

HAZELMERE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER



April 2018 – June 2018

A message from Rev. Lori Megley-Best

The liturgical season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday. This year the season of Easter lasts until the May long weekend. While many think of Easter as the season to celebrate the new life that is sprouting in our gardens and being birthed on farms as baby chicks and soft baby bunnies, these originate from a Pagan celebration of spring. The Easter egg is a symbol of fertility.

Besides the cross, the butterfly is a Christian symbol of resurrection because the way that a caterpillar becomes a butterfly-progressing from cocoon to chrysalis to butterfly- is thought to symbolize the transformation that comes from resurrection.

During the season of Easter, as Christians, we celebrate the presence of the risen Christ, at work in our hearts and in the world. We place our hope in the promise that the risen Christ is present in the lives of believers and in the church strengthening and encouraging us to live in the way that Jesus taught us. We also trust that the risen Christ works in the world to foster justice, peace and love- especially for those who suffer the most in this world. We are called to allow Christ's agency to influence us so that we will be part of helping to make God's kingdom come, right now and right here. During the season of Easter, I invite you to celebrate by watching for signs of the risen Christ- in the world- and also in your heart and then to be part of God's resurrection promise.

Grace and Peace
Reverend Lori

Special Events

It is the intention of Hazelmere United Church to have a musical event on the 3rd Sunday evening of the month.

On March 18th a gospel sing-a-long was held in the Church. It was lead by Lori Barnson and friends and included many old favourite gospel songs. Everyone enjoyed singing and listening. The proceeds from the collection were donated to the Sources Society for use in the South Surrey, White Rock and Langley food banks.

April 15 - Mr. Wilf Epp, church choir leader and, soloist Ms. Jesse Jones are from Kamloops and they will lead our next sing-a-long. They will be accompanied by Carol Falk. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

and the sing-a-long is from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Admission is by donation and the proceeds will go to a local charity

May 20 is during the long weekend and it has been decided not to have an event on that evening.

June 17 there will be our final event until September. Details to follow.

Hazelmere United Church Hall

One of the goals of the HUC Council was to increase the use of the church and hall. The church hall is now being used by six different groups.

The Hazelmere Heritage Fiddlers meet every Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., September to the end of June. The musicians include fiddlers, mandolin, banjo, piano accordion, keyboard and guitar players. Other musicians and visitors are welcome!

AI Anon meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

AA meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Progressive Christianity meets at least 10 times a year on Wednesday afternoon and evening from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Inquiries about rentals of the church or hall can be made by contacting Ken Neville at 6044-803-7344 or by email at hhuc@shaw.ca

Update from Presbytery

As many of you are aware, the recent Remit process of the United Church of Canada has included a proposal to restructure the current Presbytery and Conference model into a Regional Structure, which removes one level of Governance from our structure. The following provides details and links to the final recommendations of the Boundaries Commission which has been working on this.

Final Report of the Boundaries Commission:

This report lists the Commission's decisions and includes a map of the final regional councils.

For a detailed version of the regional council map showing pastoral charges, visit <http://bit.ly/2BZ4Vg9>

For a detailed version of the regional council map showing camps, campus ministries, and outreach and community ministries, visit <http://bit.ly/2sOfRcT>

For information on specific ministries, visit the online locator.

If Remit 1 (Three Council Model) is passed by the 43rd General Council in July 2018, the regional councils will come into effect on January 1, 2019. Note that a distinct process is ongoing within the Indigenous Church at their request.

The Boundaries Commission thanks all governing bodies that worked with a very tight deadline to

request changes, as well as individuals who sent in their comments and questions

Executive Ministers for regional councils have been named by the Sub-Executive of the General Council on March 22, 2018. These appointments have been made in consultation with the leadership in Conferences and presbyteries and are provisional until the results of Remit 1 have been enacted by the 43rd General Council in July 2018.

As Conferences and presbyteries plan and prepare for transition into the new regional council structure, the provisional Executive Ministers will work with the elected leadership in each region to determine staff requirements and fill new regional council positions that take effect January 1, 2019.

Conference offices will remain open and presbyteries will continue to function until December 31, 2018.

The Executive Minister appointed for Region 1 (BC) and Region 3 (Alberta) is Doug Goodwin.

