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Kimberley United Church



Rev. Jeff's message

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. – Psalm 100:1

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. – Philippians 4:4.

The call to rejoice, celebrate, and give thanks has a long history amongst people of faith. There are times when it may seem easy to heed that call – times when things are going well, and we know our lives to be abundantly blessed.

But there are other times when it may seem next to impossible to lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving – times when we know affliction and trouble, challenge and struggle. Yet even then, we can give thanks for companions on the journey, and the small miracles that grace our lives.

The Apostle Paul promises that as we offer to God in prayer all the moments of our lives, we will know 'the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding.'

Wherever we are on life's journey, may we each experience the blessings of God's presence in this autumn season.

Welcome back Sunday

After worship on September 19th, a soup and bun lunch gave everyone a chance to catch up. The service also welcomed new members (Sheila and Greg McDonald, above) and the dedication of new choir songbooks in memory of Betty Twells.

Online: www.kimberleyunited.ca

Fabric Arts
Sat-Sun, Oct 16-17
Janet Armstrong
will lead a work-
shop on colour.

Bible Study
Tuesdays, 1:30 PM
At Garden View
Village Parlor.
Drop-in.

Nature & Poetry
Thur Oct 14
From 2 - 4:30 PM
Workshop with
Ray McGinnis

KUC Council Report

by Diana Semenchuk

Welcome Back!!!

This is that very special time of year when we start to resume our familiar fall activities. I hope you are returning from a restful and rejuvenating summer with minds to think and hearts to love. Perhaps you have travelled, visited with family and friends or simply had an opportunity to enjoy nature. Each of these and all your summer activities may have given you renewed energy, insightful thoughts, perhaps new ideas or a creative inspiration.

Thanksgiving is a time to consider God's blessings and generosity. We have many blessings and treasured gifts to share. As a community of faith the challenge is to participate using the blessings that have uniquely been given to each of us. This will strengthen our own congregation and give us confidence as we continue to show others what our United Church is all about.

The possibilities for us are endless. We have "each other" and "opportunities each day". Count your blessings!! Let's see what we can do for Kimberley United and what Kimberley United can do for the world.

Happy Thanksgiving
Diana Semenchuk

Outreach Report

by Graham Mann

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the blessings that we have experienced during the past year as we successfully reached out to others at home and internationally.

Outreach has six budgeted programs in 2010: Khmer Women's Voice Centre (KWVC), Kimberley Kids Food Cards, Selkirk Dry Grad, Rock Lake Camperships, Spark Youth Centre and Homeless Support. All six of these programs will be continued in 2011.

We are celebrating Thanksgiving by announcing our plans to implement an exciting partnership

with youth-at-risk Coordinator James Weir. James works with youth-at-risk in Kimberley under the Provincial Government's Community LINKS program. Our goal is to give students from Selkirk and McKim opportunities to join with our church family to help with fellowship and fundraising projects. James also hopes that our Rock Lake youth camps will be able to offer camperships to some of his students in the summer.

Our Fellowship Teas will continue, commencing with our delightful "Who's behind the spooky mask?" Hallowe'en Tea on October 27.

Thank you for your continued support as we plan for an exciting 2011.

Apple Pies

The faithful crew again produced over 400 apple pies on Saturday September 25th as a fundraiser for Kimberley United Church.

Worship Committee

by Esther Jacobson

I hope that everyone enjoyed a healthy and happy summer, despite the not so great weather, and ready to plunge into the fast approaching Advent and Christmas season.

One of the responsibilities of our committee is pulpit supply. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who led worship while Rev. Jeff was away on a well deserved vacation. I think that everyone at KUC recognizes the high quality of lay leadership that we enjoy, as indicated by the fact that Sunday worship attendance stayed fairly constant throughout August.

SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP:

- October 3rd St Francis,
"Blessing of the Animals"
3pm church lawn.
- October 10 Thanksgiving Sunday
- October 31 All Saints Sunday
- November 7 Peace and
Remembrance Sunday
- November 28 First Sunday of Advent
- December 12 Christmas Cantata.

COMMUNION SERVICES:

October 3 Worldwide Communion Sunday.
October 31.

November & December Communion services to be announced.

NOTE: We would like to add some more names to the communion 'server' list. There is a sign-up sheet in the upper hallway—think about it.

SERVICES @ THE PINES;

- October 4 10:30 A.M.
November 1 10:30 A.M.
December 6 2 P.M. Inter-denominational
Christmas service.

The choir began regular rehearsals on September 9th. New members are always welcome. Thursdays at 6 P.M.

The new "Taize" songbooks—a gift from the family of Betty Twells—have arrived. The choir is looking forward to learning the wonderful musical selections in the book.

A thought for every day:
Life is a gift that **we get to unwrap every morning.**

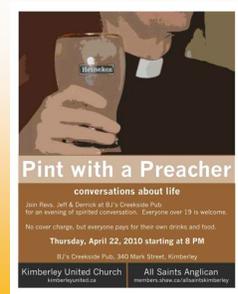
Blessings to all.

Pint with a Preacher

Church ~ outside the box

Join Rev. Jeff & Rev. Derrick at BJ's Creekside Pub.

Thursday Sept 30 at 8 pm, and after that evening,
the 2nd Thursday each month, 7 pm.



Outdoor Ministry



Tuesday Summer Outings

Myra Farquhar led a successful weekly series of outings over the summer months, culminating in a day at Rock Lake Camp.

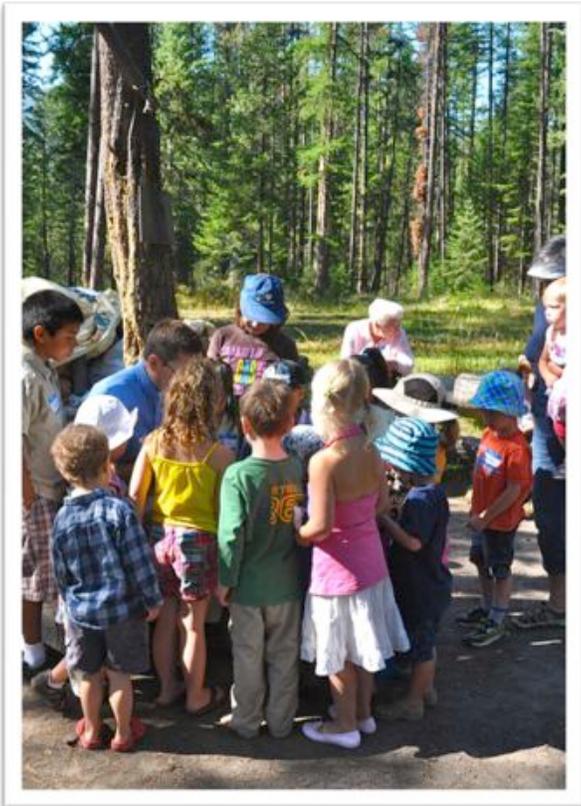
Family Day Camp at Camp Stone

On August 26th a second annual Family Day Camp was held at Camp Stone. Again, what a success! About 70 people attended, of all ages, but those under 10 years old were in the majority.

The Faith Formation Committee had activities and lunch arranged. Rev Jeff led a time of reflection in the campfire circle, and read a story to the children. Nature walks, crafts, games, and just a lot of good fellowship and play made this a memorable day.

Here is some feedback we got from one Mom:

“I just wanted to say thank you for the invite to Family day! I had to leave abruptly though as nap time was overdue so I didn't get the chance to tell you this in person. It was really great to be a part of it and I have to say, I am really impressed with the United Church. Not only for the generosity in their community events, but everyone was very warm and welcoming. ... Being together with good people is appreciating God in many ways in itself. It was a great day and [my daughter] thoroughly enjoyed herself.”



Planned Giving

by Graham Mann

At this time of giving thanks, I think first of United Church Gift Planner Jane Harding. Jane has provided amazing support for our Kimberley Planned Giving (Legacy Plan) Committee, Jim Andrews, Barb Langton, Graham Mann & Rev. Jeff Seaton. Recommendations to Church Council to officially change our name to Legacy Plan Committee is forth coming. They have already established a Legacy Fund.

Those who attended our “Learn More About Wills” session on May 29, 2010 personally shared their thanks with Jane following her wonderful presentation. Jane’s monthly inserts in our Sunday bulletins are delightfully written reminding us not to worry about **HOW** to give but to consider **WHY** our gift would benefit.

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 work load for our weekly counters & Treasurer.

Seven other ways you can give and make a difference through a Legacy 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.

Thanks is also given to Winston Churchill who said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Faith Formation

by Eileen Dean

Summer came to a close with another successful Family Day Camp at Camp Stone. We had about 70 people in attendance. It was great to see many young families return from last year and to see some new faces as well. A special thanks to the “face painters” Lana and Betty Wilkinson, and to Ruth Goodwin for leading us on a nature walk. These activities were popular. The children seemed to enjoy the large play area to do as they please. Thanks to Jeff for opening the day with a welcome and offered a First Nations prayer that set the tone for the day.

It always amazes me that we have so many people in our church family that are always there to support events and to them I am deeply grateful.

This fall Jeff will continue with the “Sharing of Stories” in place of Learning Time during Sunday’s service.

The adult study group at Garden View will continue on Tuesday afternoons.

The evening group will have invited guests present travelogues of trips that they have taken. The start of these sessions will be posted on the church website or in the Sunday Bulletin.

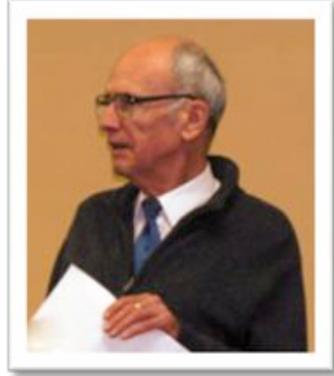
Oct. 14th, Ray McGinnis is here to do a workshop on Poetry and Nature that members of the committee are invited to attend.

Last, but not least, we are excited that Catherine Pennington has joined our committee. We look forward to having her on board. Welcome Catherine!

From Your Treasurer

by Jack Ratscliffe

Fall is fast approaching – cool mornings, shorter days, fir cones and leaves beginning to drop, lawn growth easing off, etc. Also, a Fall/Thanksgiving Church Newsletter.



We are experiencing a good year at Kimberley United Church. Jeff provides excellent ministerial service. Our choir and accompanist continue to make a major contribution, as do our many volunteers.

With regard to Finance: At the end of August (67% of the year completed) your regular contributions total 65% of budget, somewhat better than usual for this time of year. However, I must point out that, even if we meet our budget, it is still a negative budget (\$10,500 loss forecast which we must draw down from Kimberley United Church investment funds). Expenses are tracking very well and, excepting Insurance, are generally on budget.

Usher collection of the offering is a different experience than it used to be. An outsider observing this might assume many are ignoring the offering plate. The reason, of course, is that we have twenty-one (21) of our Church families on the PAR (pre-authorized remittance) program and another group who contribute once a month. Please see me if you would like information on, or application forms to participate in, the PAR program.

Three non-routine items to report:

1. The Auction/Dessert fund raiser netted \$4,754. This was the most successful fundraiser I have experienced in the 39 years since Cominco transferred me back to Kimberley.
2. Insurance: Periodically, insurance companies require commercial/ industrial properties (Churches fall into this category) to have a replacement value appraisal undertaken. We have done this (Universal Appraisals, Vancouver). The replacement value of Kimberley United Church has appreciated drastically, from \$1.379 million to \$1.88 million. In one way this is good because, if we were to experience a claim, Universal's data would be accepted without question. However it is not good from a cost point of view. Cost of the appraisal (\$1,426) and premium increase for the balance of the year (\$840) are not budgeted. The 2010 premium on an annualized basis is \$4,910. Boards and Councils have a fiduciary duty to fully protect their assets so there is no choice here.
3. Major flow-through Special Gifts are Rock Lake Camp (\$1,850) and Haiti Appeal (\$1,065).

We trust that our Church members and friends will respond very strongly to the Special Thanksgiving Offering request.

Setting aside financial affairs: At this time of Thanksgiving we do have so much for which to give thanks – for our families and friends, for our Church family, for the privilege of living in the Kootenays, our beautiful province, our free country, etc., etc. We are indeed fortunate people.

Happy Thanksgiving !!

Poetry & Nature Walking Workshop

Drawing from a splendid range of poems, Ray McGinnis invites you to put on your walking shoes and stroll along trails.

You will be encouraged to see what is underfoot and on the horizon.

With the skilled leadership of a seasoned writing workshop leader, you'll be given prompts to discover how creation speaks to you.

Honour your relationship with the land and be inspired by what it shows and suggests to you.

No previous writing experience necessary.

With: Ray McGinnis

When: Thursday, October 14

Time: 2:00 - 4:30 PM

Cost: \$15, by donation

Limited Child Care Available - Please Register

Info or to Register: 250-427-2428

Meet at Kimberley United Church,
10 Boundary Street, Kimberley

Wear hiking boots / shoes and bring a pen &
journal!

Ray McGinnis is author of *Writing the Sacred: A Psalm-inspired Path to Appreciating and Writing Sacred Poetry*, now in its' third printing.

He has taught a variety of poetry and journal writing workshops across North America to over 10,000 participants. He lives in Vancouver.

For more information about his workshops visit: www.writetotheheart.com



October 2010		Events				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 Worship (Food Bank)	4 Pines service	5	6	7 Choir practice	8	9
10 Worship Thanksgiving	11 Thanksgiving Day	12	13	14 Poetry Nature Pint with ... Choir practice	15	16 Fabric Workshop
17 Worship	18	19 Prayer shawl Gathering	20 Property & Finance	21 Choir practice	22	23 Fabric Workshop
24 Worship	25	26 Council meet	27 Halloween Tea	28 Choir practice	29	30 Seasons of the Spirit Workshop

November 2010		Events				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31 Worship All Saints (Food Bank)	1 Pines service	2	3	4 Choir practice	5 Presbytery	6 Presbytery
7 Worship - Sister Nina Presbytery	8	9	10	Remembrance Day Pint with ... Choir practice	12	13 Budget Planning
14 Worship	15	16 Prayer shawl Council meet	17 Property & Finance	18 Choir practice	19	20
21 Worship	22	23	24	25 Choir practice	26 Fall Fowl Supper	27

December 2009		Events				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
28 Worship	29	30 Visions of Nativity	1 Visions of Nativity	2 Visions of Choir practice	3 Visions of Nativity	4 Cookie walk Visions
5 Worship (Food Bank)	6 Pines service	7 Candlelight service/potluck	8	9 Pint with ... Choir practice	10	11 Cantata concert
12 Worship with Cantata	13	14	15 Property & Finance	16 Choir practice	17	18