#### **MISSION MINUTES 2018**

June 17, 2018

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of reconciliation with Indigenous brothers and sisters.

The Mohawk words "Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren" (in English, "All My Relations") were added to The United Church of Canada's crest in 2012, recognizing that we are all connected to each other and all of creation.

A recent visit from the Uniting Church in Australia's Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress demonstrated the truth of this phrase. The visit was part of a dialogue on reconciliation between our two countries and churches. A return visit from Canada took place in March 2018.

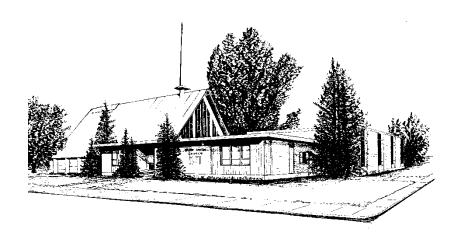
The Australians arrived in Vancouver, British Columbia, and after exploring its urban Indigenous context, were scheduled to fly up the coast to the Indigenous community of Bella Coola. The United Churches there had worked to ensure a meaningful visit, but wildfires intervened. Concerned that the community might need to provide refuge for those displaced by fire, everyone reluctantly decided to cancel the visit.

Several phone calls later, friends in Peepeekisis and Carry the Kettle First Nations in Saskatchewan helped out with "Plan B." The warmth with which the visitors were received was overwhelming. In Peepeekisis, after a brief service in the beloved old church, everyone was invited to a community feast, where the Australian guests participated in sacred ceremony. At Carry the Kettle, a visit to the annual powwow turned into the Australians being part of the Grand Entry—an incredible honour, and an experience that most will likely never have again.

This happened because of a simple recognition, that no matter how far apart we are, we are all connected; we are all relatives.

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

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### **WORSHIP**

Sunday: 10:30 am

Sunday School: Sept-May

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 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.

## **MANITOU PRAYER LIST**

Golden Valley United- Val D'or Spirit Dancing Presbytery, Presently vacant.

St. Paul's United – Temiscaming, North Bay Presbytery, Presently vacant.

Retired/Retained/in Special Ministries

Will Kunder (OM) Manitou Conference Staff, Conference Executive Secretary, *Spirit Dancing Presbytery*.

### **2019 BULLETINS COVERS**

We are excited to present to you the **2019** United Church bulletin covers. Please look through the catalogue and choose the bulletins that speak to you. Clearly indicate who the bulletin has been donated by, along with the message you would like inscribed at the bottom of the page. Cost is \$20. Please honor your donation by simply placing in the collection plate.

## W.O.W.

All women are invited to the next luncheon at **Siva's Family Restaurant**, 1500 Riverside Drive, on *Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>*, at 11:45 am. Bring a friend! Please let the office know by Monday, June 18, if you are coming so reservations can be made.



Coffee this morning is brought to you by: **Pat's Group**. Stay and enjoy

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the fathers and the fatherly figures of the world.

# Stewardship seconds

As Stewards, we walk by faith.

#### **M&S SNIPPETS**

At the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering, Indigenous and non-Indigenous people of Canada and of Australia celebrated that we are all connected.

#### **REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • Mark 6:1-13

"They set out and announced that people should turn their lives around." We can't expect others to turn their lives around, unless ours is too. Have you allowed yours to be?





### **DONATION FOR BBQ**

Looking for donations of salads (potato, pasta or greens) and dessert. Also to help set up or clean up. There is a signup sheet in foyer.

#### MANSE FOR RENT – AVAILABLE JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>

262 Cedar St. N. Timmins ON P4N 6J8

3 ½ Bedroom, 1 ½ bathroom, dining room and built in cabinets. Parquet flooring, no rug. Garage and deck. Asking \$1,400 per month. No smoking and no pets. Call Heather 264-1906 or Veronica 465-2338