

Weeks to Kirk Ceilidh 2021: 6!

The Ceilidh organizing committee continues to monitor the evolving COVID situation closely with regards to our Kirk Ceilidh 2021. We want to assure everyone that we are working on contingency plans that would enable the Ceilidh to proceed in various circumstances. If our traditional Ceilidh in the Upper Hall becomes ill-advised, we have the capacity to pivot to an online Ceilidh. We will endeavour to make the best decision possible based on CPHO guidance. We will continue to keep you informed.

In the meantime, please continue to identify products that you can contribute to the Ceilidh. Your donations and energy, as always, are greatly appreciated.

PCC Ministries with Indigenous People

Nazko & Area Dakelh Outreach– Cariboo Region, BC

The Nazko and Area Dakelh Outreach (NADO) exists as a house church in a remote village at the edge of the Nazko First Nations reserve in the northern part of B.C. Rooted in prayer and biblical teaching, the outreach offers a socially-transforming ministry of presence, walking with people through grief and struggles with addiction in the face of systemic racism.

The house church has their fellowships and Bible studies in Nazko (Ndazkoh) and Quesnel, and has a satellite ministry in Kluskus (Lhoosk'uz). Another nearby house church in the non-native ranching community of Punchaw meets regularly for worship, fellowship and teaching.

In addition to a weekly worship service, NADO provides an after-school program for elementary school kids, pastoral care, community presence, and leadership development opportunities for the local Indigenous community. This incarnational ministry focuses on living life within an Indigenous community, which includes taking part in Indigenous Healing Circles and Elder's lunches. Each year, NADO hosts an art and music festival in the community. One ongoing aspect of the ministry is raising up local leadership among the Indigenous population to further the good news of Jesus in a culturally-honouring manner.



Scripture Reading: James 3: 13 -4:3, 7 - 8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for* those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and can-not obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. . . .

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. . . .

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



Kirk News

Welcome!

We would like to welcome you to our service today. We are happy to have you and we hope that you will find our worship engaging and our community welcoming. We hope to see you again in the coming weeks.

Bulletins

The bulletins and large print bulletins are available at the main doors.

Receivers and Headphones Available

We have an assisted hearing device installed and receivers and headphones are available for use during the Service. If you would like to use them, please speak to the person at the sound system.

Offering

If you would like to make a donation then please place it in the basket at the entrance of the Church. We thank you for your contributions.

This Week's Music



The anthem by Natalie Sleeth is particularly joyful. (Hymns by her in our book include *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet*, and *In the bulb there is a flower*.) Its lyrics are very repetitive and should be easily understood. I hope you enjoy it.

Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise then please contact Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney at 902-675-2607, Linda Evans at 902-569-4749 or Glenda Montigny at 902-894-5127.

Tuesdays at the Office

Please note that Amy may not be in the office on Tuesdays. If you wish to drop in on that day, please call ahead to see if Amy or Rev. Kay is there.

Mask Update

Please note that Public Health has made masks mandatory again. We ask that you please wear your mask while you are in the Church and also while singing. As well, we ask that you respect social distancing measures (6 feet between you and others).

Sunday School and Nursery Update

We had hoped that we might re-start our Kirk youth programming -- Sunday School and Nursery -- this Sunday. Unfortunately, with so many COVID-19 cases in the school-aged demographic here on the Island, we do not think that it would be prudent to start bringing our youngsters into the Kirk at this time. We will delay our re-commencement of youth programming until the situation improves. We will offer further updates as the Public Health environment warrants.

Baby Shower Gift

Daisy Nakhleh, the mother of our Syrian refugee family, is expecting a baby boy in early December. Central Christian, the main refugee sponsor, is planning a baby shower to help the Nakhleh family with the many baby needs they will have. We have spoken with Daisy about what the Kirk could most usefully contribute to this event, and she has indicated that it would be most helpful if we purchased a Graco Snug-Ride, Snug-Lock 35 baby seat for \$349.99 at Babies R Us. Please consider making a contribution to this most worthy purchase. There will be envelopes available at the entrance of the Church that are marked "Daisy's Shower" and can be placed in the offering basket over the next two weeks, or send an electronic transfer to the Kirk office, also marking it "Daisy's Shower." If you provide your envelope number or name and address, we will ensure that you receive a tax receipt for the amount donated.

Upper Room Soup Kitchen

The Upper Room Soup Kitchen is once again hosting volunteer crews to prepare and serve a Saturday meal. For many years, the Kirk has, assisted with this outreach endeavour on one Saturday a month. If you would like to participate in this community activity please let Amy in the office, David Robinson or Michele Coles know.

Management Committee Meeting

There will be a Management Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 21st at 7 p.m. at the Church.

Elder Elections

At its September meeting, Session resolved to hold elder elections this autumn to fill four Session vacancies for the 2022-2028 term. We extend our thanks to Jocelyne Lloyd, Constance Robinson, David Robinson and Ian Scott, whose terms will be expiring at the 2022 Congregational Meeting. Voting for replacement elders will commence on Sunday, October 3 and conclude with a brief congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, October 24. All communicant members of the Kirk are eligible to vote in this election, and all communicant members are potential candidates for this office. Voting packages will be available to be picked up at the Fitzroy entrance on October 3, and those that are not collected at that time will be mailed out. Please begin to prayerfully consider who within the body of Kirk members has the leadership qualities and spiritual fitness to serve the Kirk in this important capacity.