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LOST AND FOUND - MARK GREEN

We've all had the experience of losing something valuable and then setting out to find it. Sometimes we are successful and sometimes we are not. At times the lost item is in our own home and we know it is somewhere and we are at our wits end in not being able to find it. And the more frustrated and anxious we become the less likely it is often that we will find it. And the feeling we get when we find it again, always contains within it a sense of relief as well as joy.

Sometimes the experience of lost and found is about more than an item. Perhaps it is a child who has wandered away in a store or from the yard or bolted from the playground. Sometimes it is an elderly spouse or parent that has dementia that has wandered away. In those times, we are often in full fledged panic. And the relief is even more profound when the person is found again safe and sound.

And the experience of being lost ourselves in a strange city or country or perhaps even in our own town can be overwhelming. Often it is the help of a stranger that finds us back on track again. Gratitude then also becomes an element of the relief we feel in being found.

And while there are many more literal and physical ways we have experienced lost and found, there are also the more existential ways we can also experience being lost and found. It could be in the midst of a life transition, or a crisis of faith or dark night of the soul. It could be in the context of a relationship or our sense of place in the world. Regardless, most of us at one point or another will experience this sense of being lost and then found in this way too.

Perhaps it's the reason Jesus uses this experience in quite a number of Parables about the Kingdom of God.

The universality of the experience of losing something and finding it again spoke to people of all economic classes, all genders and all ages. A wise teacher knows that such universality helps make the point. But the point being made was not as simple as it might appear on the surface. Parables have the capacity to do that. They invite us in to see multiple meanings. To be challenged and engaged. To be lifted up and drawn in.

And so for the month of February, we too will have the chance to get drawn into these parables of Jesus. To connect our life experiences of lost and found with these parables can lead us to new insights about ourselves, the world, God and the calling of what it means to follow the teachings of Jesus. These short pithy parables about sheep, coins, pearls and treasure are believed by some scholars to be some of the very few things we can actually point to as being authentic to Jesus. And so we shall try to make them come to life in the year 2020.

This exploration will also provide us further insight into our journey as an amalgamated congregation, as we continue to plumb the depths of our theme this year: FINDING OUR WAY. May the joy of discernment, insight



MOVIE NIGHT FEB 22, 2020 AT 7 PM

In celebration of Black History Month we will watch the Academy nominated movie Harriet. This movie is about the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes, whose courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. Canada plays a central role in this historical story of the underground railway. You can watch the trailer here: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4648786/> Snacks and beverages will be provided. Discussion to follow .



KIDS KONNECT

TOTS, P'S&K'S, KIDS AND YOUTH

Welcome to a new month of exploring our faith in a way that is meaningful to each of these age groups. We ended January with our own version of the Wedding in Cana! This month we are focusing on stories of lost and found and what that looks like in our own young lives on a faith journey.



YOUTH GROUPS

Jr. Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Come out and join the fun as we build community together with games, activities, snacks and lots of laughter. Bring your friends! Our next meetings are on Fridays Feb. 14 and 28 from 7:00 pm til 9:00.

Sr. Youth Group (grades 9-12)

A great opportunity to get together in a safe place to explore our faith, friendships and have lots of fun. This month we meet on Sunday February 2nd & 16th from 7:00 til 9:00 pm. Invite your friends to join us as we celebrate our time together and discuss issues relevant to each of us.



YOUNG ADULTS

Come out and join our Young Adults Group – a community striving to love, lead and accept radically. We gather for lunch following worships on two Sundays a month. Our February lunches are on the 9th and 23rd. Join us as we build community through faith and friendship.



PARENTS AND TOTS

Our Parent and Tot group is a free drop-in playgroup for children aged 5 years and younger. It is every Wednesday from 9:30am til 11:00am. Toys, snacks and songs for the little ones and coffee and tea for the adults are all provided! Come out and join the fun as kids and adults meet and connect.



DID YOU LOSE A COAT?

There are now three coats that have been hanging on the coat rack for several months (one has a white scarf hanging on it). Please check your wardrobe and see if one of them is yours. If they are not claimed in another week Eileen will take them down to Our Place.



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*The
Ministry
of Grace*
BY Tara
Beagan

February 29th at 4pm
Belfry Theatre - 1291 Gladstone Ave

Limited Tickets Available
\$40/each

Tickets Available after Worship during coffee time,
starting Feb 2 or in the church office after Feb 2

It's 1950 in the deserts of Southern California. Evangelist Brother Cain has a booming trade; his tent revival show moves from town to town, fleecing crowds desperate for something to believe in. When he discovers Mary, a Ntlaka'pamux woman from the Nicola Valley, reading the bible, he puts her onstage, renames her Grace, and displays her as a miracle: an Indian who can read.

Show lasts 2.5 hours with an intermission, strong language and adult themes.



Connection

Care

Community

Learn

Spiritual



February Small Group Ministry Q and A UPDATE:

How has the response been to the Small Group Inventory?

The response has been incredible, with a healthy mix between the two congregations.

When will groups be formed?

As we secure small group facilitators and training is underway, groups will come into being. We are imagining that initially between 4-7 groups will be rolled out. New groups will then be added (and existing groups expanded) as new folks express interest. We are in the process of approaching group facilitators NOW, as well as matching people into groups.

What are the expectations in joining a small group?

It is our hope that group facilitators and members would initially be able to offer a one year investment of time and spirit to this new ministry, and that groups would meet approx. monthly (likely taking a break in July and August). The nature of what we are undertaking is dependent on the relationships that will be formed as members get to know each other and experience caring, trust, connection and the joy of learning together in spiritual community. Once underway, the groups will find their own rhythm, and will be continuous (ongoing) in nature. This allows a space where group relationships will continue to evolve and deepen. Also, ongoing groups make it easier for new people to join a group as they come to explore the wider spiritual community.

What qualities are desirable in group facilitators?

Our Small Group Facilitators will have Open Hearts and Spirits to this new ministry and an ability to uphold and model acceptance of divergent points of views and experiences. Also, they will have the capacity to honour and value individuals for who they are, while recognizing and appreciating the unique combination of life experience, gifts, skills and spiritual expressions that contribute to the whole.

We are all learners and seekers on this spiritual path, and we look forward to exploring this new ministry very soon with you! We thank you for your on-going prayers and discernment regarding facilitator selection and group formation.

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OUR LENTEN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY: PRAYER & PRAYER PRACTICES

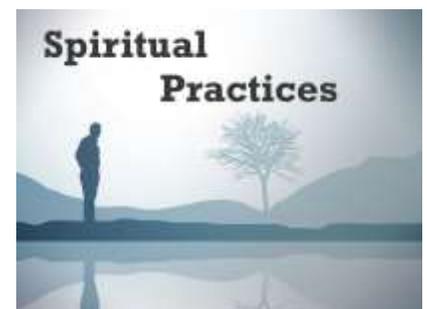
Tuesdays Mar 3-31 @ 7pm

During the Season of Lent, we are invited to slow ourselves down and engage in some intentional Spiritual Practices to reconnect ourselves with the spirit within.

There are an abundant of Spiritual Practices and many people have ones that

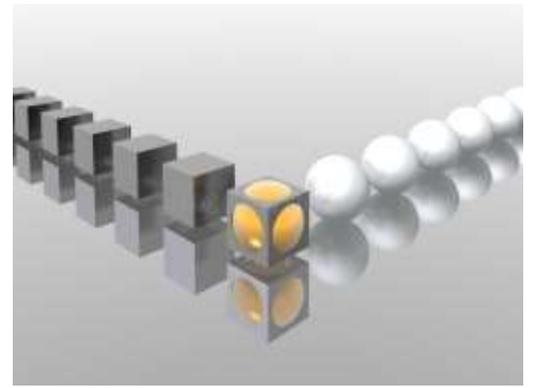
they engage in regularly even if they haven't identified the as such. Over 5

weeks, we will both engage in a number of Spiritual Practices and talk about ways to turn some of our routines into Spiritual Practices. An orientation to a variety of practices, an experience of that practice and an opportunity to reflect with others about the experiences will also be part of the 5 weeks series. Labyrinth, chanting, prayer beads, lectio, guided meditation and journaling are just a few of the practices we will explore.



AMALGAMATION UPDATES:

Many many meetings and consultations with various groups of people have been happening in the month of January. The Project Management team (PMT), which is overseeing all the various aspects, has met twice and the joint council once. As well the asset management working group has met and continues to work on a bunch of research related to our properties. The social enterprise working group has also met to hear a presentation and continue to support and reflect on both the initiatives we have begun as well as what else we may be needing to see into the future. You can read a separate report from them in this newsletter. The small groups ministry project is well underway and again they have a separate report here. Budgeting processes have begun by the individual treasures both for the first half of 2020 as well as the for the second half when we will be amalgamated. Together with the PMT they are putting together budget proposals that will come to our respective AGMs on March 1st.



Two new working groups are in the process of being formed and both will be looking for input from congregational members and the ways of doing that will be communicated with you once each working group has met.

Building and Grounds Imagineers is the first group and they will be looking at issues related to redesign for our new church home. Four individuals with backgrounds in architecture, interior design, psychology of space and artistic visioning have agreed to form the core of this working group and a mandate has been created by the PMT for them to consider. Once they have had their first meeting, a process of engagement with the congregation will be outlined and shared extensively.

What's in a Name? is the second group working group we are in the process of recruiting and they will have the mandate to help us choose a new name for our amalgamated identity. We will be working to choose a name **that reflects our vision going forward, that makes sense to both those "in the church" and those unfamiliar with church** and that is invitational. We want it to be a name that has a future orientation to it and will lead us into to 2030. This group will also be looking for input from the whole congregation and ultimately we will have a vote on the choice of the new name. We will want to have this in place before May 15th so that on the date of our amalgamation (May 31st – Pentecost) we can launch ourselves both physically and online with our new identity. Which brings us to our final project that the PMT is also working on which is to create a new website for the amalgamated congregation (and its interfacing with other digital platforms) that will be ready to launch on May 31st. A team for this is also being assembled with some expertise being contracted with as well.

We are grateful to the many leaders among our two congregations that are helping to shepherd us through the transitions and we ask for your prayers and support of them as they navigate the various challenges. We are indeed blessed with many gifts within our communities of faith to help us through this time.

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION SUNDAY FEB 16TH

To celebrate Black History month, we will be having special guest with us on Sunday morning Feb 16th **Louise's trio which includes Kelby McNair on drums and Joey Smith on bass**. Together they will both lead us in singing and share with us a number of solos intertwined with stories and history of the music to make Black history come alive. We are privileged and delighted to be able to have their leadership in this way. Spread the word to others as it will be a unique opportunity .



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tues Feb 25, 2020

5pm-6:45pm Dinner
7pm Ash Wed Service

COST BY DONATION



- Pancakes (GF option avail)
- Sausages
- Fruit
- Coffee, Tea, Juice

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Library News for February 2020

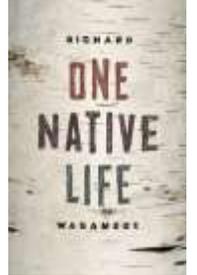
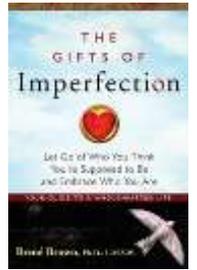
In February we will be looking at the parable of the Woman and the lost coin. She loses a coin then searches everywhere until she finds it. When she finds it she calls all her friends to celebrate. Will we work as hard to find something we value that is lost to us? Will we try to help everyone attain the same freedoms and amenities of life that we enjoy or is this even possible? Would we be willing to do anything to create the Kingdom of God as has been shown to us through the actions of Jesus or are we too comfortable in our lifestyle to change it for the sake of others? These are the questions we will be asked and will ask of ourselves.

February is also black history month which ties in well with our theme, remembering how we do not have a good record of fair treatment of our fellow black citizens.

The following books are chosen to illustrate the theme. The first is Brene Brown's book *The Gifts of Imperfection*. Her suggestion is to let go of who you think you're supposed to be and embrace who you are, find the person you have lost and celebrate you. Richard Wagamese wrote *One Native Live* documenting how he found healing by discovering his roots and the sacred ceremonies that had meaning for him. Finally, the book *Viola Desmond, her Life and Times* by Graham Reynolds and Wanda Robson is an example of a determined woman who was brave enough to challenge the imposed segregation of whites and blacks providing a catalyst to end segregation in Nova Scotia.

For the children, the story *The Heart and the Bottle* by Olive Jeffers, tells how a girl who put her heart in a bottle to keep it safe then found the world was not such a wonderful place without her heart. In time she tried to regain it again without any luck, until at last she found someone who helped her to gain it back again. The other children's book to be highlighted is *On Our Street, Our First Talk About Poverty* by Dr. Jillian Roberts and Jaime Casap, illustrated by Jane Heinrichs. This book gives clear answers for children about the facts of homelessness, of why not everyone can access medical care or education and about refugees and how even children can help to make life fairer for those who are struggling to survive.

Come and check out the new books and borrow some to read during our rainy months.



Finding Our Way to Reconciliation

As part of our church's on-going commitment to reconciliation with the Indigenous People of Canada, we are offering you an opportunity to purchase tickets to attend the world premiere of "Ministry of Grace" at the Belfry Theatre on February 29th at 4pm. We have 30 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. At \$40/ticket, this is a special group rate for a play that will explore themes sure to deepen our understanding of the historical relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in North America. Tickets will be sold after church on Sunday or at the office during the week.



Because there may be feelings, questions and ideas this play raises that might need unpacking, we are also planning a follow-up conversation in early March. It will allow us to gather together in a circle and talk about the play, what we learned, and where it fits in our journey towards reconciliation. NOTE: if you cannot attend the Feb. 29th performance but have season tickets or are planning on seeing this play on another date, you are very welcome to join us in this conversation. Details about this circle debrief: TBA Stay tuned!

"It's like a sprawling Steinbeck novel – a real saga – of encountering hypocrisy and evil, while clinging to the beliefs that guide you. Produced by the Belfry and created by an all-Indigenous team, including designer Andy Moro and writer/director Tara Beagan, one of our leading playwrights." Michael Shamata (Artistic Director)

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE UPDATES:

Just Like Family- South Island is off to a terrific start. Laurie Schellenberg was hired at the end of November to be the "Health Director" of our Social Enterprise. Sarah Bowder and Laurie attended training with the franchisor in Vancouver in November. In December, systems were put in place, caregiver interviews and marketing initiatives were undertaken so we could hit the ground running in January.



Just Like Family, Victoria & South Island had their first client begin on January 3rd. We now have 5 clients and 5 caregivers with more assessments and caregiver interviews lined up. This puts us ahead of where we thought we might be in our first few months and is a good sign of things to come. This does not mean we can be complacent however, and the board and Laurie are working at full speed to continue to help this business grow and have a strong client base knowing that turn over is a reality.

Please remember to spread the word and help create a buzz around Just Like Family. Laurie is terrific at meeting the clients and answering questions, so please refer people to her rather than answering the questions yourselves. Brochures and cards are available at each church. Southisland@justlikefamily.ca is where you can send any inquiries as well.

Our second Social Enterprise initiative is to be working with the existing Thrift Shop and moving it to a new model. A board has been appointed by the joint council and their first meeting will be in February. Grants have been applied for to enable us to do some upgrading of technology etc. Stay tuned !

RECONCILIATION UPDATES

As part of our ongoing commitment to reconciliation, a group of about 17 folks met in December to both create a collective history of what we have done so far, brainstorm some next steps and begin to set some priorities as we move forward. Out of this meeting three things have emerged:



1. Bulletin board in the hall by the coat rack has been created to share some of our history as a congregation of our attempts to educate ourselves and build relationships with our Indigenous brothers and sisters
2. **A block of seats for the play "Ministry of Grace" at the Belfry have been secured and folks from both congregations are invited to see the play and then be part of a debrief session with indigenous elders on another evening.** (more details are in this newsletter)
3. This group will meet again to discern what our next steps toward right relationships and decolonizing our language and attitudes might be as we seek to educate ourselves and build relationships with others.

If you wish to be a part of this reconciliation group, let Mark know and you will be added to the email list. This group will meet again in February.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) SUNDAY MARCH 1ST, 2020

This meeting will happen after worship in the sanctuary and childcare will be provided. The annual report will be distributed electronically in advance as well as budget figures for 2020. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Schoeck, Chair of Council.



12th Annual

Spring Break Musical Camp 2020

March 16-20, 2020

9am - 3pm

with performances Mar 20 & 21 at 7pm

"THE OPEN HEARTED GIFT"



REGISTER ONLINE
CADBAYUC.ORG

Grades 1-7

\$160.00/child

Snacks included ...pls bring a lunch

*Jr. Leader Opportunities for youth
in Grades 8+ contact us for more info

- Set Design & Staging
- Singing
- Learn the Musical Score
- Games
- Swimming

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The story of a child who receives a gift from their parent that wasn't quite what they were hoping for and yet through a series of adventures and with an open heart ends up being the perfect gift. Everyone along the way is blessed with exactly the gift they were needing.

Fall Market Bazaar at St. Aidan's, Sat November 7, 2020

Preparations for the Market Bazaar are well underway. We have 21 stalls and 35 conveners. Every convenue organizes their stall the way it works for them. Some set up on the day, some prepare their wares monthly, some stalls are very labour intensive and some like the baking stall only take a few days close to bazaar day. We need lots of helpers and co-conveners so if you would like to help please call Marilyn 250-479-5676



- ⇒ We are able to supply yarn and fabric if you are able to knit or sew something for those stalls.
- ⇒ We will have 2 pie making sessions as we make 150 rhubarb, apple, and apple blackberry pies.
- ⇒ Book sorting is a fun afternoon and happens almost monthly.
- ⇒ The toy stall helpers meet the first Thurs. of the month from 1:30-3. More help needed and of course we always need more toys.

Your donations are very much appreciated. The Silent Auction is a very popular stall with our customers and they love bidding on unusual items and services. Do you have a business in mind that would donate to our event? Let us know! Remember crystal, china and silver are no longer the items people are looking for but are thrilled with tools, pottery, toys, etc etc. Our drop off spot for anything for the Thrift Shop or Bazaar is **inside the door to the office at St. Aidan's and is open 5 days a week.**

We are able to pass on many items after the bazaar to other churches, prisons, schools, etc. We support Vic West School's Christmas shopping every year by filling 2 moving trucks full of items.

The community loves our event and look forward to it every year. We are very appreciate of their support as it allows us to carry on supporting many causes.

As we all work together many friendships are made. The fellowship of the bazaar is huge. **Please don't** hesitate to join in the fun.

OUTREACH \$\$ FOR 2019

CBUC has committed to having a portion of its annual budget to go toward local outreach. Each year we have a meeting to discern and make recommendations to the annual meeting about where the excess funds will go to support our Outreach partners. Our donation history for 2018 can be found on the bulletin board in the hall and the annual report. We have four pillars for our outreach which have been the lens we use to make the choices we make, they are; Homelessness and Poverty Reduction, Refugees, Care of Creation and Reconciliation. This year we will have our meeting on WED FEB 19 AT 1 PM in the narthex at CBUC. Anyone interested in being part of this discussion and discernment is welcome. The recommendation will go to the AGM on March 1st



Thank You

For all the donations of towels, clothes, toiletries and fruit you have been so generously donating to Our Place. It is very much appreciated.



SPRING BREAK MUSICAL MARCH 16 – 20, 2020

Our annual Spring Break Music Camp will run again this year and we are looking forward to welcoming the cast of children to our space for the week. This year's musical is the story of a child who desperately wants a guitar but their family cannot afford it. Through a series of mishaps and encounters with many strangers and the open hearted stance of Jessie, an interesting turn of events occurs. Filled with music and fun, we are looking forward to presenting our 12 annual musical production. Performances will be at 7pm on Friday and Saturday, March 20th and 21st and admission is by donation. Please mark your calendars now.

If you are interested in helping out in some way, please speak to Mark as there are always a number of volunteer opportunities to be involved with. We will be looking for cookie bakers toward the end of the month so watch the bulletin and email for an invitation to contribute in that way as well. Thank you for your support!



COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR FUNDRAISER FOR OUR PLACE: WALK WITH THE HOLY WALKAMOLIES THIS YEAR!

It's cold out there. **And on February 22rd, we're inviting United Church supporters** from greater Victoria to get involved in this annual fundraiser for agencies serving the most vulnerable people in our communities. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we'll be walking to raise funds to support the hungry and often homeless people and families served by Our Place.

We've pledged to raise \$1500 but last year we were able to raise much more. We only have 2 walkers registered at this time so if you've been thinking about participating in the Walk this year, register ASAP so we can welcome you to the team! If you can't walk, consider making a donation. To join the team or give directly to our team, go here: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=885889&langPref=en-CA> Because you give, so can we! Thanks for your support.



INTERCULTURAL WORKSHOP & SOUP SUNDAY – FEB 9

Join with others on Sun Feb 9th after worship for a bowl of soup, laughter and conversation, after join us in the sanctuary for a discussion about cultural differences and how we can work at truly becoming a diverse community. These discussions are led by Julie Ng and you are welcome to join whenever you are able. Join us for a stimulating conversation and insight.



THURSDAY STUDY GROUP - Massey Lecture #2: Power Shift - The Longest Revolution: Sally Armstrong Thursdays Feb 13-Mar 12 @1pm

An exploration of a women's place in the world today. A journalist and human rights activist Sally argues that the future of humanity depends on the equal status of women and girls.

