

June Tidelines

Cadboro Bay United Church

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Catching the Spirit - Mark Green



Pentecost! My favourite season and story in the Christian calendar. What I like about it the most, I think, is the spontaneity and the energy. Here we have folks gathered for a holiday that is essentially a harvest festival in the Jewish calendar. Gratitude is the order of the day and this is a good starting point. Yet the festival is transformed with the arrival of the *SPiRiT* in some unexpected ways. Suddenly there is chaos. But with the chaos comes energy, passion and new insight. People see and hear things differently. They see and hear each other differently. And there are those who get caught up in what is happening and those who simply watch from the margins. But either way, all are changed in some way, shape or form. I like that. It leaves room for people to be changed in a variety of ways: sometimes un-expectedly and sometimes of their own choosing. I think both happen for us throughout our lives.

This year, like many others, has been a year of change. Change of perspectives, changes of heart, changes of commitment and understanding of what it means to be followers of Jesus. We have all been changed in a variety of ways. And as a community of faith we have grown in our understanding **of Jesus' central message about the Unfolding Kingdom (Realm) of God – The Companionship of Empowerment.** At the last service in June, we walk through all that we have been about this year in word and picture. It is always amazing when we do that to see how much and where, we have grown together as a community of faith.

As we end this series on *Companionship of Empowerment*, I hope we take with us some important insights and ways of being. These will be important as we start a journey of re-Visioning and discernment for what it is that God is calling us to next. The process we are about to be involved in will require some fortitude, patience and creativity on the part of us all. It will require us to imagine and dream and at times let go of preconceived notions of what it means to be church and to be followers of Jesus in 2018 and beyond. I hope as you read the information about the re-Visioning process that you will become as excited as I am about the possibilities that will unfold before us. And like the story of Pentecost: some of those opportunities will be in the realm of what can be imagined and have been experienced before but some of them will be unexpected and surprising. I hope that **we can be open to all of those possibilities and insights and in this next year discern “what is next?”** And may we remember that it all starts from the place of gratitude: for all that is and the abundance of **God's grace in our lives. Happy Pentecost to you all !!!**

Kids Konnect

Where has this year gone? Holy Smokes - it is unbelievable that it is already June. It has been a full year exploring the theme Companionship of Empowerment. Amazing really!



We still have one more month of this theme before summer program kicks off the first Sunday in July. It is a busy time of year, and I hope I will continue to see faces throughout June and into the summer. It has been enriching to see new faces and families join our Sunday morning program. Always a blessing to add to the richness of Sunday mornings.

Jr. Youth -

ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE

We have ONE final Jr. youth group left before school finishes and summer is in full swing! Originally, it was going to be THIS Friday night but have heard from about five people they are unable to attend! SO, I am wanting as many youth that are available to have one more time together. I am wondering which date works best **for people...**



If you can let me know ASAP so I can make a reservation that would be fabulous.

There has been a lot of interest in exploring the Victoria Escape Room which is Escape Rooms are cooperative 5D live-action adventure games that involve puzzles, codes and the sleuthing of clues! They are famous for stimulating the mind and building social connections. They have age appropriate games! The cost of this event will be covered by the church for those youth who have attended youth this year. Space is limited so I would like to offer spots to youth who have attended this year first! Please let me know with the best time and date if your able. If you need a ride, I am sure we could carpool and make arrangements.

DATE AND TIME:

THIS SUNDAY JUNE 4TH FROM 4:15-5:45 PM

SUNDAY JUNE 11TH 4:15-5:45 or 6:15-7:45 PM

FRIDAY JUNE 23 6:15-7:45 PM

Sr. Youth - FLYING SQUIRREL TRAMPOLINE PARK FUN!

Sr. Youth are heading to the new trampoline park that has JUST opened last weekend and is located in Esquimalt. There are a few details you need to know prior to THIS SUNDAY EVENING from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Youth can jump for an hour and then we will walk to get a drink or snack then walk back to the TRAMPOLINE park for pick up at 8:30pm.

All JUMPERS parents need to sign a waiver. If you think you are going to get a ride you can do this before ONLINE. Here is the link. Or, if you are dropping youth off you can come on in and check it out and sign waiver then. The church will cover the cost to jump for one hour which is \$20.00

<https://flyingsquirrelsports.ca/victoria-british-columbia/pricing/>

I hope you can make it this Sunday night for an awesome last event! THE WORLDS LARGEST INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK - 808 Viewfield Rd, Victoria, BC

If you need a ride - let me know and we can make some arrangements! I would love to see you all ONE last time before the summer kicks off. I will also be texting with details as well. Excited!!!

Church Picnic Sunday June 25th

The ending to the program year before the summer break will be celebrated with our annual Church Picnic on the lawns and grounds of CBUC. Worship that morning will be a retrospective focus on the year, with lots of uplifting music, photos to help us remember and learning's to celebrated. Following that time, we will share in a lunch of Hot Dogs, Burgers, veggie trays and dessert. There is no cost and we hope that you will plan to stay. Activities and games will available for the children to engage in while the adults visit. A fun time for all ages.



After Worship

**Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
Veggie Platters
Dessert**



**Games &
Activities**



Family Camp 2017 Fri June 9 – Sun June 11

Join us at Camp Pringle on Shawnigan Lake for a wonderful weekend of renewal, reconnection with your spirit and deepening of relationships with others. The pace of the weekend is light with some group activities, time for walking or lazing at the beach, campfire, eating and napping. Some activities are organized by the leaders and some activities are left for those attending to arrange where they see fit.

If you need more information you can find it on our website or you can register by going to <http://www.cadbayuc.org/cbuc-family-retreat-june-9-11-2017/> or by speaking with Meghan in the office.



ALL MY RELATIONS: Together on the Road to Reconciliation

The last of the series happened during the long weekend of May. Over 300 people had the opportunity to see and be moved by the production of New Blood. It was a fabulous, provocative, emotional and elucidating theatrical experience and by the questions and comments during the discussion time, it was clear that people were touched on many levels.



Such was the case really for all of the events in this series. We learned more about the inter-workings of traditional First Nations communities in the Villages Exercise and how challenging it is as a result of this history for trust **and rebuilding to take place. We heard individual's stories about their culture,** histories and lives during the large sharing circle and were treated to a sharing of a few dances and words of wisdom. During that feast we had the chance to build a few bridges of relationship and trust. We have much more work to do.



The working and planning group on this pillar of our outreach has been Alison Gear, Bonnie Heatherington, Mark Green and Lynne Crawshaw. We will be meeting again with Bradley Dick, the First Nations teacher and elder who lead the talking circle, to discern what our next steps will be in the coming year. We are proud of the commitment being shown by a significant percentage of the congregation to learning, risking and working toward reconciliation. This effort and sincerity has been noticed by several of the First Nations communities that surround us and those who have been a part of our gatherings have left encouraged to tell others in their communities as well.



May these learning give us pause to reflect on the upcoming Canada Day celebrations that we might engage in a more discerning, respectful and reflective way given our history and our goal of reconciliation. For more information you may want to read this article from the Globe and Mail: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/the-roadblock-to-reconciliation-canadas-origin-story-is-false/article29951998/>

The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign

It all started in 2006, when Canadian humanitarian Stephen Lewis noticed a disturbing trend while travelling through Africa. The AIDS epidemic had hit young adults- many of them parents- killing many and leaving grandparents to raise the grandchildren. He put out a call for Canadian grandmothers to bond with their African counterparts.

And the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign was born. Today there are 240 regional groups across Canada. The mandate is to raise funds and create awareness of our African counterparts.

The 240 regional groups across Canada are raising money in many different and creative ways. In 2008 **Cadboro Bay United Church joined with our neighbours, St. George's Anglican Church, whose** grandmothers were already making muffins for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. On the last Sunday of every month except July and August, each church has a muffin sale.

From April 2008- April 2017, the grandmothers at Cadboro Bay United Church have been able to add \$9,768.55 **to the amount sent from St. George's to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.**

We would like to thank all members of our congregation (whether you are a grandmother or not) who have been making muffins for the past 9 years and also all members of the congregation who have been buying muffins for the past 9 years. To make nearly \$10,000 with so little effort is a miracle.

PRIDE PARADE Celebration and United Church's participation:

Sunday July 9th

Once again, we will join other United Churches in the Pride Parade this Summer. We will make our way downtown following worship to find our banner (pictured to the right) and you can text different members of the **staff to find out where we are if you can't find us in the line up.** The parade begins at 12 noon and we will make our way down there quickly following worship on Sunday.

You are encouraged to wear rainbow colours and other outlandish and fun items to celebrate diversity and to be in support of the LGBTQ2 community. Folks from all walks of life are invited to participate. The Parade ends at MacDonald Park where from 1-5 pm there will be live entertainment, a beer garden, a food court, multiple vendors and activities for kids. More information will be in the Summer newsletter.



Our Place Movie Night

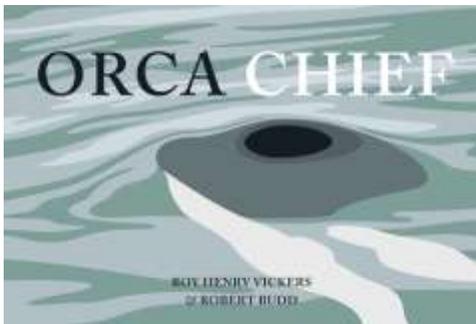
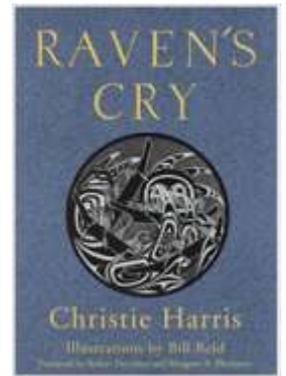
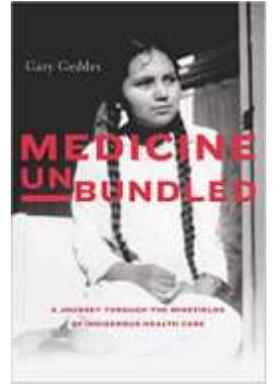
Every month a group of volunteers from CBUC host a movie and pizza night at Our Place Society. A different configuration of volunteers coordinate picking the movie, arranging for the food and beverages and being present to the community during the movie and in the time that follows for conversation and reflection. If you would like to be on the rotation list for volunteers, please let Mark Green know and he will connect you in with that group of volunteers.



Library News for June 2017

This month we will take further steps towards understanding our First Nations people and what has affected their lives in the past and now in the present. The visiting New Blood Dance Troop portrayed many of the factors which shaped the lives of the First nations people in southern Alberta during the past two centuries and moved many of us very deeply. As a result we purchased some more books for the library to broaden our knowledge and understanding.

Four of the books will be highlighted. The first is *A Knock On The Door* which is the Essential History of residential Schools prepared by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The second book, *Medicine Unbundled*, is a journey through the Minefields of Indigenous Health Care by Gary Geddes. Unknown to many of us, the First nations People have experienced a segregated health care system where abuse and neglect were rampant. ***Raven's Cry*** by Christie Harris is a fictionalized retelling of the near destruction of the Haida nation. Illustrations by Bill Reid are included in the book. Finally, Peter MacNair, Alan L. Hoover and Kevin Neary captured the essence of the travelling exhibit, *The Legacy*, in a book with the same name. It is a book of Northwest Coast Indian Art with photos and descriptions of the various pieces of art.



I am highlighting the beautiful childrens' books by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd again this month. The Titles of these books are *Orca Chief*, *Cloud Walker*, *Peace Dance* and *Raven Brings the Light*. They are on display outside the Library.

Be sure to sign out some books from the Library for summer reading. Have a good summer

Office Hours

Starting June 1, Meghan's office hours will change. For June, July and August her new hours will be 8:00am - 4:00pm, when she is on holidays in July the office coverage will only be from 9:00am - 12:00pm. This is to accommodate a new daycare situation that Meghan has her children in.



Parents & Tots Playgroup

Our last playtime together before summer break will be June 7th. We will start up again in September (watch newsletters and bulletins for dates). We hope everyone enjoys their summer and feels welcome to come use the playground out back over the summer!



reVisioning starts this fall But there are things to be done now to get ready!

In the last newsletter you will have heard that council has committed CBUC to a one year reVisioning and discernment **process with St Aidan's to figure out what our future** relationship might be in regards to vision, ministry etc in this corner of the world. We will be working with a pilot project sponsored by EDGE of the National Church. Our two councils met together in May to hear the specifics about the project, meet our new coach (Rev. Bruce McAndless-Davis) over a skype connection and pledge to work together on this common goal for the fall and spring of 2017/18.



Part of the goal of this program is to involve 60-70% of the congregation in a process that links head, heart and soul together in this discernment process so that it is truly a shared vision that emerges. To that end, there will be small groups of about 10-12 people who will be meeting in various peoples homes, coffee shops, churches or even a pub to have conversations together with small group leaders **from both congregations. Each group will be a mix of CBUC and St. Aidans' folks. Over the summer** and into the first week of fall you will be invited to sign up for a small group and the leadership team will group people together given the preferences that you have listed on your signup sheet. Once **you've signed up you will get a copy of the book** *Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Dianna Butler Bass. You can begin reading this at any point and if you wish over the summer you can do so. Starting in the middle of September you will get an daily email with a reflection question, pages of the book to read and a spiritual practice suggestion. It is the goal of this program to integrate spiritual practice, **spirituality and the heart into the head process of discernment and listening to the way God's Spirit is** calling to us at this juncture of our lives together. Your assigned group will also meet about 6 or 7 times over the 12 week period culminating in a large congregational gathering (called a summit) on Nov 25. Mark that date on your calendar now as it will be an important time in the life of CBUC.

A separate mailing will go out to all the congregation in the coming weeks and there will be more information both on our website and in the summer newsletter as the leadership team comes together. It will be an exciting time for us to be a part of this process and what the yield and direction will be at **the end is uncertain.... Just like the exodus journey toward the promised land!**

PAR Sign Up Sunday - June 4th

Council has planned that the first Sunday of June, Oct and Nov will have an opportunity during coffee hour in the hall to sign up for PAR if you are not already on it. Sarah Schoeck (Board Chair) and Dan Reeve (Communications Committee Chair) will be in the hall to answer questions about PAR (pre-authorized remittance) and to sign up those who would like automate their givings to CBUC. PAR is an easy way to give to CBUC monthly and automatically through your bank account or via your credit card.



UCW's 55th Anniversary

"Celebrating Spirit"

JULY 10 – 14, 2017

at UBC in Vancouver, BC



Featuring: Plenary Speaker Ann Mortifee

Music with Linnea Good

Women who are members of our organization, the United Church Women, have been a spirited group since our beginnings in 1962. The chosen theme for 2017, "CELEBRATING SPIRIT", and our logo help us recognize our need to keep celebrating that spirit. We continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit as we forge ahead into the future. The women of the British Columbia Conference UCW raise their hands and with open arms welcome all women from across Canada and Bermuda to come to BC, to celebrate together, to strengthen the fellowship that has kept us joined in spirit and in service for the past fifty-five years. Come. Let us renew and nourish ourselves for whatever the future brings.

[Day Apart—June 29, 2017](#)

Victoria Presbyterial UCW day camp at Camp Pringle. Cost is \$20 and includes the camp fee and meal. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Lois Heppell at 250-477-3465 or loisandtom@heppell.com. This is open to ALL women in ALL congregations of the United Churches on Southern Vancouver Island.



Events of Interest for June are events happening at other United Churches around town that might be of interest to you.

Weekly on Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm

North Saanich Farmers Market

St. John's United – 10990 West Saanich Rd

Local produce, plants, baked goods, sundries, weekly entertainment and thrift store.

June 4

Jazz Vespers presents Singer Maureen Washington– 7pm

St. John's United – 10990 West Saanich Rd

Including John MacArthur on guitar and Joey Smith on bass. Free admission.

June 10

Common Vision – An Evening with Ron Klusmeier – 7pm

Shady Creek United – 7180 East Saanich Rd

Fundraiser concert for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

June 16

Taize – 6pm

Fairfield United – 1303 Fairfield Rd

Doors open at 5:30pm. Everyone Welcome. Prayer and Music in the Style of Taize

June 18

Celtic Vespers presents Scotland to Santiago– 7pm

St. John's United – 10990 West Saanich Rd

Diego Barrientos on guitar, Sean Quicke on mandolin, base and vocals and Judith Gaston on fiddle. Free admission.

June 25

Taize Prayer & Music

Oak Bay United – 1355 Mitchell St

Compost Alert!!!

The church has changed their way of composting to prevent the proliferation of rats. Instead of filling the little beige compost bins that were in the kitchen and dumping them out in the big Black bins by the garbage container we now have a large green bin (like the CRD organic collection bins) just **outside the kitchen door. Please use this bin now (it is under the eaves so you won't get drenched on a wet day).** The compost company will come and empty it once a month (or more if needed) and leave us a bag of compost in return. It does cost us some money but well worth it for the cleanliness, convenience and the escape from the wrath of the neighbours. Thank you for supporting this project.