



The Dove  
November 18th<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

Keith Simmonds - Minister

Linda Evans – Administration & Outreach Co-ordinator

Susan Murray – Health and Spiritual Wellness Co-ordinator

Sarah Prestwich - SundayJourney & Youth Co-ordinator

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:00 am

**Welcome Everyone! New to our church?** – if you would like to receive the Dove newsletter each Friday by email please call or email the office. If you would like to have donation envelopes or sign up for PAR or for any other inquiries please contact the office – Linda – 250-746-6043.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** – We are updating our photo directory and would love to have everyone's smiling faces in it. Today during coffee hour come and find us just outside the sanctuary entrance. You can also stop by the office during the week and Linda will snap a quick photo. Remember this is not a formal sitting – just casual pictures so we can put names to faces and get to know one another. We will be printing the directories ourselves and everyone will receive one.



**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” Sunday 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, Children, Youth, and Families Coordinator*

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## PASTORAL CARE

### OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers this week:

- ✝ David Adams, David Pearson
- ✝ All those in care facilities and those facing ongoing challenges
- ✝ The congregation of St. Margarets Church in Forfar, Scotland
- ✝ The people of – India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tibet
- ✝ The Third Place Café folk

To contact the confidential telephone prayer chain, please call Audrey Towle at 250-745-6616 Pastoral care calls for Susan may be directed to the office or for urgent calls after hours please contact Keith Simmonds at 250-701-6957. Please inform the office if you know of someone ill or in hospital.

### Joys and Concerns

**Happy Birthday** this week to David Adams and Mary Lou White!



Thank you to Rev. Duncan & Joan Barwise and all of those who came last Sunday to help ring our bell 100 times as we joined in the Bells of Peace for Remembrance Day.

## OPPORTUNITIES!



**Library News!** The library has several new books that Keith brought back from his trip to Israel. Stop by and check out the cart at coffee time or the library during the week.

### **Youth Group and Congregational Elders Program**

The Youth Ministry here at DUC is looking for volunteers from the congregation to come in as a guest in the Winter and Spring of 2019 and share with us something that means a lot to them or some kind of skill (ex. Cooking, knitting, history, etc.) If this is something that might interest you, please let Sarah know at

[sarah@duncanunited.org](mailto:sarah@duncanunited.org).

**United Church 2019 calendars!** Celebrate faith, hope, and love with United Churches across Canada! Along with colourful photos, this handy calendar notes special days, church seasons, liturgical seasons and lectionary dates. ON SALE NOW \$5.00

### **2019 – The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church in Duncan**

We are going to celebrate this special occasion in June of 2019. We are looking for a few people to help organize something special for our congregation. If you are interested in this short term opportunity please contact Linda in the office.

## DUNCAN UNITED CHURCH EVENTS



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.

**Community Jam Band** Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at Duncan United for anyone in the community to come and have an opportunity to play some music and have an open mic session. Plan to come and join in or just enjoy the wonderful music. If you or someone you know is interested in this, please contact Sarah at [sarah@duncanunited.org](mailto:sarah@duncanunited.org).

**Christmas Cards** will be on sale during coffee hour on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>! Stop by Elizabeth's table and pick up a few. Funds raised go towards our Meals on the Ground program.



**Advent Eve - Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> 3:30 – 6:00 pm**

The whole congregation is invited! Let's have fun decorating our church and doing some crafts for the season of Advent. Trees to be decorated, crafts to be made, stories to be told all followed by a potluck dinner!

**Messy Church – Mark your calendars for our 2018-2019 dates!**

Our dates for this coming year all take place on Saturdays from 3:30-6:00pm here at Duncan United Church. These dates are as follows: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, and April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**THE WIDER CHURCH COMMUNITY**

**The Village Project – The Journey of our Generation**

**Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 am til 3:30 pm**

**St. John's Anglican Church**

**Cost \$40.00 – includes lunch.**

You will travel through the story of the first 145 years of Canada's history from colonization into this era of reconciliation and you decide – Where do you go from here? For more info see the poster on the bulletin board. Register through Social Planning Cowichan - sandraspcowichan@gmail.com

**Special Links**

**Join our Facebook page**

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

**Check out our website for lots of great information!**

**[www.duncanunited.org](http://www.duncanunited.org)**

**LECTIONARY READING for November 25th**

Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

## WORSHIP SERVICES -Sundays 10 am

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – Intergenerational Service – Keith Simmonds, Minister

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Keith Simmonds, Minister

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent - Keith Simmonds, Minister

## THIS WEEK AT DUNCAN UNITED

### SUNDAY - TODAY

Worship Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Photo directory	11:00 am	Hallway
Community Dinner	5:00 pm	Heritage Hall
Hymn Sing	6:00 pm	TLAL

### MONDAY

Mat Yoga	8:45 am	Burns Hall
Thrift Store Sorting	9:00 am	Heritage Hall
Gentle Yoga	10:00 am	Burns Hall

### TUESDAY

MMO	10:00 am	Heritage Hall
Quilting Buddies	1:00 pm	Heritage Hall
Advent Study	2 and 6:30 pm	Friendship Rm
Community Jam Night	7:00 pm	Heritage Hall
Finance & Building	7:00 pm	Solstice Rm

### WEDNESDAY

Senior's Exercise	10:30 am	Burns Hall
Affirming Meeting	7:00 pm	Friendship Rm

### THURSDAY

Pause Cafe Bible Study	10:00 am	Friendship R
Mat Yoga	11:30 am	Burns Hall
AOTS Dinner mtg	6:00 pm	Burns Hall
Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

### Yes You Can!

Our gifts for Mission & Service provide opportunities for teachers like Melissa Carter to work at Los Quinchos School in Managua, Nicaragua. Here is her reflection:

“I have not come here to change their culture; yet I still maintain that school can be a powerful environment to positively affect self-confidence and to empower these young, bright faces to take on new challenges. One walk around my neighbourhood unveils the fact that they already overcome daily difficulties I can only imagine; they are strong and resilient.

“I try to lead by example. My Spanish is not fluent, but I am trying to communicate daily. I am committing many errors, which sometimes elicits teasing responses, but I roll with it and tell them it is part of the learning process.... I challenged a grade 11 English class to tell me about their weekend in five sentences. Let me point out that very rarely are they asked in their English class to produce their own phrases about their own lives, and here was this crazy Canadian asking them to share about their weekend. As I walked around, many of them were able to produce simple sentences. Regardless of errors in syntax, I used lots of positive reinforcement, as well as smiles, high fives, and fist pumps to both encourage them and hopefully make them realize that ‘Si, tu puedes’ (‘Yes, you can’).

“I savour the daily interactions with the students, for it is in those interactions that I learn about who they are and what they hope to accomplish. And maybe, I can help them learn some English or make them realize that they, too, can fulfill the dreams they currently hold as well as the dreams they have yet to discover.”

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.