

Whitehorse United Church E-News, Week of March 19, 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, 20	5:15 pm, Choir Room	Braeburn Board meeting
Thursday, 22	2 pm, Upper Room	Community Life Committee – preparation of cards
Thursday, 22	5 pm, Lewis Hall	ASKANDY information session
Friday, 23	5:30 pm, Upper Room	Writers' Group
Sunday, 25	LENT 6 – Palm Sunday	
Sunday, 25	1 pm, Lewis Hall	Come watch a DVD about Jesus' last days
Thursday, 29	5:30 pm, Lewis Hall	Maundy Thursday – simple supper & service
Friday, 30	10:30 am	Good Friday – we host Lutherans
Friday, 30	1 pm, Lewis Hall	Come watch Jesus Christ Superstar
April		
Sunday, 1	EASTER SUNDAY 7 am	Sunrise service, followed by breakfast
Monday, 2	10:30-11:30 am, Swan Haven	Spiritual Celebration of Swans
Tuesday, 3	7 pm, Upper Room	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday, 4	Lewis Hall	World Religions Conference
Wednesday, 4	5:30 pm, Upper Room	Christian Growth Committee meeting
Thursday, 5	4 pm, Upper Room	Finance Committee meeting
Friday, 6	CYO Hall, Catholic Church	Spaghetti supper(sponsored by Men's breakfast group)
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
Tuesday, 17	5:15 pm, Choir Room	Braeburn meeting
Saturday, 28	9-2 pm, Lewis Hall	Baby Swap (clothes, not children!)
May		
Tuesday, 1	7-9 pm, Upper Room	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday, 2	5:30 pm, Upper Room	Christian Growth Committee meeting
Thursday, 3	4 pm, Upper Room	Finance Committee meeting
Sunday, 6	Service	UCC Moderator Jordan Cantwell here
Saturday, 12	To be advised	Talent Auction
Sunday, 13	Mother's Day	

HOLY WEEK AT WHITEHORSE UNITED CHURCH

Sunday March 25 **Palm Sunday**

1pm Lewis Hall. The Last Days of Jesus. (DVD) Snacks.

Tuesday March 27

2:30 pm Upper Room. Regular Bible Study

Wednesday March 28

12:15 pm Sanctuary. Noon Day Lenten Service

Thursday March 29 **Maundy Thursday**

7:15 am Upper Room. Regular Bible Study

5:30pm. Lewis Hall. Maundy Service with simple meal followed by Stripping of Altar in Sanctuary

Friday March 30 **Good Friday**

10:30am Sanctuary. Good Friday Service

1pm Lewis Hall. Viewing of "Jesus Christ Superstar"

Saturday March 31

10-12 Upper Room. Lenten Reflections on the Psalms

Sunday April 1 **Easter Sunday**

7am Sunrise Service (outdoors) with breakfast (Lewis Hall)

10:30 Sanctuary Easter Communion Service

Monday April 2

10:30-11:30 Swan Haven Spiritual Celebration of Swans

NOTICES ABOUT LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Lent Activities

THIS WEEK - 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.

OTHER NOTICES

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to the Herb and Doreene Wahl Fund, 20 members and adherents of our congregation have a unique opportunity to learn more about First Nations culture and build their own traditional drum.

WHERE: Lewis Hall
DATES: April 6-8
WHEN: Friday evening from 4-10 pm;
Saturday from 9-5 pm;
Sunday from 2-6 pm, (with breaks for meals and snacks)
WHO: 20 of us and instructors Joe Migwans and his son Wass Migwans
COST: Free of charge

All are welcome, including teenagers. No experience needed. **There is a signup sheet at church or in the church office.** See Stu or Dianne. Any questions, call Rod Snow or Heather MacFadgen at 867-333-9639.

Backgrounder:

This project is intended to help WUC learn about and explore an important indigenous musical instrument – the drum – by working with two local FN men who will share their traditional knowledge on drum making with 20 members and adherents of our church over the course of 2 days. Each participant will make his or her own drum.

Reconciliation begins with knowledge and understanding. This project is in keeping with two UCC objectives which are (1) to respond to the calls to action of the TRC and (2) to uphold the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Persons, which contains key provisions relating to FN cultural and spiritual practices.

The 1986 UCC apology to First Nation peoples stated:” . . . we were closed to the value of your spirituality. . . . We tried to make you be like us and in so doing we helped to destroy the vision that made you what you are.”

This project continues initiatives our church has undertaken toward reconciliation. In particular, this project is a step toward understanding the role of the drum in First Nation cultural and spiritual ceremony and practice. It is inspired by the recommendations of Sharon Shorty, a FN adherent in our church who kindly suggested a number of potential reconciliation activities WUC could undertake, including a drum-making workshop.

Two experienced drum makers who have given drum making workshops in Yukon aboriginal communities are willing to teach 20 of our members and adherents to make a traditional drum and to help them learn why the drum is important in FN music and cultural traditions. These instructors are Joe Migwans and his son Wass Migwans (who is also Sharon Shorty’s son).

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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

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

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.

THIS WEEK - 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

Hi all,

The Thorson gang (Vanessa, Lily, and Sarah) is moving to Alberta at the beginning of April, that is everyone but Loughran!

Loughran works at the Main Street Starbucks and is staying on for the summer and then going outside for university.

He is looking for house sitting gigs starting in April and/or an inexpensive room to rent or even a relatively inexpensive sublet of an apartment; really anywhere he can sleep and shower!

He is great with plants and look after cats. Dogs may not be possible given he works at 5 am most weekday mornings and is always involved with something later in the day.

Please call or text Vanessa, [867-334-8360](tel:867-334-8360), or Loughran, [867-334-8402](tel:867-334-8402), with any leads or ideas!

Thanks so much!

Bev's friend and colleague the Rev. Eva Biderman will be coming to Whitehorse April 19-26 with a friend.

Their plan is to rent a car and do day trips, but are asking if anyone could provide a couple of beds and a shower - essentially a place for them to sleep in between day trips.

If you could do this, at least part of the time, let Bev know.

thanks so much

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.

Poster Distribution Service

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