

MISSION MINUTES 2019

June 23, 2019

Migrants Are Not Stereotypes

Migration touches all corners of the globe. Some people choose to move in search of jobs, opportunity, or education. Others are forced from their homes by conflict, poverty, inequality, and a lack of sustainable livelihoods. The United Nations reported 258 million migrants in 2017.

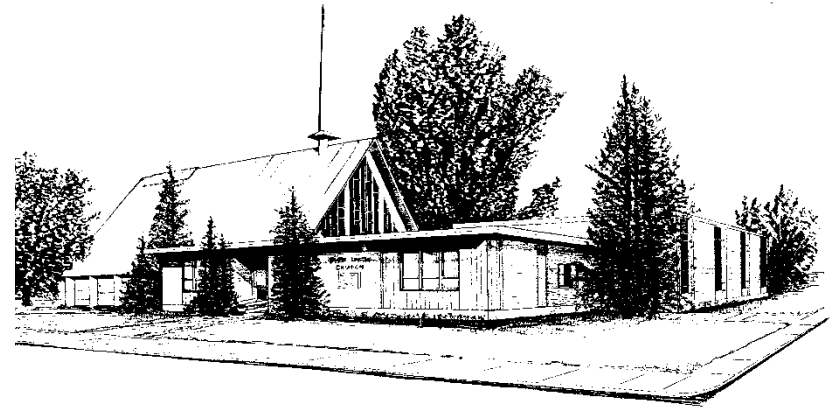
The safeguards and protections we afford refugees, migrants, and displaced peoples speak to the foundation of human rights. The strangers among us are God's people in need of our hospitality and mercy as much as our advocacy for the justice they seek and human rights they deserve.

Many migrants are victimized by the conditions of forced migration, including human trafficking in all its forms (labour, drugs, human organs, sex, baby-selling, and mail-order brides). Migration today cannot be isolated from concerns for working conditions. Living wages and a safe, secure working environment are denied to many. These rights must be protected.

Migrants are not stereotypes. Their value can not be measured by the documents they may or may not have, or their financial contributions to national economies. One migrant leader has said, "Do not talk about us without us. We have answers, and we have been voicing them."

Mission & Service partners around the globe—including the National Council of Churches of Kenya, Evangelical Congregational Church in Angola, United Church of Zambia, Church of North India, Methodist Church in Colombia, and Middle East Council of Churches—are working tirelessly to help displaced peoples fleeing violence, political conflict, and persecution as migrants organize to make their dreams come true. 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 12:00 pm

CHURCH

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WORSHIP

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SUNDAY JUNE 23, 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

2nd Sunday after Pentecost • *Luke 7:36-8:3*

This lesson in hospitality, in taking care of those who come to us, begs the question: just how hospitable are we when someone shows up at our place of worship?

M&S SNIPPET

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Broadview Magazine (*Observer*)

Renewal & New Subscriptions for the “Broadview” are now due. Annual subscriptions are \$25. Please let the office know if you want to be a new subscriber or if you want to cancel your existing one. (705)-264-5518. Deadline is July 8, 2019.

If you are including payment with your weekly offering, please mark “Broadview” and update any changes in your mailing address.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for volunteers for a “GARDEN GROUP” to look after the flower gardens and our small vegetable plot. Please advise the Office or sign up on list on Bulletin Board.

2020 BULLETINS COVERS

2020 Bulletins Covers catalogue is here!

We are excited to present to you the **2020** United Church bulletin covers. Please look through the catalogue and choose the bulletins that speak to you. United Church bulletin covers features photos by United Church. 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.

Please order by June 24th, 2019

SHARING OF FOOD

On the 1st Sunday of the month we pray blessings both on the food and on those who share it.

Thank you for your help in fighting to end hunger in our community. Next Sunday will go towards the South Porcupine Food Bank.



OFFICE SUMMER HOURS



The Church Office will be open once a week during the summer months as of June 25. E-mails & phone messages will be checked regularly and returned as soon as possible.

Summer is the season when a man thinks he can cook better on an outdoor grill than his wife can on an indoor stove.

I hope your summer is just like the little box, filled with surprises. Happy Summer everyone!



Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

Heather & Veronica's group

Stay and enjoy!