

Whitehorse United Church E-News, Week of March 5, 2018

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

Date	Time / Location	Details
Ongoing		
Sundays	9:30 am, Sanctuary	Toddlers' Service – short service of songs stories and snacks for little ones and their families.
Tuesdays	2:30 pm, Upper Room	DATE AND TIME CHANGE - Bible study
Wednesdays	Noon, Sanctuary	Worship Service
Wednesdays	7:30-9 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursdays	7:15–8:00 am Upper Room	Early Morning Bible Study
March		
Tuesday, 6	7 pm, Upper Room	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday, 7	5:30 pm, Upper Room	Christian Growth Committee meeting
Thursday, 8	4:30 pm, Upper Room	Finance Committee meeting
Thursday, 8	5:15 pm, Choir Room	M&P Committee meeting
Thursday, 8	7-9 pm, Upper Room	Council Meeting
Saturday, 10	10-noon, Choir room	Lenten Reflections on the Psalms
Sunday, 11	After morning service	Visioning discussion
Sunday, 11	7 pm, Sanctuary	Taize worship service
Tuesday, 13	Noon-1:00 pm	Property Committee meeting
Thursday, 15	5-7 pm, Choir Room	WUC in the World Committee meeting
Thursday, 15	7-8 pm	Braeburn Board Policy review meeting
Thursday, 15	8-9 pm	Braeburn 100 anniversary planning meeting
Saturday, 17	10 am, Choir Room	Lenten Reflections on the Psalms
Thursday, 22	5 pm, Lewis Hall	ASKANDY information session
Sunday, 25	1 pm, Lewis Hall	Come watch a DVD about Jesus' last days
Friday, 30	1 pm, Lewis Hall	Come watch Jesus Christ Superstar
April		
Tuesday, 3	7 pm, Upper Room	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday, 4	5:30 pm, Upper Room	Christian Growth Committee meeting
Thursday, 5	4 pm, Upper Room	Finance Committee meeting
Sunday, 8	7 pm, Sanctuary	Taize worship service
Tuesday, 10	Noon-1:00 pm	Property Committee meeting
Tuesday, 10	5-7 pm, Choir Room	WUC in the World Committee meeting
Thursday, 12	5:15 pm, Choir Room	M&P Committee meeting
Thursday, 12	7-9 pm, Upper Room	Council Meeting

Reflection time ...

PRESENT MOMENT

All God wants of man is a peaceful heart.

Every creature is a word of God.
The more we have, the less we own.
To be full of things is to be empty of God

God is not attained by a process of addition to anything in the soul, but by a process of subtraction.
Give others--and yourself--not what they deserve but better than they deserve.

The way others treat you says more about them than it does about you.
Do exactly what you would do if you felt more secure.

What a man takes in by contemplation that he pours out in love.
What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action.

He who would be serene and pure needs but one thing, detachment.
Truly it is in darkness that one can find the light,
so when we are in sorrow, then the light is nearest of all to us.

There exists only the present moment... a Now which always and without end is itself new. There is no yesterday, nor any tomorrow, but only Now as it was a thousand years ago and as it will be a thousand years hence.

~Meister Eckhart
(1260-1328)
via Rebeca Mendoza

Come Healing

[Leonard Cohen](#)

O gather up the brokenness
And bring it to me now
The fragrance of those promises
You never dared to vow

The splinters that you carry
The cross you left behind
Come healing of the body
Come healing of the mind

And let the heavens hear it
The penitential hymn
Come healing of the spirit
Come healing of the limb

Behold the gates of mercy
In arbitrary space
And none of us deserving
The cruelty or the grace

O solitude of longing
Where love has been confined
Come healing of the body
Come healing of the mind

O see the darkness yielding
That tore the light apart
Come healing of the reason
Come healing of the heart

O troubled dust concealing
An undivided love
The heart beneath is teaching
To the broken heart above

Let the heavens falter
Let the earth proclaim
Come healing...

NOTICES

 NEW

The Boundaries Commission final report is out. What that means is that our church nationally has been reorganized; we have moved from a four court to a three court system, and we are now divided into regions. Our congregation has been included in Region One, which is all of BC. You can check it out at the link below, or check for more information about this (and lots of other things) at the United Church of Canada website www.united-church.ca

If you have not yet seen it, here is the Boundaries Commission final report:

http://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/final_report_from_the_boundaries_commission.pdf

 NEW

In case you can't wait for the WUC garage sale ...

The 6th Annual Gala Garage Sale event raising funds to support Yukon's Little Footprints Big Steps Child Protection Organization's Education programs in Haiti will be happening on May 12 and 13th this year! TWO days to leave more time for selling and less panic for clean-up :-)

Thank you for your wonderful help with the past events...and please let me know if you would like to volunteer in some capacity with *this* year's event. Lots of different tasks to choose from!

Now:

1. Let friends/colleagues know so that they can put aside goods when they are spring cleaning.
2. Keep an eye out on FB Whitehorse Buy & Sell, Kijiji, etc in case people post looking for somewhere for goods to be donated.
3. Have your phone number added to the flyer in case I am away when some one calls for information.

Closer to the event:

4. Put up flyers in your workplaces, around town, on mailbox stands in country residential
5. Send emails with info to friends
6. Be a drop off point for items

Week of/day before the event:

7. Pick up items
8. Pick up clothing racks (IF AVAILABLE, Janice is opening shop again!))
9. Bring to Whitehorse Elementary School gym after 4:00pm Friday May 11
10. Help with set up Friday evening
11. Help during SALE Saturday 10:00am to 3:00pm or
12. Sunday 10:00am to noon
13. Clean up

And...we are excited to share our latest quarterly activity Update with some of the highlights of the past three months on the ground in Haiti. We hope you are inspired...and proud of what you are a catalyst for ...

Dwelling...on Movements *Forward!*

<https://www.littlefootprintsbigsteps.com/dwelling-movements-forward/>

With much gratitude,

Karen Wienberg

Chair, Board of Directors

Little Footprints Big Steps Child Protection Organization

www.littlefootprintsbigsteps.com

Facebook: Little Footprints, Big Steps

DURING LENT THERE WILL BE **SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**. The next one will be Sat Mar. 17. We'll go from 10-noon. For the first hour we'll use the study book called "Intimate Conversations" - a study of the psalms, by the Rev. Dr. Mary Weir. For the last hour we'll read through the passion narratives, and for those who would like to, we'll work on memorizing Mark 16: 1-8

Lent Activities

Sunday March 25 at 1:00 pm we will watch a DVD about Jesus' last days; by historians and bible scholars

Friday March 30 at 1 pm we will watch Jesus Christ Superstar

Lent can be a time for remembering and reflection. Often we find ourselves remembering loved ones who have gone on before us. Or memories that are hard to let go. With this in mind, we have come up with a project in keeping with this year's theme "Heart".

Beginning Sunday February 17 and continuing through the season, paper hearts will be available for you to write a name or memory. There is no limit to the number you can use. These will be strung up around the church and then, at the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, they will be burned to free their messages to fly up into the air.

The cost per heart will be \$5.00. Because Braeburn Camp is so close to our hearts, the money will be used to help those kids who might not be able to go have a great camp experience.

Moderator's Lenten Message

(click link below to see video on YouTube)

Moderator Jordan Cantwell [invites us to take time](#) each day this Lenten season to practice seeing ourselves as God sees us; not as perfect, but as beloved. You can find additional [Lenten resources](#) in our Worship section.



Why I Believe

Lent begins Feb. 14, 2018. The new United Church Lent devotional, *Why I Believe*, is now available in print or as an e-book. This book offers the testimonies of a variety of members and friends of the church who told us about their personal faith journeys. We are excited to share their candid, thoughtful reflections. What does it mean to follow Jesus, remain faithful, and choose hope, especially during times of uncertainty and

doubt? [Get your copy now.](#) (\$12.95)

Here are some statistics about the Mission and Service Fund at a larger level. Ralph Shopland passed these on, with pride in our own congregation and Presbytery.

M&S was down 2.26% nationally

Alberta Northwest Conference was down 7%

Northern Lights Presbytery was up 2.86% @ \$153,778 or \$4,389 over 2016

He added the following quote.

I guess what touched me the most was that WUC never once thought to adjust its M&S goal downward. In fact, if memory serves me right, we had a passionate plea to increase it. And then this year we never batted an eye to again leave it at a very respectable \$30K.

There is a youth programme alongside the conference meeting this year, May 11-13. There is some funding through the Presbytery. Grades 7-12. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

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.

ASKANDY: Next information session: March 22, 5 PM, Lewis Hall

What is ASKANDY?

There are many Yukon seniors who do not have family nearby who could help in an emergency. ASKANDY is a group (several groups, in fact) of seniors who have come together to be substitute families for each other.

There are presently 18 members in 3 subgroups. We call the subgroups "pods".

It is the pods that are the "families". Each pod decides when it will meet, what information will be shared within the pod, and what the pod members expect of each other. My pod has exchanged house keys, contact information about relatives who don't live in Whitehorse, and given tours of our homes. We anticipate that in case of, say a sudden hospitalization, one or more pod members will step in, contact relatives of the ill person, water the plants, care for pets, etc. We try to keep each other aware of our travel plans. Being in Askandy has gotten us to get our affairs more in order: preparing advance directives, updating wills, etc.).

"Askandy" is short for "Alive and Still Kicking And Not Dead Yet" and came out of discussions at Whitehorse United Church. There is no requirement for religious connexion or involvement. There is no fee for membership.

For further information, contact me or come to the **next information session, March 22, 5 PM**, Whitehorse United Church basement. There will be a chance to ask talk with present members and to join. Colin Graham -- ccgraham [at] northwstel [dot] net

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 'remits'. 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'.

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

Asking for Need help with Opportunities

CABIN FOR SALE

Take some time to enjoy your life with a 1-bedroom fully furnished, cozy, all-season Tagish cabin on an almost 1-acre lot surrounded by trees and wildlife. There are trails along the main road for year round hiking, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and more! Fishing and canoeing is a five minute walk away!

This hideaway less than an hour drive from the city has power, electric heat, a wood stove and enough wood to carry you through at least another year. With a large, heated tank for water, you can do dishes and wash up without having to go back into town. There's a kitchen, living room, dining room, bathroom (with RV toilet), storage closet, separate bedroom, clean new outhouse and lots of room for guests.

Contact Lisa for more details and photos!

Lgkanary@gmail.com

689-2329

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.

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.

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.