

Caring for Children in Gaza

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the Near East Council of Churches in caring for children in the midst of the shattered infrastructure of the Gaza Strip.

Of particular concern are children suffering from malnutrition and anemia, both treatable illnesses. The clinics in Shijaia, Darraj, and Rafah estimate anemia and malnutrition affect about 10,000 children in these areas from newborn infants to age six. If treated in time, 60 percent of the children will fully recover.

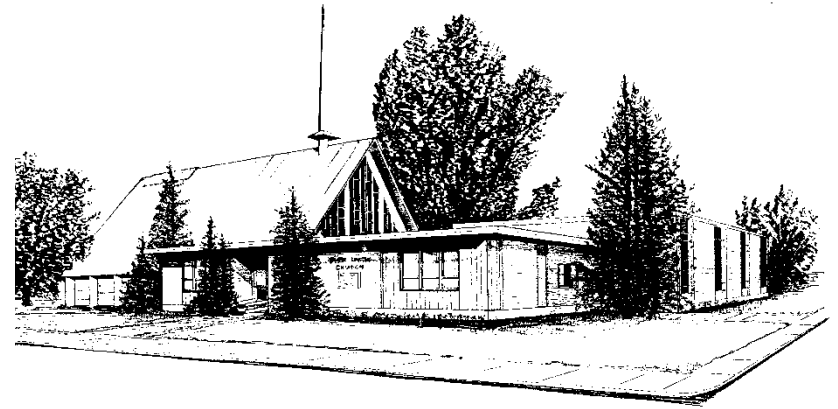
Parents and children are welcome to come to clinics, and the Near East Council of Churches also runs outreach programs for families who need services and can't get to clinics. In addition to the 10,000 children treated for illness, clinic staff will be able to carry out about 22,000 well baby checks per year. Children with more complicated diagnoses are referred to advanced diagnostic and therapeutic services.

The reality of living in the Gaza Strip is harsh. There are shortages of drugs. The Near East Council of Churches reports a shortfall of about 40 percent in essential drugs needed for mother and child health services. The exposure to health risks has increased, including the spread of communicable diseases, food insecurity, and psychosocial issues. The economic impact of the ongoing blockade and other factors means families have much more limited capacity to contribute to medical costs.

Mission & Service makes it possible for the Near East Council of Churches to address the challenges of providing medical care to children in the Gaza Strip.

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

Monday to Thursday
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

CHURCH

230 Eighth Avenue
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WORSHIP

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Sunday School: Sept-May

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 16, 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.



COUNCIL MEETING

Please note our next scheduled Council Meeting is Wednesday, **October 10**, at 7 pm

OUTREACH

You are invited to participate by serving at **The Lord's Kitchen** as part of the **United Church Team** on **Thursday, Sept. 27th**, 85 Spruce Street North, Timmins. Please let Peter Davis know if you can make it. **705-235-3818** Time commitment is from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CHURCH BULLETIN & INSERT NOW ONLINE

Covenant United Church's weekly Bulletin & Insert can now be found online on our website at:

www.covenantunitedtimmins.ca



Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

Pat's Group

Stay and enjoy!



"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."

Stewardship seconds

Offering hospitality to the stranger
Challenges us to see everyone as God's chosen.

M&S SNIPPET

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REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

17TH Sunday after Pentecost • *Mark 10:2-16*

"Let the children come to me ... after all, God's domain belongs to people like that." A faithful steward aims at and work s towards simplicity – in all aspects of their life.

W.o.W.
All women are invited to the next luncheon at:
Montana's BBQ & Bar
1500 Riverside Drive
on
Wednesday, September 19, at 11:45
Bring a friend!
Please let the office know by Monday, Sept. 17, if you are coming so reservations can be made.

WANTED ARTISANS & CRAFTERS
for our
Upcoming Annual
Christmas Craft Sale
Saturday, November 03
Tables are available to rent
Covenant United Church
230 Eighth Avenue, Timmins - 705-264-5518