



SUNDRE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November-December, 2014

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Minister's Message

It was a wonderful celebration of 90 years of ministry and mission in Sundre on November 16th. Sundre United Church, you are to be congratulated! The stories shared by members of the congregation, Pat Campkin, Pat Toone, Marilyn Davis, and Cheri Jahnke were touching, and spoke to the value people place on this wonderful community of faith. The greatest thing, for me, as a “newbie” to the community, was to come to know you better, from the perspective of how you, as a worshipping community of faith got to be who you are now.

Each of those 4 people brought a different perspective of how the church has influenced their lives. Those 4 stories, combined with the stories that each of you have of your experiences with Sundre United can be compared to a quilt, lovingly made into one work of art, by combining all the pieces of many peoples' experiences. The many come together, with love and care, to make the whole. The finished piece would not be the same without all the pieces – each one is vitally important. Each represents the saints, past and present, that are the body of Christ that is Sundre United Church.

Add to that the musical gifts shared by many in the congregation, as well as the gifts of hospitality that are always abundant at church events. The fabric of the quilts just gets more rich and vibrant!

And now, as we move from this time of celebration, into the Advent season, I pray that the joy of the anniversary service will carry us forward into the long winter nights, and warm our hearts as we look back on the memories shared. May God continue to bless us with love and joy as we journey through Advent and into the season of Christmas.

Advent and Christmas Worship Services at 1:30 pm. weekly

Sunday November 30	Advent One
Sunday December 7	Advent Two
	Community Carol Fest 7:00 pm Community Hall
Sunday December 14	Advent Three – White Gift Sunday – Intergenerational Service – – Children Welcome donations of non – perishable food and/or gifts for Sundre's Santa's Anonymous
Sunday December 21	Advent Four - Hospital and Lodge Services (1:00 and 3:00)
Wednesday December 24	Christmas Eve Candle light Service 5:00 pm
Sunday December 28	Casual worship service – Gail Allan, guest speaking about Israel and Palestine
Sunday January 4	Epiphany Sunday worship service with communion



Coming Events:

- December 8 Bring baking items to the church by noon. Join in the fun and fellowship by wrapping baked items from approximately 1:00 – 4:00pm.
- December 8 2:00pm -Ladies' Coffee Party at the church hall. Bring a friend.
- December 9 7:00pm -Community Choir and Bell Ringing Concert – admission by donation, refreshments to follow. Purchase your Christmas baking at the Church's Bake Sale immediately after the concert.
- December 13 2:00 pm – Community Choir and Bell Ringing Concert – admission by donation, Refreshments to follow.
- December 15 5:30pm Ladies' Turkey Supper at the church hall. \$15.00 -pay by December 8th In lieu of gift exchange, cash donations may be made to Santa's Anonymous.

Did You Know?



*Sundre United is alive and progressive with weekly Sunday services at 1:30 pm led by Rev Tammy Allan in a Shared Ministry with Olds' United. We celebrated our 90th anniversary!

*Sundre United is active with weekly community groups: Community Choir on Tuesday evenings, Bell Ringing on Thursday evenings, Beavers on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:00pm, Cubs & Scouts on Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Yoga with Shannon Harvey on Monday & Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm and Tuesday & Thursday from 8:45 – 10:00am and Y-Not Sandwiches preparing tasty subs for retail outlets.

*Grief Recovery Method with Bev Hallett, Social Worker – contact 403-638-4515 – winter 2015

*Memorial donations were directed to an oak cabinet for the sound system in memory of Margaret Moore. Other memorial donations were used towards new west lower level stairs and handrails to create a separate entrance for the Scouts program.

*Prayer shawls – The Church Board will be allocating a set sum of monies annually to purchase yarn and fabric for volunteers to create prayer shawls. Please notify Kathy at the office if you are able to knit or sew a prayer shawl.

*Do you know 2 people who don't get The Observer? For just \$10, you can send BOTH OF THEM a subscription. Call 1-800-936-4566 or e-mail subscribe@ucobserver.org . Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery of first issue. This is a highly accredited journal in Canada filled with multiple interesting stories and information about the National church and Alberta/Northwest Conference.

*Continue to visit us at www.sundreunited.ca

Stewardship & Finance: from a “Song of Faith”

*We sing of God’s good news lived out, a church with purpose
We joyfully share our resources and ourselves,
To be a blessing to the earth.*



Year to date Revenues: \$56,928

Expenditures: \$66,404

“Whether or not I am there.....my church has on-going commitments every week that need my offering. My church is important to me, and so is my financial commitment to its work. That is why it is important to consider the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) system to fulfill a commitment” Just as many have automatic payments for monthly utilities, mortgages, cable, etc, this is the same principle with PAR. Your account will be debited on or about the 20th of the month and your congregation’s account is credited with the amount payable from all the members that participate. Those that participate with PAR support have greatly stabilized Sundre United’s monthly expenses. The administrative fee is miniscule compared to the advantages of PAR. We welcome others to seriously consider this avenue of monthly givings. Please call Kathy at the office at 403-638-4428 to register.



Outreach and Visitation:

-Power of Change – the bottle is available to collect coins each week. These monies are donated to Sundre High School to assist a student who is highly accomplished in their academic or athletic endeavors but cannot financially afford to participate to their level of ability.

-Gifts with Vision – “God’s Mission- Our Gifts” – catalogue available.

-Dishwasher donated by Deb Ellithorpe – allows for easy clean up after fellowship where we have an opportunity to build relationships to support community, compassion and hope.

-Pastoral care visits – Rev Tammy Allan is focusing on visitation and meeting members of the congregation. For any urgent visits, please call the office at 638-4428 to leave a message.

-February, 2015 – volunteers for the Thrift Store and Meals on Wheels. Schedule up in January.

Thank yous:

*Jim Eklund, Bargain Browzer, for paying for snow removal on a regular basis on the church driveway where we share parking.

*Marty Mennear, Sundre IGA, who donates all the turkeys for the annual Turkey Supper. Please support our community businesses!

*Kathy Taylor, Office Administrator, for re-implementing Powerpoint to enhance weekly services.

*Etta Evans for setting up and ordering the beautiful 90th anniversary cake and to Pat Toone, Pat Campkin's letter, Marilyn Davis and Cheri Jahnke for bringing stories of faith and history.

*Sundre Museum for purchasing our excess wooden chairs and tables to create more space for the Scouting program.

*Jean Dickman (choir leader), Cheri Jahnke (pianist), Pat Toone, Verity Pickering, Anne Grisswell and Elaine Edey for faithfully practicing weekly and presenting Special music during Sunday services. Welcome to Linda McMurray.

