

MISSION MINUTES 2019

December 15, 2019

Mission & Service in Changing Times

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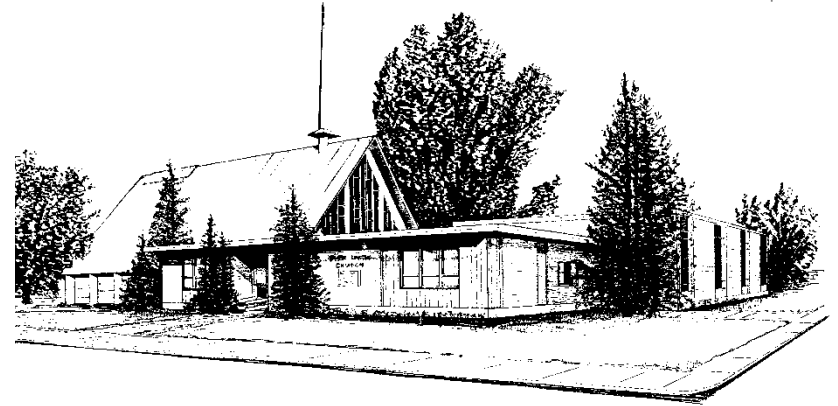
The good news is that together we are making important changes, and we are taking the time to do things differently.

- We are restructuring the four courts of the church to three so that we live within our means.
- We are clarifying funding, so that assessments will be funding governance and shared services, and Mission & Service donations will be funding purely mission and ministry.
- We are continuing to keep decisions about the funding of local mission and ministry in local hands, so that regions will be deciding what mission and ministry will be funded in that region, and by that region.
- We are focusing on finding and trying out new models of being church by funding innovation in congregations through Mission & Service programs such as Embracing the Spirit, the New Ministries Fund, *Edge*, and the granting programs of The United Church of Canada Foundation.

These changes will support the capacity for Mission & Service donations to continue to provide core funding to so much great work that’s been going on across Canada and around the world.

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

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

CHURCH

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WORSHIP

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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

Advent 3 • Matthew 11: 2-11

Jesus answers John's question by pointing to the signs that God's dream for creation are there for all to see. God's dream for creation is that all live in "shalom," a well-being that takes in everything and everyone. As one who wants to be a faithful steward, what am I doing to help make this dream come true?

Covenant Outreach is still collecting winter outerwear

(coats, mitts, scarves) for Yo! Mobile and Living Space. Living Space is also looking for bowls and mugs – some have already been delivered. Have a look at our growing mitten tree! The Children's mitts are donated to Project Love and Canadian Red Cross and adults mitts to Living Space and Yo! Mobile thank you again for your continued support.

GIFTS OF VISION (WHITE GIFT)

Outreach Committee has decided to support two projects from the United Church Gifts of Vision program again this year.

The first "**Help Build a Well**" supports drilling a well at Kamulaseni Community School in Chapata in the Democratic Republic Of the Congo. The safe clean water will be provided for the pupils, teachers and local community. The school using the safe water also is growing vegetables and trees as fund raisers for community development.

Again we'd like to suggest supporting "**Off to a Good Start**" - a program to support pregnant adolescents and young parents receive shelter and are at the Massey Centre in Toronto.

Special envelopes are available for your donations. Also feel free to choose your own Gift of Vision. Catalogues are available at the back of the church for your review.



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

is offered after church service

Please stay and enjoy!

Stewardship seconds

Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and let us rejoice in being able to use our gifts to do God's work.

M&S SNIPPETS

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ENVELOPE BOXES for 2020

THE ENVELOPE BOXES for 2020 ARE SET OUT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN THE FOYER THIS WEEKEND.

Please remember to stop by and pick them up. Thank you.

There will be extra boxes for those who would like to begin using envelopes in 2020.



Christmas Pageant

The **2019** Sunday School Christmas pageant is scheduled for this morning, **Sunday, December 15**, during the 10:30 AM worship service. Enjoy coffee after the Pageant.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 pm