

UPDATE – In-Person Services at Whitehorse United Church

Worship Committee recommended to Council AND COUNCIL HAS APPROVED that Whitehorse United continue with in-person services every Sunday from Nov 8 to Dec 27, unless Dr. Hanley recommends otherwise due to local COVID cases. After Christmas we will evaluate again.

We plan to continue with all the precautions practiced in the last two weeks. Masks, social distancing etc. are not optional.

The survey showed general satisfaction at how the two trial services went.

We will continue to need three greeters at each service.

The maximum number of people able to sign up in advance will be 30. Seating will include using the choir loft and the front pews, which are both somewhat unpopular but have to be used to allow the maximum number of congregants to come. This number allows for Elijah and two droppers-in. So far we have not had 30 people wishing to attend.

We plan for the services to still be live streamed as well. The technology gurus will advise us on the best way forward. The broadcast glitches are a considerable frustration, they are working hard to find and deal with the problems.

Christmas services will be very different this year. Plans will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Important anniversary Nov. 9-10

Kristallnacht, (German: "Crystal Night"), also called **Night of Broken Glass** or **November Pogroms**, the night of November 9–10, 1938, when German Nazis attacked Jewish persons and property. The name *Kristallnacht* refers ironically to the litter of broken glass left in the streets after these pogroms. The violence continued during the day of November 10, and in some places acts of violence continued for several more days.

The pretext for the pogroms was the shooting in Paris on November 7 of the German diplomat Ernst vom Rath by a Polish-Jewish student, Herschel Grynszpan. News of Rath's death on November 9 reached Adolf Hitler in Munich, Germany, where he was celebrating the anniversary of the abortive 1923 Beer Hall Putsch. There, Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels, after conferring with Hitler, harangued a gathering of old storm troopers, urging violent reprisals staged to appear as "spontaneous demonstrations." Telephone orders from Munich triggered pogroms throughout Germany, which then included Austria.

Just before midnight on November 9, Gestapo chief Heinrich Müller sent a telegram to all police units informing them that "in shortest order, actions against Jews and especially their synagogues will take place in all of Germany. These are not to be interfered with." Rather, the police were to arrest the victims. Fire companies stood by synagogues in flames with explicit instructions to let the buildings burn. They were to intervene only if a fire threatened adjacent "Aryan" properties.

In two days and nights, more than 1,000 synagogues were burned or otherwise damaged. Rioters ransacked and looted about 7,500 Jewish businesses, killed at least 91 Jews, and vandalized Jewish hospitals, homes, schools, and cemeteries. The attackers were often neighbours. Some 30,000 Jewish males aged 16 to 60 were arrested. To accommodate so many new prisoners, the concentration camps at Dachau, Buchenwald, and Sachsenhausen were expanded.

After the pogrom ended, it was given an oddly poetic name: Kristallnacht—meaning "crystal night" or "night of broken glass." This name symbolized the final shattering of Jewish existence in Germany. After Kristallnacht, the Nazi regime made Jewish survival in Germany impossible.

The cost of the broken window glass alone came to millions of Reichsmarks. The Reich confiscated any compensation claims that insurance companies paid to Jews. The rubble of ruined synagogues had to be cleared by the Jewish community. The Nazi government imposed a collective fine of one billion Reichsmarks (about \$400 million in 1938) on the Jewish community. After assessing the fine, Hermann Göring remarked: "The swine won't commit another murder. Incidentally...I would not like to be a Jew in Germany."

The Nazi government barred Jews from schools on November 15 and authorized local authorities to impose curfews in late November. By December 1938, Jews were banned from most public places in Germany.

Michael Berenbaum

Memorial Donations Received

Donations have been made to Whitehorse United Church in memory of the following people:

Jean and Gerald Talbot

by Linda Talbot

Val Boorse

by the Boorse family

Stewart Breithaupt

Rev. Fred & Nellie Lane

by Jan Mann

Janet Agnes Tack

by Beth Roberts

Bill & Gertie Saville Brazier

by Bev Brazier

Jim Winberg

Cookie Walk Sneak Peak

Available at the Cookie Walk - a list of sizes and prices follow - these are perfect stocking stuffers, gifts for hosts shop local and stock up.

- green tomato relish
- winter relish
- Swiss Chard relish
- zucchini green tomato relish
- zucchini pepper relish
- zucchini marmalade
- tropical cranberry marmalade
- honey lemon marmalade
- raspberry lemon marmalade
- cranberry marmalade
- Christmas marmalade
- carrot marmalade
- zucchini pepper marmalade
- zucchini pepper marmalade
- lemon Raspberry marmalade
- carrot pineapple marmalade
- citrus marmalade
- zucchini marmalade
- south seas marmalade
- peach marmalade
- pineapple cranberry jam
- spiced Peach jam
- strawberry black balsamic vinegar jam
- chocolate Raspberry jam
- pear jam
- pear orange jam
- Saskatoon orange jam
- Saskatoon rhubarb jam
- blackberry raspberry jam
- blackberry jam
- haskap jam
- raspberry haskap jam
- zucchini jam
- blueberry jam
- spiced blueberry jam
- raspberry jam
- peach Jam
- pear and strawberry jam
- double pepper strawberry jam
- rhubarb jam
- blueberry jam
- peach pear jam
- strawberry haskap jam
- pineapple rhubarb jam
- green tomato jam
- bumble berry jam
- crab apple jam
- dark chocolate strawberry jam
- apple pie jam
- Saskatoon strawberry jam
- tangy apple cranberry Jelly
- cranberry Jelly
- pomegranate Jelly
- red jalapeno pepper Jelly
- candy Apple Jelly
- red pepper Jelly
- black cherry Jelly
- green jalapeno Jelly
- red jalapeno Jelly
- green pepper Jelly
- peach jalapeno Jelly
- Raspberry jalapeno Jelly
- green cranberry jalapeno Jelly
- green tomato chutney
- tomato chutney
- antipasto
- pickled beets
- pickled carrots
- cranberry sauce
- rhubarb barbecue sauce
- cranberry orange sauce
- green tomato mincemeat
- pear mincemeat

Price List:

Jams, jellies, marmalades 250 ml \$5
Antipasto 250 ml \$8, 500 ml \$12
Pickled carrots 500 ml \$5
Pickled beets 500 ml \$5, 1 quart \$8
Mincemeat 500 ml \$8, 1 quart \$12
Pie: peach, raspberry, rhubarb, strawberry rhubarb, Saskatoon \$15.

Next meeting of the Anti Racism discussion group: Nov 25 (Wednesday) at 4 PM by Google Meet. The link to connect with be distributed a few days before the meeting. If you would like to participate, email Colin Graham at ccgraham@northwestel.net to be added to the list.

We agreed to keep reading Kendi's *Antiracism* in preparation for Nov 25th.

For the meeting after that (January, 2021?) we decided to talk about *The Inconvenient Indian* by Tom King.

Finance Committee Update

We are very pleased with the congregation's response to the church's financial situation. This summer, we were projecting a substantial deficit unless immediate action was taken.

It is our pleasure to let you know that we have seen the results of all your efforts!

We have had a few more people sign up for PAR and many people have increased the amount of their PAR givings. Know that even a small increase makes a difference - compounded over the year and coupled with the changes of others - we have made good progress. Several large individual gifts have made a huge difference to our financial outlook for this year. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.

Thanks as well to the Fundraising Committee! They far exceeded their goal for the garage sale - raising over \$2,000! We can't wait for the Cookie Walk!

At this point, we are showing a modest positive net income. We project that if there is a deficit at the end of the year, it will be a relatively small one. Thank you to all of our church family who have answered our call! Your continued financial support is acknowledged and appreciated.

If you have questions - don't hesitate to contact the church office. Cathy will put you in touch with a member of the Finance Committee.

JENNIFER

Needed

Scraps of blue fabric, about 8" long by 1" wide – plain preferred as we need to write on them. Please drop off at the church office. To be used at the Blue Christmas service in early December. Thanks!

Interested in helping?

COOKIE WALK

It's a go!!! Well, not like our usual cookie walk, but this is what we know so far: It will be the **first Saturday of December** as usual. There will be preserves and pies for sale. There will be cookies as well. The cookies will be pre boxed: boxes of mixed Christmas cookies, as opposed to being able to choose from among the selection of cookies.

We'll keep you up to date as we work out more details. For now, we'd like to know who is willing to make cookies. Please let us know if you're willing to bake.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Whatever decision is made about worshipping in our sanctuary, it's clear that we'll not be able to be all together in the church Christmas Eve.

For the recorded service, I'd like to see as many familiar faces as possible.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE RECORDED, SIMPLY SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS" OR SAYING "MY NAME IS ___ AND MY FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROL IS ___"?

Carolyn Westberg is recording people, and very soon we'll choose a day where you can come to the church to be recorded. Stay tuned!

Quilters and other workers in fabric: Looking ahead to Advent, we're looking for blue fabric, large pieces of light blue and scraps of royal blue. Any help would be appreciated. Please let Bev or Diane Gale know if you have fabric to donate. Thanks!

Thank you to all who have continued to support the Outreach Van by dropping off soaps, toothpaste and other toiletry items that go into making health packs. As cooler weather starts in, **warm men's socks, gloves and caps** are always welcome. A bar of soap or a pair of socks means very little to most of us but everything to someone else.

Need help with technology?

If you are 55+ and interested in learning more about your smartphone, tablet or computer, or being online, or digital security, or just need someone to help you fix a problem, consider attending Yukon Learn's digital skills workshops. These are free. The workshops are done via Zoom and there is lots of help available with that if you are new to it. Some limited one-on-one 'help' sessions are available by appointment. **On the following pages is some information on the offerings.**

Questions? Contact Ted Ackerman at ted.ackerman@yukonlearn.com

Seniors Outreach Computer Tutor Program



FREE to seniors 55 and up



Learn about:

Computers Tablets Smartphones

Internet Email Social Media

Digital Pictures Zoom ... and more!

Weekly online learning sessions – call 1.888.668.6280 to register.



Tuesdays 1:30 to 3:30 Open lab.
Questions, answers & discussion on a wide range of topics, always interesting and lively.



Thursdays 1:30 to 3:30 Instructor led workshops.
See the latest schedule for upcoming topics.

AND ... by appointment:

One-on-one help with computers, smartphones, internet ... just about anything technical.



(Due to current COVID restrictions, one-on-one sessions must be held in a suitable public place, and with face masks, gloves and sanitization.)



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Seniors Outreach Computer Tutor Program



Schedule of Thursday Learning Events ----- Sep 17 – Nov 26, 2020

Times: Thursdays, 1:30 to 3:30

Location: Zoom

Sep 17 – Notifications – our smart devices have lots to tell us about (new email, app updates, your Dentist appointment this afternoon). The trick is – make sure you get the notifications you care about and not be bothered by things that don't matter so much.

Sep 24 – Sync devices – most of us have more than one smart device (computer, tablet, smartphone) and it's handy to see our stuff (email, photos, calendar) the same on all of them.

Oct 01 – Local services – a look at people and businesses in the Yukon that can help us with our technology when we need something new or help with a difficult problem. Some of them offer seniors discounts too, that's good to know.

Oct 08 – New Tech – there are new things coming out all the time, let's see what might be useful for us.

Oct 15 – Info sources – seniors web sites, including tech tips with a seniors context, scams to watch out for, and other information relevant to our group.

Oct 22 – Social Media is rapidly evolving, on the other hand Facebook is launching a new product for college students ... which was the original purview of Facebook. Despite all the churn, there is still relevance for many of us so let's see where it is all going.

Oct 29 – Housekeeping (review) – cleaning up unwanted cookies/data/apps, checking settings for privacy & security. We should do these things often to keep our smart devices safe and in good running order.

Nov 05 – Zoom – there have been some new features and other changes to Zoom. And it looks like we'll be using it for a while yet so improving our proficiency should be useful.

Nov 12 – Photo management – digital photos are great, you can take thousands of them on your smartphone! But keeping them organized is another matter. Let's take another look at this very popular topic.

Nov 19 – Ancestry – there is a lot of history on the internet, our history! Let's take another look at the genealogy sites and how they work.

if there are other topics you would like to see covered, let us know. We will try to work them in.

*And remember our Tuesday open lab sessions, same time same place.
Bring questions, problems, information, suggestions, advices about devices,
anything involving technology.*



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Need to talk with someone? Struggling to cope?

Here are some low/no cost Mental Health resources within the territory:

In-Person free- to low-cost resources

Counseling

In Whitehorse:

Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services Sarah Steele Building – 609 Steele St.,
Whitehorse: 1-866-456-3838

Canadian Mental Health Association – 209-1114 Front St, 668 6429

All Genders Yukon through *Ignite Counselling* - 3089 3rd Ave #1. Call 668-5498 for more information.

Hospice Yukon Society is a community-based not-for-profit organization that has been providing a range of *bereavement support* services to Yukoners. You can learn more about the programs and services that Hospice Yukon offers by visiting the website at www.hospiceyukon.net, dropping by the office at 409 Jarvis Street Monday- Friday 11:30 am - 3:00 pm, or calling 867-667-7429. Confidential support is provided free of charge.

In the communities:

Dawson City: Dawson City Community Hospital: 501 – 6th Avenue, Dawson City: 867-993-4300

There are also Mental Wellness hubs in Carmacks, Haines Junction, and Watson Lake. Please call 867-456-3838 or 1-866-456-3838 for more information.

(Gov)Employee Benefits (free to employees/ their families)

YG Employees can access the Employee and Family Assistance Program at 1 867 668-EFAP (3327) or 1-800-667-0993. Included in the YG Employee and Family Assistance Program is an online resource centre with additional supports related to health and wellbeing, family and relationships, career and work. **Access these resources at:** www.fseap.ca/resources.

City of Whitehorse Employees can access their Employee Assistance Program at www.homewoodhealth.com, and by calling 1-800-663-1142 (English), 1 866-398-9505 (en français).

Government of Canada Employees can access the Federal Government Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) available 24/7, free and confidential, 1-800-268-7708

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/occupational-health-safety/employee-assistance-services.html>

Online and Other Resources

Crisis Services Canada • 24-hour, confidential and anonymous suicide prevention and support line. • 1-833-456-4566 • www.crisisservicescanada.ca

Canadian Virtual Hospice • Information and support on palliative and end-of-life care, loss and grief. • www.mygrief.ca or www.kidsgrief.ca

Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention • <https://suicideprevention.ca/> • <https://suicideprevention.ca/About-Suicide-and-Life-Promotion>

Tao Tel Aide • Nos lignes d'écoutes sont ouvertes 24 h sur 24 365 jours par année. Un service de confiance | 1-800-567-9699

First Nations Hope for Wellness Help Line: This is a specific resource for First Nations and Inuit to provide immediate, culturally competent telephone counselling, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is available in English, French and upon request in Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut • Call the toll-free Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or connect to the online chat at hopeforwellness.ca.

Road to Mental Readiness App (look for it in the App store or on Google Play) is a free mobile app developed by Department of National Defense to improve short-term performance and long-term mental health outcomes. <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/r2mr/id1148743063>

COVID-19 Related Information

NEW - REGARDING PASTORAL VISITS IN THE HOSPITAL

If someone is in the hospital and wants to see a spiritual care giver, you have three options:

1. there will be a chaplain on call and you can ask the staff to put you in touch with that person (chaplains are simply local pastors and ministers and priests, including me, who take turns being on call a month at a time),
2. there are iPads available for use at the hospital and they can help you arrange a visit from me that way, or
3. for those in palliative care, it's possible for me to make an in person visit but the patient her/himself, or the family, has to add me to the list of those who are allowed to visit in person.

“Virtual” health appointments are now available. Thanks to COVID-19, Yukoners now can have a “virtual health appointment” with a doctor or optometrist using a computer with a “tele-medicine” program called Doxy. Anecdotal reports from seniors who have used the service have all been positive – perhaps this option will continue after self-isolation is no longer required? It will make life easier for people in the communities or with transportation challenges in town. You still need to make an appointment with your physician in the usual way. Don’t forget the 811 phone service is also available if you have a health question or concern.

Reminder: COVID-19 information online

The one-stop-shop for information about COVID-19 in the Yukon – including government financial assistance programs – is at yukon.ca/covid-19. For a handy table comparing the symptoms for COVID-19, influenza and a cold, click [HERE](#).

If you can, support our local restaurants

Don't feel like cooking one night and want to support a local restaurant? What's Up Yukon has done a great job at keeping us up to date with all the restaurants that are still open and offering take-out/delivery services. If you have a favourite restaurant, now is the time to support them so they'll be around after the COVID restrictions are lifted. Click [HERE](#) for the list.

Let's Chat Yukon now operating

Stuck at home and wishing you had someone to speak with? April 15th marked the launch of Let's Chat Yukon, a toll-free line you can call for enjoyable conversation with a fellow Yukoner. Just because you're self-isolating doesn't mean you're alone. This is a free service run by volunteers. 1-877-321-1001