

## **MISSION MINUTES 2019**

### **Embracing the Spirit**

*March 10, 2019*

Rob Dagleish, Executive Director of EDGE, says the growth of Embracing the Spirit, a Mission & Service program, demonstrates that there is an appetite across the church to experiment with new forms of worship and ministry. Embracing the Spirit is a Mission & Service program, learning network, and innovation fund.

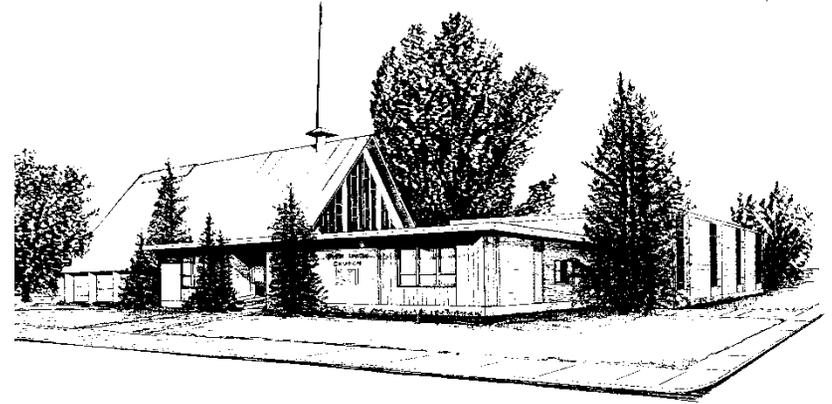
As Dagleish notes: "People sometimes ask me, 'What do art shows or cooking classes have to do with church?' I tell them it's about loving your neighbour and the neighbourhood. Changing lives for the better, whether economically, socially, environmentally, or through more traditional spiritual practices, is an act of love. It's an expression of the abundant life that was Jesus' purpose. Through our own deepening discipleship, it becomes an opportunity to introduce people to who Jesus is and the way he invites us to walk."

The Embracing the Spirit learning network consists of more than 300 people receiving guidance from more than 80 mentors. These mentors include retired professionals who are willing to lend their skills and expertise to help others. Another part of the program is the Social Innovation Challenge, where participants can develop a concept, discover new partners, and compete for start-up funding. There have been 11 Social Innovation Challenges so far, which bring a spiritual bottom line to entrepreneurship.

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**

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**"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 12:00 pm

#### **CHURCH**

230 Eighth Avenue  
Timmins, ON P4N 5S1

#### **WORSHIP**

Sunday: 10:30 am  
Sunday School: Sept-May

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## **SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2019**

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.

## **REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP**

Lent 1 • *Luke 4:1-13*

Being a steward, following the example of Jesus, calls on us to make decisions and choices that may fly in the face of contemporary culture. This requires strength and discipline which is available to each of us, if we ask for it.

## **THE LORD'S KITCHEN**

The "United Church Team", comprised of 10 volunteers, is planning to serve at "The Lord's Kitchen" on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> located in basement of 85 Spruce Street North (time commitment is 3:30 to 5:30 pm). If you are available and would like to help, please contact Peter Davis 705-235-3818 or [peter.davis@fibreop.ca](mailto:peter.davis@fibreop.ca).

## **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

Prayer shawl group is looking for gift bags if you are interested in recycling. Bags size needs to be 12 X 6, any color. Please give to Judy Robertson.

## **2019 Envelopes**

2019 envelopes are ready to be picked up. Please pick up yours.



Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

*Judy Robertson's Group*

Please stay and enjoy

## **Stewardship seconds**

Every one of us has the power to help someone who is powerless.

## **M&S SNIPPET**

Embracing the Spirit offers grants to innovative new ministries. The program is supported by Mission & Service. Grant recipients also receive a mentor and other supports.

## **COFFEE HOUSE EVENING**

**Thursday, March 22 at Covenant**



This evening promises to be an entertaining evening of gospel music presented by Wayne Brown. The concert will feature country gospel songs, favourite hymns and a special tribute performance to Elvis Presley. A special appearance by a local youth will feature songs for the children in all of us.

General Seating with all admissions paid at the door by donation. Pop, coffee and tea will be available at this event. All proceeds will be used by Covenant United Church for their programs and local expenses.

Wayne Brown is a local performer known by this community for his country music. Many of you may remember him as the first Elvis impersonator in Timmins playing at the Rock & Tap at the Senator Hotel shortly after Elvis died. Wayne performs every Saturday afternoon at the Victory Tavern with "Darryl & Darryl" and by private bookings with Good Times (country & rock) and Brass Traxx (9-piece brass band - rock).

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Let today be the day you give up who you've been for who you can become.**