

## MISSION MINUTES 2019 Singing for Inclusion

September 8, 2019

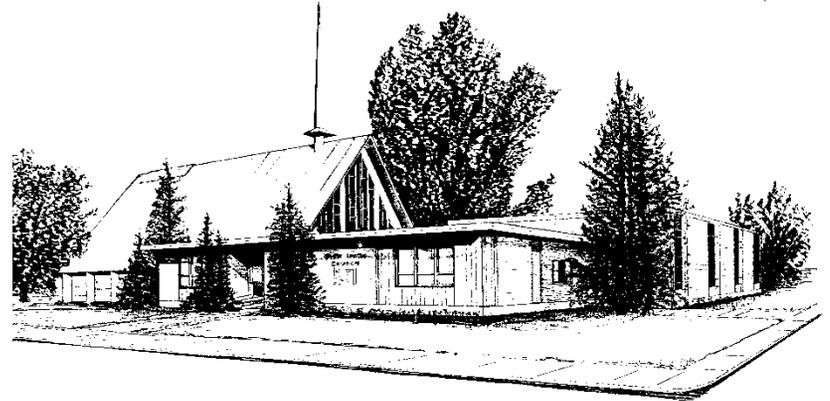
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The concert was due in large part to three student placements. Reflecting on their learnings, the students spoke about the power of the songwriting process and how participants saw the song as "our song." Music student Kristian said it allowed her to focus on how music can have an impact on social situations and lives. For Kristian, the focus was not on getting the job done, but the enjoyment. Justin, a student in social work, commented on the fact that as soon as choir members walked out on stage, they stood taller. He saw singing as a mindfulness act; it focused the mind on the act of singing. Sarah, a student in business management, saw how the work she learned, in human resources could be put into action in terms of diversity, and she enjoyed how everyone collaborated.

From the perspective of Stella's Circle, they saw three students embrace something new, fit right in, and add value to what was happening at Stella's Circle. What a great experience for all! 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

Wednesdays or by chance  
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

### CHURCH

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## **WELCOME BACK SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 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.

## **WHO'S READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?**



Sunday School begins this morning. Our goal is to make Sunday mornings a fun learning experience for the children.

## **OUTREACH**

Covenant united will be collecting Socks for the month of September. Socks are the most requested item of homeless people. We hope to collect 100 pair for Socks Timmins. If you can't shop put \$10 in an envelop and leave on the offering plate or drop in the mail slot or at the office I will go shopping for you ( giant Tiger sells socks in packs of 10 for approximately \$10) A special box will be put out for the socks.  
Thanks in advance.

*Outreach committee*

## **CHURCH BULLETIN & INSERT ONLINE**

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

[www.covenantunitedtimmins.ca](http://www.covenantunitedtimmins.ca)

## **Stewardship seconds**

Let go of what is holding you back,  
to free you for the journey onward and forward

## **M&S SNIPPETS**

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## **REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP**

13<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Jesus reminds us that the calling of a steward is to take care of those from whom we can expect no reward. This is not an easy task for many of us.

Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch



**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

After our Sunday morning Service

**You Belong Here!**