

# HAZELMERE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

**August – September 2017**

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## **Pulpit Supply**

Hazelmere United Church has been blessed to have excellent coverage for our Sunday services during the Sabbatical absence of Rev. Lori Megley-Best. A number of trained Lay Preachers are taking the majority of our services and retired United Church Ministers are covering several services as well. Many thanks to all these preachers for their generous gift of their time and talent! Please join us for our services throughout the summer to hear a variety of thoughtful, creative speakers, enjoy fine music and spend some social time over coffee after each service.

## **Gospel Sing-a-Long - June 10, 2017**

A very successful gospel sing-a-long was held in the church sanctuary in June. Richard Stepp and Carol Falk lead the evening's music. Richard is an accomplished musician who led the singing while playing the guitar, accompanied by Carol. He also played the piano while singing two gospel songs that he had written.

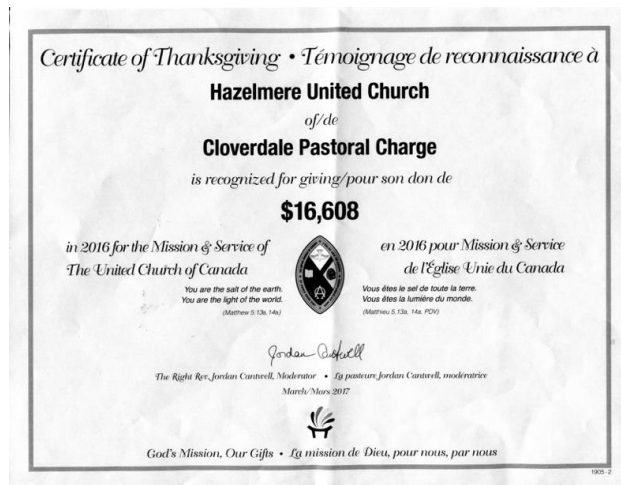
## **Gospel Sing-a-Long donation**

The gospel sing-a-long raised \$350, which was donated to the Ishtar Transition Housing Society. This organization is committed to preventing breaking and ending the cycle of abuse against women. They offer many programs and outreach services such as short-term individual or group counselling programs. Many of these women come with nothing but what they are wearing. You can also donate many other things as well besides money such as good used clothing, shoes, PJ's for all sizes, as well as hygiene products for both women and children. Ishtar also tries to provide people with start up items such as non-perishable foods, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent and other household cleaners. Thank you to all who supported this wonderful cause!

## Mission and Service Fund

The Certificate of Thanksgiving displaying below states the amount given by the Cloverdale United and Hazelmere United Churches in 2016. The total donated was \$16,608 of which Hazelmere's contribution was \$2451. The amount budgeted by Hazelmere for 2017 is \$2500. Up to May 31st we are on target!

Thank you to everyone that contributes to the M&S fund. It is a worthy fund that supports a wide variety of important causes.



## Thank You

The Hazelmere United Church Council thanks all who provide services to the church and through their efforts help to make our church services and other events successful.

Carol Falk and Jo-Anne Rattray are our accomplished pianists for our Sunday worship services. Carol has played during Jo-Anne's recent absence and this is greatly appreciated.

Others provide service through the reading scriptures, bringing of flowers and providing refreshments.

Some recently undertook the cleaning and reorganizing of the kitchen and washing the hall curtains.

We are grateful to Rob Pederson for doing our grounds maintenance.

If you are willing to read scriptures, bring flowers or provide refreshments, please sign one of the dated sheets in the hall.

### **Coming Events – Save the dates!**

**August 6 and 13** from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. unused items from the Hazelmere United church hall kitchen clean up day will be on display in the church hall. You are invited to take any of these items. Donations to the church would be welcome! These two days will be in lieu of the garage sale that was tentatively scheduled for Aug 19, but now has been cancelled.

**September 17** - The first gospel hymn sing-a-long in the fall will be held at the Hazelmere United Church on Sunday, September 17 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. After expenses are paid, all proceeds will go to the B.C. fire victims' relief.

Lori Barnson will play the guitar and lead the singing. Lori is the lead singer for the Barnson Family Band. She is very knowledgeable about Christian music and plays regularly at the Peace Portal Alliance Church.

**October 15** - performers still to be confirmed

**October 22** - An evening of music featuring the Hazeltones, the Hazelmere Heritage Fiddlers and the Rusty Nails Blue Grass Combo.

**November 19** - Gospel Sing-a-long - guest performer is Richard Stepp. Proceeds will go to the Mission and Service Fund.

*Admission for all of the above events will be by donation*

**December 17** - Carols in the Country featuring the Hazeltones and the Hazelmere Heritage Fiddlers.

*These events to be approved by council at its September council meeting*

### **Hazelmere Heritage Fiddlers**

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Hazelmere Heritage Fiddlers. They practice in the church hall on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. In addition

to the fiddlers there are guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica, piano accordion and keyboard players. They play old time music at our drop in sessions. New players are welcome and experience is not required. Our first session for the fall term is Monday, August 7. Visitors are welcome to come and listen.

### **Reminders...**

Rob Pederson's Mazatlan Sinaloa Mexico project for needy families. Adults' and children's' clothes and shoes can be left in the church hall.

Please remember to mark your Hazelmere United Church donation envelope with your envelope number.