

The Messenger

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 11:00 am

St Andrews United Church

October 27, 2021

Sunday worship — 9:30 am

**Pulpit
supply**



**October
2021**

October 31 – Heather Burton

If you have announcements to be included here please email them to: ckooyman@shaw.ca

It would be helpful if announcements for The Messenger are sent to the above address before Wednesday.

**Next Messenger will be
Nov 3, 2021**

AN UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Until this point, we have not received any applications from within Canada.

Over the past few months the team has spent time reviewing the skills and gifts of ministry personnel listed on the Church Hub regularly and sent in excess of 15 invitations to persons of interest. Unfortunately these have not resulted in any action.

We have received numerous international applications. In conversation with Allison Rennie we understand this is quite typical for rural postings. Initially, we were hesitant to consider international applicants due to financial restraints but have since discovered that our responsibility for a successful candidate is the moving expense from their "Port of Entry in Canada" to us. And so, we are moving forward and carefully looking at these applications once more with the goal of creating a short-list of candidates whose profile seems to meet our own ministry priorities.

We have established our interview process and hope to schedule initial interviews in November. Stay tuned, as there will be more to come. In the meantime, please pray for the interviewees that they will come prepared and confident- and for us, that we are able to provide a safe and welcoming environment in which each interviewee feels able to shine.

Dalynn

ST. ANDREW'S "UN"SUNDAY KIDS & YOUTH GROUP

Keeping connected with some afterschool fun activities.

Come and have some fun – bring a friend!

Mark your calendars for:

October 27 Pumpkin Carving – Show your Style!

November 10 Remembrance Day activities and possible river walk (weather depend- ing)



November 24 FUN & Games & Bak- ing too

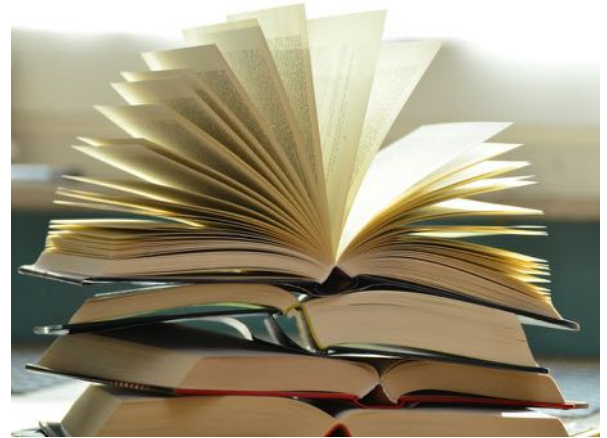


December 8 Christmas Crafts and spe- cial treats



Dalynn

The Book Nook



The Book Nook is open Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon

Please drop in & say "hi". You might even find a book or two.

Are you downsizing and have some books or puzzles to donate? We always like to re- ceive fresh inventory.

Submitted by Marj Bailey/Jean Miskiman



Askew's Cards

You may pick up your Askew's cards at Church before or after the service or call Eleanor at 250-546-8195 to place an order.

Thanks for your support.

Eleanor Kiefer

Regarding UCW Pie sale

I'd like to thank everyone who bought pies. We took in just over \$500 so profit was around \$360

We bought the pastry. We didn't use it all so if someone would like to make some pies or tarts we do have some pastry available. There are 3 pie shells and about 30 tops and we have some aluminum pie plates. We do expect most of what you make to be available for sale with \$\$\$ going into the church coffers !!!! Some could be sold at 'after church coffee' or perhaps to people you know or others with whom you volunteer.

Xmas tea & bake sale

There won't be a Xmas tea & bake sale this year. I'm not sure that we have enough bakers to provide the tables and having a tea is still a little 'iffy' . I think we'd have to ask for passports and I'm not sure we're ready to do that.

Suzanne

Pastoral Care Group

Terry Holt (Lou Bucklers daughter) had knee surgery 2 weeks ago. Apparently she's doing well

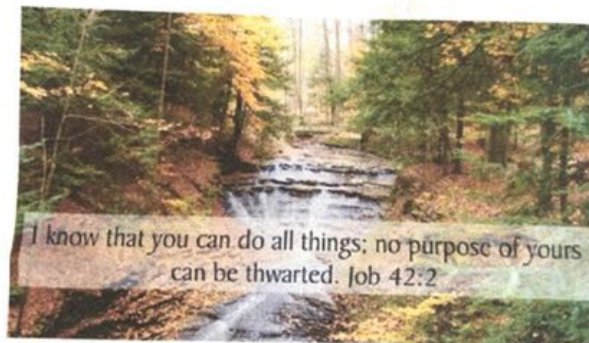
Pauline Curtis had a hip replacement last Wednesday. It had been cancelled at least twice due to Covid. She's boarding with Leona (no stairs) and doing OK

Suzanne

Zion United celebrated, in worship, 'Peace Sunday' with a very meaningful combination of music, readings and reflection. Thank You to all those who contributed.



October 24, 2021
Peace Sunday



Photo's by Wilma Koersen

Our Thanks to:

Today's Worship Leader:	Lindsay Lundquist
Music Ministry:	Leona Harrison, Dave Evans & Lindsay Lundquist
Readers:	Dave Evans & Eleanor Kiefer
Greeter (s):	Wayne & Eleanor Kiefer
Coffee Server (s):	Catherine MacAskill & Jessie Ann Gamble



Finance News to September 30, 2021

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Zion's financial results for the 3rd quarter of 2021 were presented to Church Council last Tuesday.

A summary of revenue and expenses as of September 30 is below:

2021	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$57,842	\$57,930
Expenses	\$43,798	\$55,602
Net Surplus	\$13,044	\$ 2,328

Our total revenue is only \$88 below budget. However, we must keep in mind that almost \$11,000 of that revenue is from Federal and Municipal Covid grants. Identifiable donations were \$1,925 less than 2020 and loose offerings \$1,285 lower making overall local offerings \$3,210 less than last year.

In addition, because we have been without ministry payroll since the end of June our personnel expenses are \$11,000 less than at the same time in 2020.

Happily, we have just received an additional \$1,867 Covid Wage Subsidy (the last we will get) and also have been awarded a second Covid Grant in Aid of \$2,500 from the City of Armstrong.

With an operating fund balance of \$13,949 our current financial picture looks positive, but just imagine..... if we were in "ordinary times" with a new .6 FTE minister, and no Covid support our deficit would be (\$8,960)! Food for thought and prayerful consideration.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support of Zion as we navigate these uncertain times.

Leona Harrison, Treasurer