

Summer Tidelines

Cadboro Bay United Church

2019

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Where are we headed next and is there a Map ?

Mark Green

All through the spring, three working groups made up of members of both congregations have been researching and exploring options related to merging: Pragmatic, Asset Management and Social Enterprise. These three groups presented to the joint council on Sunday June 9th and made a number of recommendations. The joint council then met on June 12 to consider the things they had heard and respond to a specific proposal from the Social Enterprise group. They met again on June 26 to continue their deliberations and decision making as we prepare for the summer and the work that needs attention during that time.



While some things will go into slow mode over the summer, other elements will not. The joint council, however, committed itself to a timeline to address the issues raised by the working groups to continue to capitalize on the momentum and make some clear decisions regarding our future together.

The following timeline (next page) is a pictorial representation of the overlap of various issues that will need discussion, input and, at time voting from the two congregations as we move forward in the fall. We have committed jointly to begin a process to name and discern the purpose and mission of the new merged congregation over the fall and to have a definitive vote on whether we are amalgamating or not by Christmas of this year. In addition the two worship committees will begin exploration and conversation among themselves and then with members of the congregation in workshops about what worship offerings we will want to be making in the future iteration of church. Different offerings will be needed to both meet the needs of those currently served by our congregations and those who are not currently being reached with our formats. Dependent on the outcome of these conversations and votes this fall will then effect how the timeline will continue. We will also **begin our experiment with becoming a church of small groups and Margaret's leadership will help us move in that direction.**

My time away on sabbatical gave me the opportunity to explore some new iterations of church, to hear the **stories of those who made these bold moves and experimented, to read other church leader's ideas about the future of the church** and to be in conversation with colleagues all around BC who are struggling with similar issues facing us all. It was a fruitful time and I shared some glimpses on Pentecost Sunday and will share others throughout the year. The backyard conversations (next page) will be another opportunity for folks to hear stories and perspectives before we head into the fall. Perhaps while you are travelling, you might stop in to visit congregations you think might be doing something new or interesting to bring back to us as well.

We are in the midst of both change and opportunity. As we minister and discern from the margins, we find ourselves seeking to be faithful to the Gospel which invites us out of our comfort zones and into a life of service to others and the world. This service takes many shapes and forms and we will have to work hard to name where our foci will be.

There is lots to be discerned in the fall and it is both exciting and anxiety producing to contemplate it all; but by the grace of God, we do not make this journey alone. For it is in response to the call of God to be faithful with our resources and plan for future generations that we are stepping into these bold possibilities.

→Please see next page for timeline graphic

Draft Timeline for St. Aidan's & CBUC



Backyard Summer Conversations:

Over the course of the month of August, Mark Green is inviting you to join him and others for informal conversations and story sharing about different manifestations of church around North America and the world that congregations are trying. Mark took a group of 14 people on an excursion to the Seattle and Portland following the INHABIT conference in Seattle in April of 2019. Some of the stories he shared during worship on Pentecost Sunday but there are many more to explore. After church that Sunday, a number of people expressed a desire to hear and talk more about these emerging options. These backyard opportunities will be one way you can learn more.

There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex or you can register online (www.cadbayuc.org) or by phoning the office for one of the dates below. The name of the person hosting is here but details of the address will be **emailed (or phoned to you if you don't have email) prior to the gathering to ensure privacy**. Please bring a folding chair with you, if you are able, and your favourite beverage (beer, pop, water, cooler, wine) and we will gather in a circle to exchange stories and perspective together for about 90mins. Times and dates are listed below.

- ⇒ Tuesday August 6 @ 7 pm Barbara Hanson and Stephen Tyler
- ⇒ Monday August 13 at 7 pm Brenda Henderson
- ⇒ Thursday August 15 at 2pm Christina Nicol
- ⇒ Tuesday August 20 at 7 pm Betty Doherty and Anne Crozier Smith
- ⇒ Thursday August 22 at 10 am Kelly Richter (this is a child friendly hosting with a park nearby)
- ⇒ Tuesday August 27 at 7 pm Bob and Lois Beatty (Wanda Walker co hosting)

I'm looking forward to our time together !! ~ Mark

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

**JULY
15-19**

ST. AIDAN'S UNITED
3703 ST. AIDAN'S STREET

**AUGUST
12-16**

GADBORO BAY UNITED
2625 ARBUTUS ROAD

**FOR KIDS
AGES 6-11**



9 AM - 3:30 PM

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES,

ARTS & CRAFTS

SINGING

DANCING

GAMES

\$100

PER CHILD

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE
MAX \$250 FOR SIBLINGS

BEFORE AND AFTER
CARE AVAILABLE

8 AM - 5:30 PM

REGISTER AT
WWW.CADBAYUC.ORG

CHILDREN'S SUMMER

AT CCBMC



Sunday's throughout July & August

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR

Sacred Story, Movement, & Activities that explore the theme:

"FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT"

It is going to be juicy, delicious, abundant, edible and refreshing!



LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GENEROSITY

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL

Kids Konnect

Join us during the summer months for sacred story, movement & activities that explore the theme "Fruits of the Spirit". During Jes' holiday time this summer Josh will be on deck with the children, so come and join the gang this summer for more Kids Konnect Fun!



We stand with the Wet'suwet'en:

donate a red dress as an act of solidarity

CBUC is a community of people always looking for ways to walk the path of reconciliation and to act as allies in the struggle for Indigenous rights. When we were asked to send red dresses as an act of protest against a huge industrial workers camp currently under construction on traditional Indigenous territory, we knew this was an action we could support.

The Unist'ot'en Camp is an indigenous re-occupation of Wet'suwet'en land in northern BC. Indigenous people and their allies have been living a traditional lifestyle in this camp for over 10 years while operating a healing centre to help Indigenous people recover from the legacy of colonialism.



“Our people’s belief is that we are part of the land. The land is not separate from us. The land sustains us. And if we don’t take care of her, she won’t be able to sustain us, and we as a generation of people will die.” – Freda Huson, Unist'ot'en Hereditary Spokesperson

A constantly expanding number of companies have proposed Tar Sands and Fracking Gas pipelines through **Unist'ot'en territory which will severely impact their ability to live on the land.**

The TransCanada Coastal GasLink pipeline would run approximately 670 kilometres across Northern B.C. It is part of a recently-approved \$40 billion fracked gas project LNG Canada that is the single largest private sector investment in Canadian history.

A project of this size requires thousands of mostly non-indigenous workers and in order to accommodate them, **temporary housing facilities or ‘man camps’ are constructed. These camps typically create the social conditions** for an increase of violence against Indigenous women **and children. The culture and work conditions of ‘man camps’ exacerbate isolation, drug and alcohol abuse, violence, misogyny,** hyper-masculinity, and racism among the men living there. (See: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/resource-development-mmiwg-1.5164568>)

These are exactly the kind of traumatic experiences and colonial legacies, that the Indigenous people are trying to recover from at the **Unist'ot'en Healing Center. Residents at the Healing Center build resilience, establish or** renew their sense of identity as Indigenous people, and enhance their sense of connection to the natural world by carrying out cultural practices on the land, including: trapping, hunting and harvesting across our territory.

Erecting a ‘man camp’ a few kilometres from the Healing Center will disrupt their ability to offer a safe, therapeutic environment on their **territory. A ‘man camp’ is highly likely to introduce influences that** could re-traumatize or trigger past traumatic experiences among residents and cause further harm to vulnerable residents.

The red dresses we send them will be hung along the road to Coastal GasLink's proposed man camp site to symbolize the devastating effects this camp will have on their community.

These empty dresses will symbolize the lives forever changed or lost of Indigenous sisters, mothers, aunties, grandmothers and daughters.

Bring your red dresses to the church office during the month of July. If there is an Indigenous woman you would like to honor in this public act of remembrance, you are invited to write her name on the dress.

For more information, contact Susan Draper (graceful@shaw.ca) or Lindsay Downie (l.downie@telus.net). All our relations!



Yakety Yak



Seniors Day Camp

July 22-25 ~ 10 am - 2 pm



Come have fun singing the oldies and goldies, sightseeing, games and more! Kick up your heels or stomp your cane!

Held at St. Aidan's United Church - 3703 St. Aidan's St.

Register at the church office - 250-477-2089

Registration fee: \$100

Farewell to Jes

As most of you know by now, Jes will be leaving us this summer for a move to Calgary where her husband has accepted a position with the Calgary Police. It is a wonderful opportunity for their family but it is a huge loss for us. Jes has been an integral part of the team at CBUC and has brought skill, passion and dedication to her work and ministry with children, youth, young adults and families. We are going to miss her big time.

We did some start to our expression of appreciation to Jes on the picnic Sunday but our final Sunday with Jes and our official farewell will be on August 18th. On that day we will make a small presentation to Jes, bless her on her way and celebrate following with a cake. We hope you will join us if you are in town.



Pride 2019

All of the churches on Southern Vancouver Island will be joining together as one in the parade on Sunday June 7 in downtown Victoria. The parade begins at 11am and makes its way down government street and snakes its way to Macdonald park in James Bay. There a festival unfolds to celebrate Gay pride and community resources. Members of CBUC will once again be taking our banner and joining in the parade route. You are welcome to meet us at 10:30am at Centennial Square or join us along the parade route. This is one way we show our support and love for the LGBTQ2+ community.



Summer Preaching Series

As the summer begins so does the opportunity to come to church for some reflection and connecting time in a low key way. For the month of July Wendy Brown will be leading worship and in August Mark Green will be leading worship.

The outline for July the theme is Creation and the outline as follows:

July 7	Earth
July 14	Wilderness
July 21	Oceans
July 28	Humanity

For August the theme is THE NATURE OF GOD and the outline is as follows:

August 4	God wants us to have balance in life (Sabbath)
August 11	God is not disappointed in us
August 18	God wants the Best for us
August 25	God desires us to be in right relationship with each other



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Healing Garden & HeroWork's Radical Renovation Projects: Saturday July 20, 2019

Open House & Tours: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Official Presentation: 2:00pm

Location: 94 Talcott Rd, View Royal

Something amazing has been happening at Our Place's innovative addiction recovery centre and we want to share the excitement with you. Two major transformative projects are ready to be revealed:

- **With the help of HeroWork's incredible crew of 500 volunteers and 120 businesses there's been a radical renovation of the former Youth Detention Centre**
- Through a generous donation from Our Place champion John McEown, what was once a dull, graveled compound will become a serene oasis

Come and see the new home that delivers hope and rehabilitation to residents in recovery. Enjoy time in the healing garden and be amazed. We hop you will be able to join us at this special event!

Block Party celebrating 50+ Years of Service: July 28th from 1pm-4pm

Join us Sunday, July 28th 2019 at 919 Pandora Ave as we close down the block to celebrate over 50 years of service to the community. Special surprises include: BBQ burgers, Pop-Up Opera, roving jugglers, musical petting zoo, art market, caricature artists, chalk art, hula hoops, music and entertainment, and so much more. We're closing down the whole block, so you know it's going to be a party. Family friendly.

Holiday Schedule at CBUC

During the months of July and August, many on staff at CBUC will be taking some of their allotted holiday time:

- ◇ Mark will be away from July 7th to August 2nd returning to preach on August 4th Rev. Wendy Brown will be leading services and covering pastoral emergencies during that time.
- ◇ Margaret continues to be on a leave of absence from June 15- August 15th
- ◇ Jes will be on holidays from July 12-**29th. Josh Hotchin will be covering the Sunday morning children's program** during that time
- ◇ Meghan will be on holidays from July 27th returning to work Monday August 26th During her 4 week absence there will be office coverage in the mornings only from 9am - 12 noon
- ◇ Louise will be on holidays starting Sunday July 28 till Sept 1st returning to play for Sunday Sept 8th.
- ◇ Jeff, Cheryl and Kato will fill in during most of that time with the occasional guest as well.





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