



The Dove  
February 11th, 2018



## DUNCAN UNITED CHURCH

A warm Duncan United Church welcome to all! We hope that you will find our celebration of worship a meaningful part of your spiritual journey. If we can provide any information or do anything to assist you, please let us know.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:00 am

#### Please join us in our Sunday Journey!

Welcome to all children and youth, and their families! At Duncan United, children and youth are a vital part of our worship together, and are invited to sit with family, or in our friendly area at the front of the Sanctuary.

Today, our children and youth will remain upstairs for our intergenerational "Everyone upstairs" service!

**Our nursery** is available for parent use at any time. It is located next to the Sanctuary and is equipped with a speaker to listen to the service. **Sundance room** is also open downstairs for any parents with younger children who would like to make use of it during the service.

*Sarah Prestwich, Sunday Journey and Youth Coordinator*

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#### 2017 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

**"Change for Change"** Please note the offering plate on the back prayer table. Donations will go towards our "Meals on the Ground" program to feed those out in the cold. Let's change our world one meal at a time.



Today is our monthly **Community dinner** at 5:00 pm. We need help setting up tables after coffee. Also servers at 4:45p.m. We invite you to come at 5:00 to help our guests feel welcome in our church.

## PASTORAL CARE



Happy Birthday this week to Erin Arrowsmith and Bill Younie!



A huge thank you to the gang who made the mac and cheese on Saturday for Micah's Meal and to everyone who jumped in on Sunday to help serve AND to all of you who came and enjoyed the lunch. Over \$400.00 was raised for Nourish Cowichan and the Canadian Food Grains bank—a great way to help feed folks in our community and the wider world!

### OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers this week:

- ✝ Arline Christianson
- ✝ All those in care facilities and those facing ongoing challenges
- ✝ The congregation of St. Margarets Church in Forfar, Scotland
- ✝ The people of Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands
- ✝ Our General Council

To contact the confidential telephone prayer chain, please call Audrey Towle 250-745-6616 Pastoral care calls for Cathy may be directed to the office or for urgent calls after hours please contact Keith Simmonds at 250-701-6957.

Keith Simmonds - Minister

Linda Evans – Administration & Social Justice Co-ordinator

Cathy Coulter RN – Parish Nurse & Pastoral Care

Sarah Prestwich - SundayJourney & Youth Co-ordinator

Connie Masson – Music Director

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## OPPORTUNITIES!



**Library News!** February is black history month. As many black people from the southern states came to BC, especially to Salt Spring Island in the mid-1800's, we have several relevant social justice books in the Autobiography/ Biography section, or as contemporary Fiction.

**Thank you for your Bottles!** You can donate your refundable bottles and cans to our youth group program by taking them to the **Duncan Encorp Return-it Depot at 6476 Norcross Road** and letting the folks there know that they are for the **Duncan United Church Youth Group**.

## DUNCAN UNITED CHURCH EVENTS

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 13th 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.  
in HERITAGE HALL

Adults \$7.00 Children (under 12) \$5.00

Family - 2 Adults and children - \$15.00

*Sponsored by Duncan United Church and our Youth Groups*

**Bring your family, bring your friends!**



Our **Ash Wednesday Service, February 14th at 5:00 p.m.** will mark the beginning of our journey through the season of Lent. To truly experience the fullness of Easter one needs to journey through Lent from beginning to end.

Please join with us for this meaningful occasion of worship.

### Life Under Occupation - Palestine 2017

“After living in Palestine for three months as a United Church ecumenical accompanier, George Bartlett wants us to know what’s happening to people there. On **February 18 at noon**, he’ll be sharing stories, images and impressions of life in Palestine under Israeli occupation. Please plan to attend. Together we’ll find out what’s going on, and what can be done to address it.”

**Mark Your Calendars - Sunday March 4th  
Our Annual Congregational Conversation**

Please plan to stay after the service and share in the discussion on all that we accomplished in 2017 and our plans for 2018. A hotdog lunch will be provided by donation or you are welcome to bring your own brown bag lunch.

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

February 11th - Transfiguration Sunday- Intergenerational - Keith Simmonds  
February 18th - Lent 1 Worship - Keith Simmonds  
February 25th - Lent 2 Worship - Keith Simmonds  
March 4th - Lent 3 Worship - Keith Simmonds

**THIS WEEK AT DUNCAN UNITED**

**SUNDAY - TODAY**

Worship Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Cerwydden	2:00 pm	Cerwydden
Community Dinner	5:00 pm	Heritage Hall

**MONDAY -Family day - Office Closed**

**TUESDAY**

Mothers Morning Out	9:00 am	Heritage Hall
Quilting Buddies	1:00 pm	Burns
Shrove Tuesday Pancakes	5:00 pm	Heritage Hall

**WEDNESDAY**

Senior's Exercise	10:30 am	Burns Hall
Ash Wednesday Service	5:00 pm	Sanctuary

**THURSDAY**

Pause Cafe Bible Study	10:00 am	Friendship Rm
Lent Study	2:00 & 6:30 pm	Burns Hall
Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary

**FRIDAY**

Drop in Prayer	8:30 -	PC Office
Gentle Yoga	9:30 am	Burns Hall
Bulletin Folding	10:00 am	Solstice Room
Third Place Cafe	10:00 am	Heritage Hall

## LECTIONARY READINGS for February 18, 2018

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

### Special Links

**Keith's Blog - Warmed up in Faith**

<http://www.keithsimmonds.ca/>

**Join our Facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Duncan-United-Church/1436427283263566>

Connect with our “twin” church in Scotland:

**St. Margaret’s Parish Church, Forfar**

<http://stmargaretschurchforfar.org/>

**Duncan and Joan's blog**

<http://oceanpeace.ca/>





## MINUTE FOR MISSION

### Like a Family

Our gifts for Mission & Service create safe spaces where people can come together as family. Bissell Centre in Edmonton is one of these places. The stories in today's Minute for Mission were first shared on its blog.

Bissell Centre offers people living on the margins food, shelter, and a feeling of belonging. Most people who visit the centre can immediately tell that the people there have a special bond with one another. Diane, a long-time volunteer, describes the connection she feels. "When I don't come, I miss the people in the Drop-in Centre. They're always stopping us and talking to us," she says. "It's like a family."

The phrase "like a family" is often used by staff, volunteers, and especially the participants themselves. Here are some of the ways Bissell Centre has shaped people's sense of family.

Kayla shared that "Bissell Centre has given us a sense of belonging, tradition, and foundation to start from. The staff has encouraged us to grow and always gives us something to look forward to."

Judy says, "I don't know what I would have done without all of the staff at Bissell Centre. Look! Now I am sitting in my own home. I consider *all* of the staff to be my family."

The community at Bissell Centre has grown and changed for over 100 years, thanks in part to the support you have provided through Mission & Service.

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.