

## MISSION MINUTES 2018

### Like a Family

February 11, 2018

Our gifts for Mission & Service create safe spaces where people can come together as family. Bissell Centre in Edmonton is one of these places. The stories in today's Minute for Mission were first shared on its blog.

Bissell Centre offers people living on the margins food, shelter, and a feeling of belonging. Most people who visit the centre can immediately tell that the people there have a special bond with one another. Diane, a long-time volunteer, describes the connection she feels. "When I don't come, I miss the people in the Drop-in Centre. They're always stopping us and talking to us," she says. "It's like a family."

The phrase "like a family" is often used by staff, volunteers, and especially the participants themselves. Here are some of the ways Bissell Centre has shaped people's sense of family.

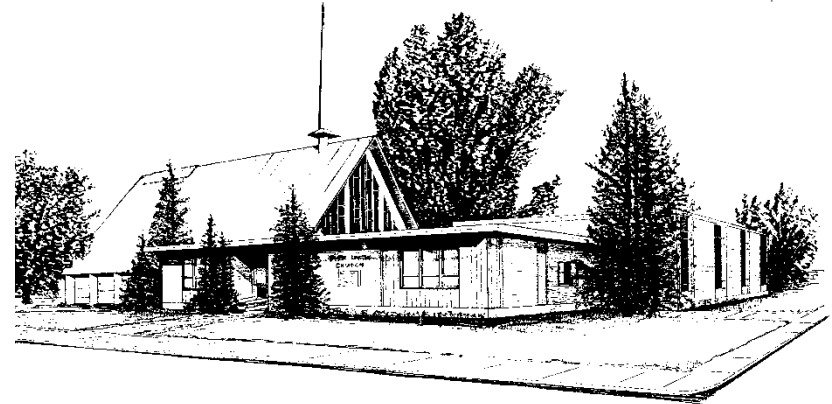
Kayla shared that "Bissell Centre has given us a sense of belonging, tradition, and foundation to start from. The staff has encouraged us to grow and always gives us something to look forward to."

Judy says, "I don't know what I would have done without all of the staff at Bissell Centre. Look! Now I am sitting in my own home. I consider *all* of the staff to be my family."

The community at Bissell Centre has grown and changed for over 100 years, thanks in part to the support you have provided through Mission & Service.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

# 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

Wednesday  
9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
by appointment or chance

### CHURCH

230 Eighth Avenue  
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### WORSHIP

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## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

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.

### **OUTREACH UPDATES**

We are still collecting and adding more to our tree in the foyer- Adult mitts for Yo-Mobile and more children's mitts for YoMobile, Project Love and Red Cross. It's a long, cold winter this year.

### **TUNGOL LIBRARY PROJECT**

We are continuing to collect books and school supplies for Tungol library project . Over 6500 books have now been collected. The goal is 10,000. There are bins in the cloak room or drop off at St. Anthony's rectory.

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR – FEB 24<sup>TH</sup>**

Outreach Committee members, Nancy Guillemette, Amanda Mollins Koene and Joy Galloway will be walking the 2 km walk on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> to support Anti-hunger Coalition Timmins . This is a fundraiser for Timmins Anti-hunger Coalition who support community, food security programs such as Good Food Box, Timmins Community Gardens and Collective Cooking. Donations would be appreciated and charitable receipts will be available. We will have pledge sheets available at coffee after church for the next 3 Sundays.

### **UNWANTED GLASSES**

Schumacher Lions Recycle for Sight came in this week to pick up your unwanted glasses which will help someone see better. Thank you!



Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

*Judy Robertson's Group.*

Please stay and enjoy!

## **Stewardship seconds**

Stewards of the gospel are transfigured through Christ's light shining out of the darkness.

### **M&S SNIPPETS**

Bissell Centre provides food and fellowship to the most vulnerable people of Edmonton. The guests, volunteers, and staff become like a family as they share a meal.

### **MANITOU PRAYER LIST**

*St. James in the Valley United – Val Therese, Sudbury Presbytery*  
Presently vacant (OM)

*Retired/Retained/in Special Ministries*  
Kitty Miller (DLM), Retired, *Spirit Dancing Presbytery*

### **REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany • *Mark 1:40-45*

People come to Jesus “from everywhere.” Question: Just how far would you be willing to go, in order to be with Jesus?

### **W.O.W.**

All women are invited to the next luncheon at **Moneta's Pub**, 331 Pine St. South, on **Wednesday, February 21, at 11:45 am.**

Bring a friend! Please let the office know by Monday, Feb. 19 if you are coming so reservations can be made.

LET YOUR WHOLE LIFE SPEAK

### **AGM '18**

*Worship \* Conversation \* Vision*

**Sunday, February 11, 2018.**

***All are welcome***

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Please bring a bag Lunch, Tea, Coffee and Goodies provided.



### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

*Come with a large appetite...*

**FEBRUARY 13TH, 2018 AT 5:30 PM**

*Covenant United Church  
230 Eighth Avenue, Timmins*

**Cost: Good will donation**

*All are welcome!*