

HAZELMERE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Spring 2020

A message from Rev. Lori Megley-Best

Please note the times of the Holy Week services. The Holy Week and Easter stories are the basis of our Christian religion. One cannot grasp the depth and significance of our Holiest of seasons without participating fully in our traditions. I hope to see you there.

During this time of Covid-19 virus activity please assess your own comfort and the level of risk that you can take according to you own health status in terms of coming to worship. At this point we will continue to keep apprised of the changing situation through our governments' recommendations and co-operate with their decisions in order to keep us all as healthy as possible. We will continue to refrain from handshaking or hugging during our services. Please see the information below sent out by our United Church. We will send an email or call if we are going to cancel services.

That said, as Christians, during times like this, we are called to love our neighbours by sharing our resources and lending a helping hand to others, rather than living in a spirit of fear. So do what you can, according to your own health status.

.....for God does not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

Blessings to each of you and all of us at this time of uncertainty.

Rev. Lori

Reminders & Resources Regarding Flu and COVID-19

Coming together for worship in community includes also tending general health and wellness.

In light of the concerns related to COVID-19, The United Church of Canada will continue to monitor and share information from local and world health authorities. If returning from travel and you experience flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with any person who does, we encourage you to stay home for at least 14 days and look after yourself!

We offer these Reminders & Resources from the national United Church of Canada website, regarding Flu and COVID-19.

Reminders

As with most respiratory illnesses and flu season we encourage ongoing best universal hygiene practices to limit exposure of any germs and viruses;

- Wash hands often with soap and water (for at least 15-20 seconds).
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when hand washing isn't possible.
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the garbage and wash hands.
- If there is no tissue available, sneeze or cough into one's sleeve or arm, not one's hand.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects/surfaces at work and at home, including shared items such as phones, keyboards, remote controls, doorknobs, and handles. Wash hand towels more frequently.
- Public transit users—wear gloves on transit and wash those gloves if you can!

Resources

The following websites will provide you with update information on COVID-19.

- Government of Canada offers Travel and Health Information: <https://www.canada.ca/en.html>
- The World Health Organization offers advice for the public about the coronavirus: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
- The Canadian Red Cross' tips for flu prevention: <https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/flu-prevention>
- Visit your local Public Health Department's online information.

Carols in the Country - December 14 and 15, 2019

Once again the **Hazeltones** and friends 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 \$2700.00 donation to the Children's Health Centre at Surrey Memorial Hospital. Thank you everyone!



New concerts – Save the dates!

Blue Grass Concert

On Sunday, April 19 - The Willoughby Ridge Bluegrass Band
at the Hazelmere United Church 1614 -184 St. Surrey

\$15.00. Please reserve your seat by telephoning 604-538-0197 or 604- 538-1149

Concert starts at 2 p.m., doors open at 1:30 p.m.



We will keep monitoring the conditions with the Covid-19 virus and will notify by email if any changes to the concerts are necessary

The Hazeltones and friends

On Saturday June 20th, 2020 at the Hazelmere United Church 1614-184 St Surrey

Please reserve your seat by telephoning 604-538-0197 or 604-538-1149

Concert starts at 2 p.m., doors open at 1:30 p.m. \$15.00

The Hazeltones are a talented group of musicians who volunteer their talent and time to raise money for Community outreach. Since 2002 they have offered musical sing-alongs with an old time Country and Gospel feel. Proceeds from the concert will be going to the Philanthropic Education Organization

Heritage Gardens Cemetery

We are pleased to announce a collaborative arrangement with Heritage Gardens Cemetery located at 19082 16th Avenue in Surrey. Heritage Gardens was created to provide families and communities with affordable, sustainable, environmentally friendly burial space for their loved ones. Trevor Crean, General Manager for Heritage Gardens Cemetery advised that, as they do not have a sanctuary or meeting rooms on their premises, they would like to refer families to Hazelmere United to view our Sanctuary and Hall as we are located within close proximity to the Gardens.

Coming Church services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday at Hazelmere United Church 8:45 a.m.

April 9 - Maundy Thursday service - 6:30 pm
at Cloverdale United Church (Communion)

April 10 - Good Friday Service at Bethany–Newton United church at 10:30 a.m.
Come at 10 a.m. for coffee and hot-cross buns.

April 12 - Easter Sunday at Hazelmere United Church 8:45 a.m. – (Communion)

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Hazelmere United Church Annual Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, February 23, 2020 throughout the morning church service. The 2020 Hazelmere United Church council is:

Chair: Sam McDowell

Co-Chair: Catherine Craig

Treasurer: Jo-Anne Rattray

Secretary: Carol Falk

Ministry and Personal: Heather Ardiel

Rentals and Maintenance: Ken Neville

Donations

The past 3 years HUC has organized a number of musical concerts. The proceeds from these events are donated to various community organizations.

In 2019 donations were sent to the Peace Arch Hospice Society, the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), the Women's Place and the Children's Health Centre at Surrey Memorial Hospital. In 2019, \$5,900 was distributed.

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 - birthday parties, receptions, showers, anniversaries. For information and bookings contact Ken Neville at 604-803-7344.

