body was placed in a tomb; and that, on the third day after his death, he returned to life – this idea is increasingly difficult to make sense of in our modern world.

Now, part of the problem is the way we think today. With our modern, scientific worldview we tend to focus on provable, measurable facts. And this leaves little room for other ways of seeing or understanding. We can be such literalists!

But look at the description offered by the first Christians –

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how Jesus was present with them in the breaking of the bread. Did they mean something literal – that Jesus had returned to his physical body, and was alive again as he once was?

Or did they mean something different – that despite his dying a cruel death, that he was somehow still present to them as teacher, guide and companion on the journey? That after his death, he continued to reveal to them the message of God's love, and continued to bind them together as a community of disciples.

There is not one right way of understanding resurrection. From that very first Easter morning almost 2,000 years ago, right up to today, Christians have had many ways of understanding what they experienced, and still experience –

Jesus' presence when we gather as community. What matters most about the resurrection is the understanding that Good Friday – with its violence and cruelty and death – is never the end of the story as far as God is concerned. The love that Jesus lived – a love that was shared in community – proved stronger than anything the world could throw at it. Love does indeed endure all things.

So perhaps God intends for us to understand the resurrection as an invitation. An invitation to step beyond our despair, and into hope. An invitation to step beyond our sorrow, and into joy. An invitation to step beyond our fear, and into love.

May God bless all of our journeys this Easter season.
Jeff

Council Report

There is a hint of springtime in the air, there is the promise of new life hidden beneath the melting snow, there is early morning light indicating the beginnings of a new season and, most importantly for our Christian family at Easter, there is a renewed sense of hope

Celebrate and rejoice for God delivers on his promises. We will surely be aware of this if we are able to take our lives, our talents and our blessings and use them as examples of God's promise of hope. In this way we can be supportive of others and the message of Easter will continue to flourish and grow abundantly.

Be challenged by the messages of Lent and Easter, stretch past the usual, find a new response, seek a different answer, have courage to feel renewed and excited about all possibilities. Know in your hearts that you are always assured of God's love.

Your church council has accepted the challenge of this season and will begin a study based on the book "Finding Jesus on the Metro". We are blessed at Kimberley United to have a great team of committee chairs and members who use their many spiritual gifts to perform the ongoing work of our church. For all of their contributions I am very grateful.



As we begin the Holy week journey, be kind to each other; be aware of God's many faces and, as promised, feel the security and comfort of God's presence in your life.

Happy Easter, Happy Spring, He is risen!!

Diana Semenchuk, Council Chair

Worship Committee

EASTER SERVICES:

March 28th, Palm Sunday

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

March 29th, Easter at The Pines

2:00 pm Ecumenical Easter Service at the Pines, led by Rev. Jeff. and others.

April 2nd, Good Friday

10 am service.

April 4th, Easter Sunday

7:20 am Sunrise service* followed by breakfast in the upper hall.
10 am Easter Worship.

*The site for this service is on 312th Avenue (back road to Marysville)--- known to most as the 'fertilizer road' or the 'dump road'. We have used

this "perfect" spot for the last 2 or 3 years—an out-cropping that faces the Rocky Mountains, where the sun rises in truly magnificent splendor.

COMMUNION.

Mindful of the preferences expressed by members of the congregation, we will be alternating the method of serving Communion.

- April 4th Seated.
- May 2nd Stations.
- June 6th Seated.

PULPIT SUPPLY.

A heartfelt thank-you to the folks who have stepped in to lead worship on the Sundays that Rev. Jeff will be away.

- April 11th Rev. Barbara Langton.
- May 9th The Outreach Committee.
- May 16th The Choir.

Easter blessings, Esther Jacobson

Planned Giving

I thank God for the seasons he/she provides me, especially Easter where we rejoice in new growth and new opportunities. However, I cannot believe God meant that time would go by so fast. It certainly cannot be my age! For those of you who enjoyed meeting Jane Harding, Gift Planner for B.C. Conference, during her visit to Kimberley, here is a reminder: that meeting took place five months ago! Yes, it was in November, 2009 when Jane impressed upon us not to ask how we can give to our church but why we should give to our church.

Your Planned Giving Committee consists of Jim Andrews, Barb Langton, and Graham Mann. We have invited Jane Harding to return to Kimberley and hopefully she will be with us some time in May. Jane provides all the monthly Planned

Giving notices in our Sunday Bulletin. Hopefully, this timely information will assist you with ideas on how giving is affordable and of great value to your church and you.

One of the easiest first steps we would like you to consider is to join those of us who use PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). Knowing in advance that we will be receiving regular monthly amounts is a great benefit to our Church and eases the stress for our Treasurer.

Seven other ways you can give and make a difference through a Planned Gift: **INVEST** in the future of the United Church; **GIVE** to the Mission and Service Fund; **ENDOW** your congregation; **CONTRIBUTE** to a favourite ministry; **ESTABLISH** a scholarship; **FUND** a camper; **COMMEMORATE** a special person.

God Bless

Graham Mann

Property & Finance Committee

At this time, the Finance and Property Committee, other than taking care of routine building maintenance is considering the following projects:

1. Photocopier replacement:

The service contract for the Church photocopier expires in August. This machine is now 10 years old and parts are becoming scarce if not unobtainable. The committee is considering a number of options for replacing this important piece of office equipment including purchase and lease. It should be noted that in 2009 the Church made 30 thousand photocopies with this machine. This is a typical figure of usage that has taken place for some years. This does seem an extraordinarily high figure. To get a better handle on copier usage we are now asking all photocopier users to record their copy numbers in a log situated near the copier.

2. Upper Hall Lighting:

Currently the upper hall fluorescent lighting is suffering from a number of problems. Many tubes are either intermittent or burned out. There is also an oddball assortment of

fluorescent types and colours (cool to warm). The consequence is poor and uneven lighting in one of our more public areas. To rectify this, the committee plans to perform a mass replacement of the upper hall fluorescent tubes.

3. Sanctuary Lighting:

We are investigating the possible replacement of the current incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient compact fluorescent types. Although this would seem to be a logical thing to do, there are potential risks in doing so. The Church infra-red hearing aid system, according to the manufacturer, Sennheiser, is prone to interference from fluorescent fixtures. In fact they no longer manufacture the model that we possess having replaced it with a "high-band" device which is unaffected by fluorescent lights. It could cost in the neighborhood of \$5000 to replace the Church hearing aid system. This project will not proceed until we are satisfied that the energy efficient CFL bulbs will provide adequate lighting and do not effect the hearing aid system.

4. Sanctuary Organ/Piano:

Cranbrook musician, Rob Bernhardt has taken the old Sanctuary organ off our hands. The small piano is still for sale.

Terry Macham, Chairperson

Rock Lake Camp

Spring is a hectic time for our Church Camp Co-Directors Kevin and Melissa Travis.

During last year's Camp they became proud parents of their first child. Then a career change for Kevin necessitated their moving from Cranbrook to Calgary. At no time during these stressful times did they stop planning for another successful summer camp for children at Rock Lake.

Our bulletin board has applications for camp

leaders, children's registration forms and Rock Lake Camp brochures, all produced by this wonderful dedicated couple.

Our co-ed camp runs this summer from **July 18 to July 24**.

Do you know a youth who may wish to attend camp or become a camp leader this summer? Use the resources from the Bulletin Board to help spread the word.

Do not delay; this camp fills up very quickly.

Graham and Gerda Mann

Pastoral Care & Fellowship

This committee has been busy planning several activities for the spring and summer. Please make a note of the following dates so you won't miss anything:

Spring Fling Luncheon:

This will be held after the service on April 18th. Open faced buns, fruit, etc. will be served as well as squares for dessert.

Fellowship Tea:

Reserve May 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 for this fun social sponsored by the Outreach Committee. A sing-song will be part of the activities.

Dessert & Auction Night:

This is happening Sunday evening, May 30th from 6:30 to around 9:30 and will be a fundraiser so any items or talent you are able to donate to be auctioned off would be appreciated. There will be a cover charge of \$5.00 per person which will include dessert and coffee or tea. We're looking forward to having a good turnout for this fun event so invite your friends to come and enjoy this evening with us.

Church Picnic: June 20th is the date for the picnic. It will be held on the street in front of the Church.

Blessings to all for a wonderful Easter.

Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee.

Outreach Committee

Easter is all about new life, new hope and the freshness of Spring. This is a wonderful time to share with you our Committee's current plans and our hopes for the future.

Khmer Women's Voice Centre (KWVC): We developed a long-range plan that will enable the Cambodia Support Group and the KWVC to plan for the future. Commencing in 2011 Kimberley United will reduce our annual support by one-third over the next three years with the program being phased out by 2013. Arne Sahlén and the Outreach Committee are confident that this plan will encourage the KWVC to move toward a successful model of self-sufficiency. The additional benefits of this plan are to assist our Church during these financial challenges and allow Outreach to consider new social justice projects.

Food Cards for Kids: We will continue to provide \$1,500 worth of Selkirk Secondary School and McKim Middle School food cards to the Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank for students who

otherwise would go through the school day hungry. Our continued support is greatly appreciated by the Food Bank who are under increasing demand to offer this program. On April 6 our Committee will meet with Mr. Jamie Weir to share his experiences of working with food cards and children at risk for School District 6. Mr. Weir was also a volunteer for the Spark Youth Centre.

Dry Grad & Spark Youth Centre: These youth programs will continue to receive our support.

Fellowship Teas: Knowing that our Church calendar is fast filling up for the rest of the year, we are delighted to announce that we have been able to schedule a fun-filled Fellowship Tea for Mother's Day, on Wednesday, May 12.

The Outreach Committee is actively looking for members. If you are looking for an opportunity to assist your community in a rewarding manner talk to any one of us. We meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 1 pm in the Upper Hall. Call us! Happy Easter to all. Graham Mann, Chair

Kimberley United Church

2010 Council & Committees

Church Council

Chairperson: Diana Semenchuk
Past Chairperson: Jim Andrews
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, 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, Carol Andrews, Bill Bale,
Cory Muir, Louise Welsh, Bob West-Sells

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Betty Wilkinson, Donna Baldwin, Ruth Carlson,
Lil Child, Carol Mellor, Diana Semenchuk,
Corinne Backman, Barb Streich,
Donna Vander Maaten
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

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

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Murray Dean

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Bill Bale, Linda Johnson, Scott Owen

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Gerda Mann, Sandra Warner