

Whitehorse United Church E-News, Week of January 29, 2018

Upcoming Activities & Events (Also, check out the website [Church Calendar](#))

| Date | Time / Location | Details |
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| Ongoing | | |
| Sundays | 9:30 am, Sanctuary | Toddlers' Service – short service of songs stories and snacks for little ones and their families. |
| Wednesdays | Noon, Sanctuary | Worship Service |
| Wednesdays | 3 pm, Upper Room | Bible study |
| Wednesdays | 7:30-9 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Thursdays | 7:15–8:00 am Upper Room | Early Morning Bible Study |
| January | | |
| Wednesday, 31 | 7 pm Sanctuary | Choir Special Practice for Ecumenical Choir |
| February | | |
| Thursday, 1 | 4 pm, Upper Room | Finance Committee meeting |
| Friday, 2 | 7 pm, Sanctuary | Ecumenical Choir Concert to support Canada Food Grains Bank |
| Saturday, 3 | 9-4 pm Lewis Hall | Days for Girls Sewing Day |
| Sunday, 4 | 7 pm Lewis Hall | Interfaith Potluck and Special Guest Speaker |
| Tuesday, 6 | 3:30 pm Macaulay Lodge | Service |
| Tuesday, 6 | 5:15 pm Upper Room | Braeburn Board Meeting |
| Tuesday, 6 | 5:45 pm Upper Room | Braeburn Anniversary Planning – All Welcome |
| Tuesday, 6 | 7 pm, Upper Room | Worship Committee meeting |
| Wednesday, 7 | 7 am Lutheran Church | Men's Breakfast |
| Wednesday, 7 | 5:30 pm, Upper Room | Christian Growth Committee meeting |
| Tuesday, 13 | 5:00 pm Lewis Hall | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper |
| Saturday, 10 | 10 – 3 pm Lewis Hall | Pre-Lent Silent Retreat |
| Sunday, 18 | 11:30 am Lewis Hall | Annual Financial Meeting |

NOTICES



REFUGEE PROJECT

On Sunday, January 14, 2018 at a Congregational Meeting, a motion was put forward and passed unanimously for Whitehorse United Church to sponsor a refugee family.

Stuart Clark has prepared an information summary on behalf of the Refugee Committee headed by Robin Fairburn and Mike McBride. The information summary can be found on the WUC website at www.whitehorseunited.org by clicking 'Refugee Project' on the home page.

WANT TO HELP? Call the church office 667-2989.

UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER

For your monthly roundup of blogs, podcasts and videos from the United Church Observer, click on this link:

<http://www.ucobserver.org/>

REMIT #6

The United Church of Canada is making changes to its Constitution by way of a number of 'remit's'. Remit #6 proposes 'One Order of Ministry'. Congregations are invited to study the remits and through their governing bodies, in our case the Council, respond to the question posed in the remit.

To learn more about Remit #6, and how to provide your input, please visit the WUC website at www.whitehorseunited.org and click on 'Remit #6'.

WUC Annual Financial Meeting

The Annual Financial Meeting for Whitehorse United Church will be held on Sunday, February 18th, in Lewis Hall after our regular worship service. All members and adherents are invited to attend.

AN ECUMENICAL CHOIR CONCERT – “Common Vision”

Our church choir, joined by any other church choirs and singers, presenting a variety of Ron Klusmeier's gospel/worship music on Friday February 2, at 7:00 pm. Proceeds will be in support of the Canada Food Grains Bank.

INTERFAITH POTLUCK AND SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday evening, February 4th there will be an interfaith potluck. We gather with our friends and neighbours from other faiths, bring some food to share, and get to know one another informally.

After the meal there will be a guest speaker, Dr. Wayne Horowitz, who is an international scholar, will speak to us. He is a Professor of Assyriology at the Institute of Archaeology at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His research focuses mainly on the religions and traditions of the Ancient Near East thousands of years ago, but an ancient drawing of the Babylonian Moon has brought him in recent years to Northern Canada and Alaska. Professor Horowitz is back in Whitehorse this February to speak about his research and experiences.

The Feast of the Boy in the Moon: A New Look at a Traditional Gwich'in Festival of the Boy in the Moon.

The Gwich'in narrative of 'The Boy in the Moon', a story of Man and the Caribou migrations, survives the stories and memories of the Gwich'in First Nation in the Yukon, NWT, and Alaska. For the past five years, the Gwich'in Ethno-Astronomy project of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, Department of Cultural Heritage of the NWT have been speaking with tribal elders and collecting written evidence documenting the Boy in the Moon tradition throughout the North. Professor Horowitz will present an update into this research focusing on rites and rituals relating to the Boy in the Moon.

SILENT RETREAT

There will be a Silent Retreat leading up to Lent. The retreat will be at WUC, Saturday February 10, 2018 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. A simple Lunch will be provided. There will be a few activities that you can do. The day is not structured and you are welcome to enjoy the silence in a way that suits you best. If you wish, bring a blanket and pillow.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

For more information about the supper – times, costs, etc. Please click on the link on the home page of our website: www.whitehorseunited.org. There you will find two Posters for distribution.

Sign up sheets are posted in the church narthex. Please consider pitching in to help set up, cook, cleanup, etc. We will also be asking people to bring pies.

Our organizers for the event this year are Hank and Susan Moorlag (633-3881)

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA – Interim Report on Regional Council Boundaries

The United Church Boundaries Commission is proposing 17 regional councils to replace conferences and presbyteries. On January 26, 2018 the United Church of Canada issued a CORRECTION to the Interim Report. You can get more information on this by going to this web page:

<http://www.united-church.ca/news/interim-report-regional-council-boundaries>

Wahl Music Training Fund

Do you want to attend a music camp, take music lessons, have your children or grandchildren take music lessons or bring a music clinician to Whitehorse? You can do that by applying to the Wahl Music Training Fund.

The fund is available to anyone who is a member or adherent of Whitehorse United Church.

Applications are available on the Whitehorse United Church website.
For more information contact Jennifer at: jennifermoorlag@gmail.com

'IMAGINE!' – A CHILDREN'S RETREAT

For parents of children who might be interested, as well as to the Wahl Fund committee and to the Christian Growth people who are encouraging kids to attend.

Take a look at this. If your child is interested, you need to know that

- 1) There will be adults from our church accompanying them and staying with them the whole event
- 2) We are hoping there is financial support through the Wahl Fund.

The sooner we know how many kids are going the more definite we can be about things.
Please get to us soon if your child would be eager to go.

It can be a life changing thing for a young person to spend time with church folks from other places, especially lots of kids for whom church is an important part of life.

I trust you'll get back to us soon by calling the church office at 667-2989.

Thanks so much

Bev

Here is the link: <http://www.imaginechildrensretreat.ca/>

AskAndy – Alive and Still Kicking And Not Dead Yet – came out of a conversation with Bev Brazier (pastor, Whitehorse United Church) about seniors who don't have family in Whitehorse.

Are there ways to help one another be safe and supported? For example,

- whom would you call if you needed serious help?
- who here knows where your important papers are?
- who will notice if you are ill?
- who will contact your family away in case of emergency?
- who will serve as local contact for your family?

Twenty-three people came to our original meetings last Spring. Of that group seventeen have joined one of three subgroups (“pods”). Each pod serves as “family” for the members of the pod, with information being shared and responsibilities taken as the particular pod decides. We expect to meet Thursday, January 18 at 2 PM (Whitehorse United Church) to form more pods.

Please contact Whitehorse United Church [867] 667-2989 or wuc@klondiker.com to be notified of any changes to the time and place of that general meeting.

Days 4 Girls

Days for Girls is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a dignified and educated world through providing access to sustainable feminine hygiene solutions and health education. Since 2008, Days for Girls has reached over 300,000 women and girls in over 100 countries. Hygiene solutions are a simple and effective way to enable girls to go to school and women to go to work without interruption each month. Through Days for Girls programs, women and girls discover their potential and self-value, are equal participants and agents of social change, and are given opportunities to thrive, grow, and contribute to their community's betterment. For more information, call the office at 667-2989. **Sewing Day February 3 at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. You don't have to be able to sew to help.**

WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO SING AT YOUR FUNERAL???

Did you know that we keep a list in the choir room? Often people tell us: "I want this or that hymn at my funeral" and we take that seriously. We keep a list, so we don't forget. If you have instructions for us in that way, let the choir know.

Asking for Need help with Opportunities

WHITEHORSE CONNECTS

A request from the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition. This upcoming Wednesday, January 31st we are hosting **Whitehorse Connects** from 10am to 2pm at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.

There is an *urgent* need for clothing this time around, particularly warm clothing and men's large and XL clothing. Good winter footwear is also in high demand. We do not accept children's clothing as this event serves adults.

We are hopeful that if anyone has anything to donate, they would drop it off at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre between 8:30 and 10am on the morning of the event - Wednesday, January 31st. We appreciate clothing that is washed and in good condition.

Questions can be directed to Kate at whitehorseconnects@gmail.com or by calling [867-334-9317](tel:867-334-9317)

Thanks for your ongoing support.
Kate



As of February 1st, you can find us at
509 Hanson Street
Phone 867 334 9317

Can You Help?

A gentleman needs dishes, pots and pans. Can you help? Call the church office at 667-2989.

Birthday, Anniversary Cards

Community Life is looking for people to help write birthday and anniversary cards. You don't have to buy anything. All of the cards and stamps are in the office. If you would like to help please contact Dianne at the office. 667-2989

Special Olympics – Bowling

Hayley Halushka sent the following invitation:

Attention church, you are welcome to come and watch me bowl on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 5-30 til 7 please support Hayley and the rest of the team with Special Olympics. You'll be glad you did.

Thanks, your church friend Hayley.

Beagle Needs Transport

Beagle Paws is looking for transport from Edmonton to Whitehorse for a Beagle called Nora. If anyone is flying to Whitehorse and would be prepared to add her to their ticket Beagle Paws will reimburse them for the cost. Please send May Sutherland and e-mail if you or you know someone that can help us out. Would be greatly appreciated. may@beaglepaws.com Thank you very much.

Thank You

James and Chantal would like to thank all of you very much for your generous response when they were moving into an unfurnished place. They are very grateful and want you to know that. They say, "God bless you, Whitehorse United Church".

Multicultural Centre Offers Support

Do you know someone who needs help doing things such as: applying for a work permit or passport, writing a resume, preparing for an interview, learning computer skills, studying for a citizenship test or drivers license? Or ESL tutoring for children of all ages. For more contact the Multicultural Center 667 6205 or info@mcyukon.com

Coffee Cards

If anyone has full McDonald's coffee cards that they don't plan to use, we can use them in the office to give out to people.



Prayer Chain

Did you know that we have a prayer chain? It's simply a group of people who have agreed to be there to pray for people when asked to do so. No meetings, just a willingness to pray. Would you like to be part of this ministry? Let Bev know.

Church Plates

Do you know who donated these plates? Anola United Church, Como Lake United Church, and St. Mary's Anglican Church. If you know, please contact Hank at 633-3881.

Poster Distribution Service

Mallory's Postering Service - available for poster distribution. Contact Mallory at 334-6816.