

MISSION MINUTES 2017

October 15, 2017

Global Mission & Service

FOOD INSECURITY

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer self-sufficiency and hope. Let us hear a story from the West Bank.

Life is a constant struggle for Palestinian Muslims and Christians living in the West Bank. Separated from family living in Israel, Gaza, or further abroad, many also face land confiscation or are unable to reach their land to work it because of Israeli restrictions on travel. Those who want to build new agriculture-related structures rarely receive permits from the Israeli authority; if they build anyway, they are subject to demolitions.

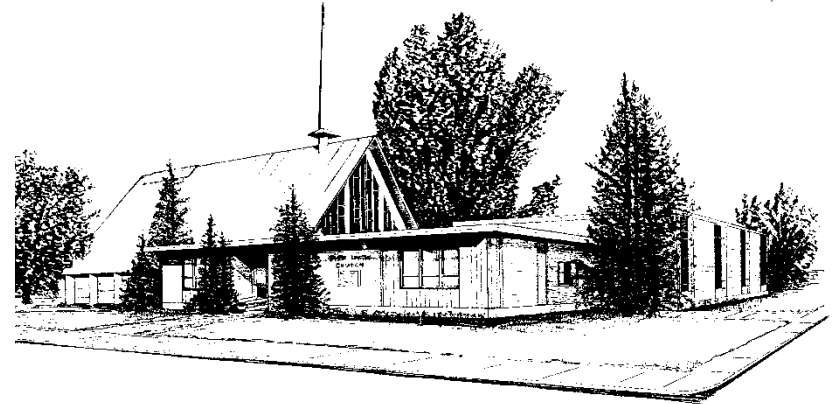
In the West Bank, the Near East Council of Churches has developed a food security program focused on families who have lost land and property due to the Israeli occupation and illegal settlements. Through this intervention, a family receives three main components. First is material for a shed for livestock. As part of the project, the family must contribute by building the shed, often with the help of the community. Second, they receive five fruit trees that are about four years old, and third, they receive 12 chickens, two pregnant sheep, and enough feed for 100 days. Training and support are also provided.

These supplies give those struggling to feed their families the ability to become self-sufficient, providing milk, eggs, fruit, dairy products, and meat for their own needs while also having enough left over to trade or sell at markets.

We sing thanksgiving for global partners who are bringing hope and vitality to Palestinian families in the region.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

Covenant United Church



“We are Covenant United Church; an inviting Christian community who embrace change and reach out to make a local and a global difference.”

PASTORAL TEAM

Minister: Rev. Cindy Désilets

Music: Tim Tonkin

Secretary: Jacqueline Girard

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

CHURCH

230 Eighth Avenue

Timmins, ON P4N 5S1

WORSHIP

Sunday: 10:30 am

Sunday School: Sept-May

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

Welcome newcomers and visitors to the care and fellowship of Covenant United Church. Please introduce yourself to the minister or one of the ushers so that we may help you feel at home.

MANITOU PRAYER LIST

Grace United Church – Hornepayne

Presently vacant

Spirit Dancing Presbytery

Retired/Retained/in Special Ministries

Sylvia Carscadden (Staff Associate); Retired,
Sudbury Presbytery



COUNCIL MEETING

Our next scheduled Council Meeting is
Wednesday, October 18th, at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

Our annual Christmas Craft Sale will be held on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

If you are interested in renting a table, please call 705-264-5518.



Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

Pat's Group

Please stay and enjoy!

Stewardship seconds

“All we have “can be a lot. There is always a way to reach out to our neighbor.

M&S SNIPPETS

Mission & Service supports global partners like the Near East Council of Churches in the West Bank, which assists Palestinian families who have lost land and property due to the Israeli occupation and illegal settlements.

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

19th Sunday after Pentecost • *Matthew 21:23-32*

Jesus speaks about John the Baptist to those who “have it made.” They didn’t listen to John’s message which advocated for justice. However, says Jesus, the toll collectors and prostitutes did. And they (as we all know) didn’t “have it made.” Are there connections between stewardship and justice? You be the judge.



SOUPER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 18

11:45 am - 1 pm

Pay \$10 at the door

All you can eat Soup, homemade breads and buns, desserts & beverages. Funds are for Covenant Outreach.

Please Sign-up sheet on bulletin board if you can help in any way with donations or set-up, clean-up.