

CLOVERDALE United Church Children, Youth and Families

July 5 2016
Green and Growing Time



Bee-Friendly Garden

*Vegetables
growing for
the food bank*



The time after Pentecost Sunday is also known as the season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time but I do prefer the term 'green and growing time'.

Often this is a time for rest, renewal, long days and time spent outside. A break from the routine of school days, school lunches and homework! We have longer days, less rain and a lot of sun. For those of us who have planted, our plants, flowers, veggies and fruits are now growing.

Our garden box (the large box) in the **GARDEN OF EATIN'** has many potatoes, beets, sweet potatoes and carrots are now growing. We have also planted a **BEE-FRIENDLY GARDEN** and the bees have discovered it!

I invite you to take a look at these garden boxes and if the garden looks dry feel free to water it.

We have slowed down a bit at Church—our youth group will not meet again until September and children and youth church will not be meeting in the month of July.

Over the summer when you are at Church for Sunday morning worship we will have Sabbath bags, a variety of coloring and perhaps some materials with which to create up on the front pew.

We are so excited to be preparing for our first ever Camp Spirit this summer. As I write, there are 20 youth who are Camp Spirit Leadership Crew and 8 Camp Spirit Staff working and learning together for their staff training week. Cloverdale United will have four youth from the youth leadership crew and three Camp Spirit working with our volunteers to lead camp. We are very excited to welcome children into our space, share stories of our faith, PLAY, sing and pray together.

I offer to you a prayer for this green and growing time;

Spirit of God, touch our lives,
Keep us open to your Spirit's movement
 Within our lives and within our world.
Open our minds,
 to the endless possibilities that greet us each day.
Challenge us to share
 your loving spirit with all we meet.

We pray.

Amen

(from *Faithful Moments*, p. 15)

Blessings,

Mary

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CAMP SPIRIT SUMMER CAMP

August 15 – 19

9am to 3pm

For ages 5 – 11 / Leader in training Gr 7-9

ALL ARE WELCOME



Space is Limited— Register at www.campspirit.ca

Lunch, Snacks and Camp T-shirt included

Cost is \$150* / Bursaries are available

Before and after camp care available

For more information please contact Mary Nichol

*We are looking for individuals who feel called to offer their gifts
and interests to campers.*

There is time during the week following lunch where children have the opportunity to be in
Community Engagement

We are hoping there are people who will come and share an interest, skill, or gift they have with the children. Interests, skills, gifts like: gardening, astronomy, watercolour painting, knitting, bread making, science experiments, chess, nature walk... We hope to have a variety of activities to offer. Please speak with Mary if you are interested and able to share your time, passion, skill with our campers.

Leader-In-Training Program at Camp Spirit

Is your child too old for Camp but still would like to attend?

There is the option for those going into grade 7 to 9 to register for the Leader in training stream. This will be a mix of activities designed to suit the age group, outreach, and leadership skills training. Please let Mary know if you have any questions and are interested in registering.



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Save the Date...

EVOLVE 2016
- REST AND RENEW IN THE WONDER OF THE NATURAL WORLD -
NOVEMBER 11 - 14, 2016
STILLWOOD CONFERENCE CENTRE, CULTUS LAKE, BC
FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, AND THEIR LEADERS

Evolve is an annual gathering of BC Conference United Church Youth, Young Adults and Leaders to form community, explore our faith and have fun!

This year's Evolve will find all ages: Junior Youth (grade 7-9), Senior Youth (grade 10-12), Young Adults (18-25), Youth Leaders and Elders all gathered together at one event.

Planning for the event is underway and we are all very excited!

If you require financial assistance, please contact Mary nichol.

FAITH DAY: BEHIND THE SCENES **FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2016**

October 21st is a provincial high school PD day. Why not come to theology school for a day?
8:30am – 5:00pm

Youth in grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to see what it's like to be a student at Vancouver School of Theology. You'll be fed, meet some professors, attend a mini class, talk with the principal, experience worship, and learn about how faith is alive in a variety of vocations. If you are interested in attending this event Mary will be providing transportation to and from Vancouver School of Theology. Please let her know.



IMAGINE: A RETREAT FOR CHILDREN **FEBRUARY 17 TO 19, 2017**

STILLWOOD CONFERENCE CENTRE, CULTUS LAKE, BC **FOR CHILDREN AGES 8 TO 11**

This event is a time for children to get together, enjoy the outside, and make new friends. We will eat, play, sing and worship together.



CHILDREN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION

Will be open November 1, 2016

Register online at:

www.imaginechildrensretreat.ca