

HAZELMERE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER



April - May 2017

Rev. Lori Megley-Best will be on sabbatical for the months of June, July and August returning in September. In addition she will not be conducting services on April 23rd and 30th. On April 23rd there will be a joint service at Cloverdale United Church. Hazelmere envelopes can be used and the money will be credited to Hazelmere United Church. Any cheques should be made payable to Hazelmere United Church. A regular service will be held at Hazelmere United Church on April 30th. Information re pulpit supply will be available on our web site and in the weekly church bulletins.

A congregational meeting was held at the church on Sunday, April 9th. The budget for the year 2017 was approved. Our expenses for the year are estimated to be \$28,867. Hopefully our income will match or exceed this amount. Jo-Anne Rattray and Ken Neville were elected as trustees for the church. They join Susan Rehnby Wardell, Teresa Van Gool and Lee Yoblonski.

If you are interested in using pre-authorized remittance (PAR) information is available in the church hall. Those on PAR can pick up a card for use in collection. These are in the church entry and can be recycled.

The Hazelmere United Church council met on March 21st. A copy of the minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the hall. If you have any questions about the minutes or the meeting, please ask Catherine Craig or Sam McDowell.

The council is working with the administrator at Cloverdale United Church to activate our section of the Cloverdale United Church's web site. We hope to be able to advertise our activities and events on this site.

Patsy Robertson, our worship coordinator, has created a flower calendar with Sunday church dates on it. If anyone wants to sign up to bring flowers, please put your name on the calendar. It is found on the back table in the hall. She is also looking for scripture readers. If you are interested the calendar is also on the back table in the hall.

It is the wish of council that all members and adherents become involved in our church activities. This may be done by giving suggestions to any member of council and by attending our open council meetings. You can also participate by signing up as volunteers:

1. to make the coffee for after the service,
2. to help in organizing special events - e.g. Sunday evening gospel sing-a-longs.

For any change of address, telephone number or email address, please email the new information to Catherine Craig/secretary at Caley384@shaw.ca. Your information will be updated in the Hazelmere United Church directory.

For the past 12 years or so, Rob Pederson and his wife Julie have been collecting adult clothes and children's shoes and clothes to take down to Mazatlan Sinaloa in Mexico. There they are distributed to needy families. Each year he purchases 8 - 12 large suitcases from Thrift shops to carry the clothes. West Jet has waived the cost of shipping. Hazelmere United Church is starting a collection of good used clothing for Rob and Julie's project. You are invited to bring items. These can be left in the church hall.

Hazelmere United Church and Hall are available for rentals to members of the congregation and the general public. Examples of uses are:
Church - worship services, weddings, funerals
Hall - meetings, practices, receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, dinners.

For information on rental agreements and fees, contact Ken Neville at 604- 541- 2399 or email him at hhuc@shaw.ca