

HAZELMERE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

January 2019 – March 2019



Rev. Lori Megley-Best

Rev. Lori is the minister for Hazelmere United Church and Cloverdale United Church. She officiates at our morning worship services. You are invited to attend our Sunday services, which commence at 8:45 am. Refreshments are served in the church hall following the service.

Finances and Offerings

As you know we have a very small congregation and the offerings do not meet our expenses. The 2018 budget was set at \$32,090. The offerings were \$18,385 leaving a deficit of \$13,705. Without other sources of income we would have been in a deficit position at the end of the year.

This year we had some unexpected expenses. The Fortis gas meter was malfunctioning for over 2 years (2016). We informed Fortis on a number of occasions of our concern about the unrealistic billings. Finally Fortis discovered that the meter needed replacing. Fortis then sent a bill covering the expected use and cost of this period. After negotiations, an amount of \$1232.41 was agreed upon. Other unexpected expenses included a costly servicing and furnace repair and the roof and gutter cleaning and repair.

We are able to rent the hall and church and this helps reduce the deficit. A total of \$2972 was received from hall rentals. This year we received a \$2000.00 donation, which again helped reduce the deficit. A one time bequest of \$10,000.00 was donated to HUC. This resulted in a small surplus for 2018. However we cannot expect that we would be in receipt of these generous donations in the future.

Donations

The past 2 years HUC has organized a number of sing-a-longs and musical concerts. The proceeds from these events are donated to various community organizations.

In 2018, \$3000.00 was distributed. Donations have been sent to the South Surrey Food Bank, Ishtar Transition House Society, Seniors Come Share Society, A Rocha and the Children's Health Centre at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Carols in the Country - December 15 and 16, 2018

Once again the Hazeltones were the guest performers for Carols in the Country and it was a great success. The church was nearly filled for each performance. The audience sang with much enthusiasm. Thank you to the musicians! Proceeds from the concert resulted in a \$1400.00 donation to the Children's Health Centre at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Yolanda Bouwman of the Surrey Hospital Foundation shared some statistics in an email with us regarding Surrey's Health Children's Centre

- Surrey has about 1000 new residents each year
- One in three people in Surrey are under the age of 19
- 43% of children in B. C. live in the Fraser Health region
- 20% of new pediatric cancer patients in B. C. are cared for at Surrey's Children's Health Centre
- Surrey's Children's Health Centre pediatric emergency department is the second largest and busiest in B. C.
- the Children's Health Centre was opened 3 years ago and meant to accommodate 20,000 children. Last year 43,000 children were cared for - stretching to the limit the existing facilities
- the Surrey Hospital Foundation is in the process of raising \$6,000,000 of the \$15,000,000 planned renovation and expansion.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held in February.

The agenda will include:

- a. highlights of the annual report
- b. explanation of the 2018 financial statement
- c. explanation of the 2019 proposed budget

- d. vote on accepting the proposed budget
- e. report from the nominations committee
- f. election of a council for 2019 until next A.C.M.

All members, adherents and visitors are invited to attend.

A copy of the annual report will be sent out by email. Copies will be available at the congregational meeting.

Coming Events

February 17 - Gospel sing-a-long

The guest performer will be Mary Armitage. Mary performs regularly at Senior Centres in Newton and Kennedy.

She is also a regular at the Ceilidhs in Fort Langley.

The sing-a-long will start at 2:00 p. m. Doors will be open at 1:30.

Admission is by donation.

Appreciations - Thank You to the following:

Re. Lori for her many weekly Sunday Worship Services.

The guest ministers and the lay volunteers who have prepared and given the Sunday Worship Services in 2018.

Jo-Anne Rattray and Carol Falk for playing the piano at our Sunday Church Services. The prelude playing in addition to the playing of the hymns adds so much to the total service.

Heather Ardiel for arranging for scripture readers each Sunday.

Terry Van Gool for making the arrangements for communion services.

Ken Murphy for collecting the weekly bulletins.

The volunteers who each Sunday who

read the scriptures,
collect the offering,
arrange the flowers and
provide the refreshments
and help to make the Sunday service complete.

Rob Peterson for having a crew keep our property neat and tidy by cutting the lawn and pruning the trees and shrubs.

To all who participated in the carol sing-a-long at the Lodge on December 12th. Carol Falk for playing the piano, Brad McDowell for playing the violin, Heather Ardiel for leading and singers Dell Sutton, John Bowen, Jo-Anne Rattray, Julie Seip, Ken Murphy, Linda Marlow and Sam McDowell.

To Lois Williams, Patricia Williams and Marian McDowell who make birthday cards for each resident at the Lodge. For many this is the only card they receive.

To the HUC council for all the work they have done to keep the Church open and viable:

- Past Chair Person - Teresa Van Gool
- Secretary - Catherine Craig
- Treasurer - Jo-Anne Rattray
- M & P and Presbytery - Heather Ardiel
- Property and Maintenance - Ken Neville
- Special Events - Carol Falk
- Chair Person - Sam McDowell.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Would you like to arrange to have flowers placed in the sanctuary on a Sunday? This could be for a regular service, a special occasion - a birthday, an anniversary or a remembrance. This can be done by contacting Marian McDowell at 604-538-2289. You can also sign the calendar sheet in the hall.

Rentals

The Hazelmere United Church and Hall are available for rentals. The church is available for wedding, baptisms, celebrations of life and musical concerts.

The hall is available for meetings and special events eg. birthday parties, receptions, showers, anniversaries.

For information and bookings contact Ken Neville at 604-803-7344.