

Between the Aisles

A Robertson-Wesley United Church Quarterly

SPRING

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words
descend like dew, like showers on new grass,
like abundant rain on tender plants.

Deuteronomy 32:2



Editor's Note:

This is a Legacy Issue exploring and highlighting both tangible and intangible gifts. You will find information about an upcoming Legacy information session when Kathryn Hoeffy comes to explore ways that we can contribute to the ongoing ministry of Robertson-Wesley. There is also a history of the Spanish Flu of 1918/19 that left its mark on our province and an article on our weekly themes—evidence of our Christian values in action. Similarly, our Journey to Easter is celebrated with several events including the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, the Ash Wednesday service and the Thursday concerts. We offer one of Gladys Hanratty's famous recipes. And the contributions to our church, city and country of another remarkable woman, Janet Hughes, are noted along with the names of many who shared her service over the years.

Have a Joyous Easter, Everyone!

Nancy Heule and Janet M Clark



Home is More Than Four Walls

“Look over here to the right”, said the tour guide. “This large building is affordable housing. As you can see, it is being demolished.” Why, I think to myself. It looks like it’s in good condition. And it’s not a tall high-rise because it’s only eight storeys at the most.

The tour guide continued “It is being replaced with four low-rises. You can see the first one going up. Here in Antwerp we found there was no community in this original building. With this new design there will be a playground, a park, and indoor areas for large gatherings. We can build community much better.”

A few days later I returned to Edmonton from Belgium. As I paged through the Edmonton Journal to “catch up” on local happenings, I read an article that briefly described two new highrises that are planned for the city’s downtown. Yes, I know in-fill is important in reducing urban sprawl. But have we considered community? How do we retain green space while promoting denser development? How do we build a supportive community when places to gather are lacking? What kind of legacy is Edmonton learning for its citizens?

Hmm, yet more questions for City Council!

Submitted by Nancy Heule

COMMON THEMES UNITE PROGRAMMING

Since September 2018, the worship, education, spiritual formation and outreach programming have held monthly themes. These themes have been inspired by this year's Scriptures, what the staff and Pods have been hearing from individuals and groups as well as issues and themes coming from both our local neighbours and the wider United Church of Canada. They were woven into worship by Karen Bridges, Tammy-Jo Mortenson and Leigh Sinclair at the annual worship planning meeting and broadened to include sermons and anthems as well as both adult (like Koinonia and Food for Thought) and children's (including pairing up with elders) programming.

September

We began by reminding ourselves of and re-committing to our Holy Manners and our Statement of Welcome and Inclusion. Workshop: Creating Safe Spaces. Display: Puzzle pieces of faith. God on Tap: Puzzling aspects of Faith.

October

Led by our Stewardship Committee, we sought to all become first responders...to God's call! Workshop: Mapping our Faith Journey. Display: First responders of faith. Contemplative Practices: Gratitude.

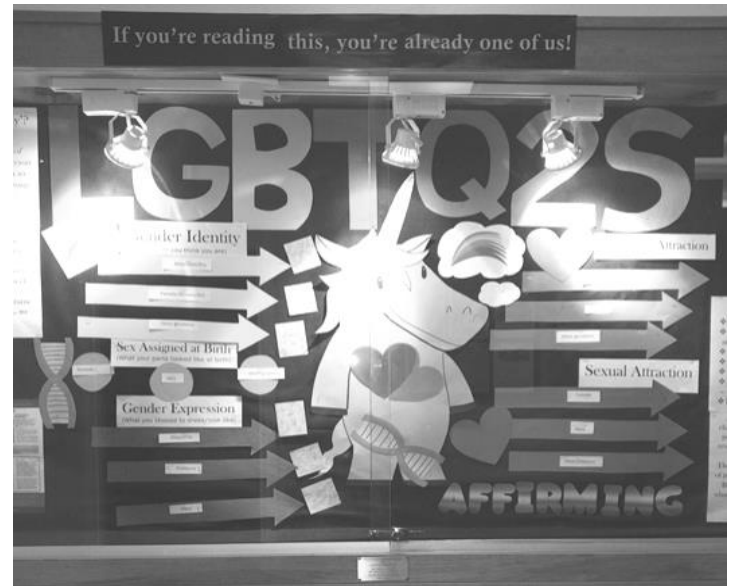
November

We were inspired by our elders and children to seek out mentors for our faith journey. As a Christian community, we honour our elders and teachers through listening and sharing gratitude. Workshop: Listening to Elder Evelyn Day. Honour Sunday: Poinsettias. Contemplative Practices: Let It Be.

December

We entered Advent challenging ourselves to make room in our lives for God to be reborn in hope, peace, joy and love. We emptied our worship space to explore spiritually making room! Worship: Blue Christmas, Lessons and Carols. Display: (empty!) Contemplative Practices: Slow Down.

Inspired by our journey so far together we embark into 2019 seeking to accept ourselves and others. As a Christian community we are called to explore what it means when God said and still says: IT IS GOOD! All is whole when perceived through God's heart.



January

We experienced the listening and the sharing that allows for the Gospel's acceptance to be proclaimed. Workshop: Gender & Sexuality 101. Display: Unicorns and Rainbows. Food for Thought: Gender in the Bible.

February

We experienced the challenge of awkward conversations and the life-giving message of the Gospel: In Christ, there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free. Workshop: Unpacking Privilege. Display: Intercultural Ministry. All ages learning: Trivia Night.

March

As a Christian community, we will seek out faith, the infinite frontier and the rituals of the Christian Faith. Our continuing mission: to explore God's new world, to seek out justice and serve others, to boldly pray, following where Christ has gone before. How will you engage? Workshop: Mental Health & the Church. Display: Star Trek & Religion Rituals. Food for Thought: Rituals in Bible.

April and May

The Season of Easter celebrates Christ the Revealer of beauty in all peoples. Are you ready for what Christ has revealed and is revealing in people who are differently abled than you? Workshop: Abilities 101. Display: Christ Reveals! God on Tap: Diversity in faith communities.

June

And in this revelation of Grace, let us revel in the Spirit through prayer, practice and praise. Are you ready to unleash the Spirit?

by Rev. Leigh Sinclair

The Legacy of Kathleen Janet Hughes

July 6, 1928 - January 20, 2019

Janet Hughes, in 1981, was one of the founders of the Edmonton Gleaners' Association, now known as the Edmonton Food Bank, Canada's first. Because of this contribution and other noteworthy endeavours she received an Honorary Doctorate from St. Stephen's College. From 1986, for 30 years, Robertson-Wesley archival records show her as supporter of and volunteer for RW's Food Depot with the morning intake program. On Wednesday mornings, from 8:30 to 10:00, she and many others in turn took orders for food hampers. Two other initial dedicated volunteers were Hattie Griffis and C Janet Clark. Our clients picked their hampers up in the afternoon from yet another group of dedicated volunteers. (See conclusion for a list of volunteers over the years.)

In December 2018, this "intake" event was turned over to the technologically current main Food Bank; the distribution of food hampers continues to be in the afternoon. Those of us volunteering valued our fellowship and our clients, many of whom we knew quite personally. Even though we realized the time for a major change had come, we knew we would miss our Wednesday morning event.

So we decided to celebrate our times together in recent years and, most importantly, this much loved woman who has been an inspiration to us all. Wednesday, January 23, the eight of us still volunteering met for lunch at the Manor Cafe, one of Janet's favourite restaurants; in fact, she had her 90th birthday party there. We acknowledged the many contributions Janet had made to the church, Edmonton, the world and her family, highlighted in her obituary in the Edmonton Journal. We thought, however, that we would like to go a bit further and talk about what she meant to us personally with wee glimpses of or comments about our special moments with her.

Elsie Coon joined the Food Depot Friends in 2003: *"Janet and I were taking requests for food hampers and Janet was answering the phone. A new client phoned asking for a hamper and when Janet finished the paper work, he said he was handicapped and had no way to pick up his hamper. Janet talked to him about friends who might help and other options to no avail. After she finished the call she kept thinking and worrying about this poor man. She decided that the two of us would deliver the hamper to him at his home. We went to pick up the food at one o'clock*

but Jack Waters would not let us take it unless he came with us, which he did. However, when we finally found the address our handicapped man was not home; he was at Robertson-Wesley looking for his hamper."

Irene Morin (2007) reinforces Elsie's comments: *"I had the pleasure of volunteering with Janet Hughes for a number of years at the Robertson-Wesley Food Depot. I don't think I will ever meet her equal. She cared so much for each and every client and would go to no end to accommodate them. Above all else, Janet was the epitome of a lady, a person we all looked up to and will strive to be as exemplary a person as she was. We will miss you Janet."*

Colleen Oullette (2007) also sees Janet as someone to emulate: *"When I think of her, three words spring to mind: compassion, humility and pride. She was the embodiment of compassion in action for everyone who needed a hand up. She was always so humble whenever anyone expressed their admiration for her hard work and many accomplishments, responding with a shrug, a sweet laugh and an, "Oh, well!" But on days when the Food Bank phones were slower and we had time to chat, she allowed her pride in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to shine through as she talked not only about their accomplishments, but also about what good people they are. How could they be otherwise with Janet as their role model?"*

Grace Marquis (2009) knew Janet from 2007: *"She was one of the very nicest people to know and work with, and I did in various activities such as the Food Depot, Community Dinner, and Liberal party functions. She always worked quietly, capably and happily, accepting people and change with an open mind and heart. Janet did everything beautifully and I feel honoured to have been her friend."*

Janet M Clark (2009), also feels honoured to have known and worked with her: *"I treasure the laughter, discussions, and work that we shared those Wednesday mornings at the Food Depot, and at Food Bank fund raisers, UCW meetings and during church. She often sat behind me and we would have a wee whisper, in good faith, of course. She had such insightful comments about life.*

Most importantly, she could just smile and if life was a tad weighty--everything seemed better."

Jan Millson (2014) shares similar memories: *"I feel that I knew Janet long before she invited me to be part of the Wednesday morning group. When I returned to Robertson-Wesley in the 90's, Janet welcomed me, and was so genuinely interested in my story. It seemed to me that every time I attended church for the next number of years, she was there with a kind word and enthusiastic smile. I was thrilled when she asked me to be a part of the Wednesday morning work for the Food Bank. When I first started, she was my gentle mentor. I learned of Janet's history with the Food Bank from the wonderful women with whom I worked, not from Janet. I will always remember her humility, her love for her family, and her passionate need to help others. I was so very privileged to work with her - even if only for a short time. We had such fun, and in her quiet way, she instilled in me the need to understand more deeply the truths and challenges that many others face in our community. Thank you, Janet. You have left Robertson Wesley and the City of Edmonton a wonderful legacy."*

I know that the following would share the sentiments of the voices above. Listed are other Robertson-Wesley and client volunteers who have supported the Food Depot both morning and afternoon since 1986, noted from available archival sources: Lorne Farough, Jean Gerow, Nancy Nix, Betty Jenkins, Addie Manning, Marion Duff, Mavis Ontway, Wilma Williams, Dorothy Hill, Ruby Robertson, Eileen Law, Carol Cross, Bill and Em Mather, George Ford, Maxine Goss, Aileen Moore, Marion Taylor, Bart McCaughey, Albert and Gail de Vos, Florence Rachansky, Garnet Thomas, Isabelle Verdin, Alison Seymour, Nicki Stein, Sherry Belcourt, Linda and Kendall Hauca, Maxine Baker, Ian Inglis, Pat Stewart, Kathy Juszko, Carolann and Ian Inglis, Brad Warkentin, Shayne Fischer, Pat Stewart, Kathy Juszko, Gary Abbott, Mel and Linda Hauca, many LDS Elders, Derek Sutherland, Jack and Connie Waters, Beth and Dick Hoskins, Andrei Dobrovolsky, Victoria Fedorak, Rosemary Dunbar, Peggy O'Neill. No doubt I have missed some names because of gaps in archival sources.

I end with the thought that I think Janet and all past volunteers would have supported:

Obviously, it takes a whole church family to raise a Food Depot!

Submitted by Janet M Clark

Remembering Janet Hughes

Janet was Treasurer of Robertson-Wesley United Church Women for many years. She received her Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1949, preparing her for a lifetime of bookkeeping service to her community. So when she became Treasurer of R-W UCW, it was a natural expression of her training and gifts. Books and reports were well kept and when it was time to disperse our extra funds to Mission & Service (M&S) and other interests, Janet would present the details. Gifts were listed on the flip-chart; the entire membership finalized the gifting, sometimes amidst strong, passionate discussion and sometimes quietly as a done thing. Janet's gentle, gracious ways and constant smile carried us through those decisions into another year of prayerful witness, study, fellowship and service. The time came when Janet recognized that "things were not right" and reluctantly gave up caring for the books. Thank you, Janet, for all you did with us and for us over those many years of service and joy together. Peace be with you.

Submitted by Donna Krucik,
Keeper of the Treasurer's Book

Contemplative Practices

Are you seeking an escape from the world, a quiet space, and a time for yourself where you will be inspired? Come and engage in contemplative practices. When you enter the Hall you will find pockets of inspiration that will clear your mind, open your heart, and bring your spirit into connection with the sacred and the world. This self-directed program will lead you through spiritual practices, and artistic exploration with instructions at different stations throughout the room. Come for as long as you can.

Mar 10/19 | 7-8:30 PM Apr 20/19 | 7-8:30 PM

Lent and Holy Week



photo: Hal Thiessen

MARCH 6 TO APRIL 13:

ENTER, EXERCISE, ENGAGE (LENT)

As a Christian community we seek faith, the infinite frontier. These are the rituals of the Christian Faith. Its continuing mission: to explore God's new world, to seek out justice and serve others, to boldly pray, following where Christ has gone before. How will you engage?

Lent Noon Hour Concerts

Thursdays 12:10-12:50

March 7 – Dan Davis, saxophone & Julia Davis, piano
French music for saxophone and piano

March 14 – no concert

March 21 – Arlan Vriens, violin
Some amazing repertoire for solo violin

March 28 – Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ
Meditative Lenten music showcasing the wonderful Gabriel Kney tracker organ

April 4 – YEGWQ
Edmonton's new woodwind quintet returns to Robertson-Wesley after their debut concert

April 11 – Andrea Lastiwka & Jim Findlay, guitar
What could be better than one guitar? Well, two, of course!
Come find some calm in the middle of your day!
Freewill donations accepted at the door. Your generosity supports the musicians and the Robertson-Wesley Music Society.

Lent & Easter

Let us gather to celebrate Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, March 6 7:00 pm
Reflection and Ritual
Córtet**

Palm Sunday

**Sunday, April 14 10:30 am
Boldly walking with Jesus
Choir of Robertson-Wesley**

**Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 18 7:00 pm
Recalling the Last Supper
Robertson-Wesley Ringers**

Good Friday Service

**Friday, April 19 10:30 am
Seeking Truth in The Cross
Choir of Robertson-Wesley**

Easter Eve

**Saturday, April 20 7:00 pm
Contemplative Practices
Discerning call, purpose and meaning**

Easter Sunrise Service

**Sunday, April 21 7:30 am
Outdoors on the promenade at
100 Avenue and 121 Street**

Easter Sunday Service

**Sunday, April 21 10:30 am
Choir of Robertson-Wesley
Pergolesi Brass**

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The Spanish Flu:

The World's Last Great Plague

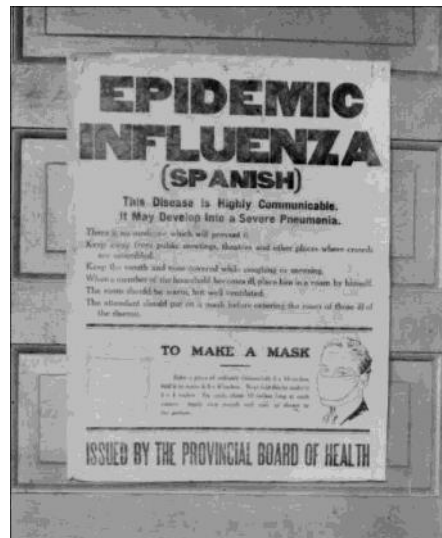
The First World War, which ended in November of 1918, saw 60,000 Canadian troops lose their lives. Given Canada's population of less than nine million, that was one dead soldier for about every one hundred and fifty people. But waiting in the wings was the Spanish flu, so named because it was first reported in a Spanish newspaper. The flu appeared earlier in the year in Europe, but Spain, being a neutral country, had no censorship rules governing news that could detract from the war effort.

Hunger-weakened civilians were the first to contract the flu. Soldiers at the front were better-fed, but eventually became affected too. By late 1918, just as the war was ending, it was both tragic and ironic that the flu virus became more virulent. Throughout the world, deaths due to the Spanish flu were high. Depending on the source of the data, the number of dead was at least fifty million. Some reports indicate that the number was closer to one hundred million.

Unlike most strains of influenza that attack the very young and the elderly, this one hit young adults between 18 and 40 the hardest. One in six Canadians contracted the flu, and between 50,000 and 65,000 Canadians died. In Alberta, with a population of half a million, 38,000 people caught the flu, and four thousand people died.

Robertson Presbyterian Session or Board minutes of January 1919 record that because there were no Sunday services and no offerings, no bills could be paid. In fact, a church member wrote to the coal company to explain Robertson's inability to pay its bills, but there is no mention of the coal company's response. Meanwhile at Wesley Methodist church, the women did laundry in the church basement for the families of the sick. And the ministers? No study time for them. Instead they were busy burying the dead.

The Stanley Cup play-offs were cancelled for the only time in its history in 1919 because so many of the players were suffering from the flu. In colder parts of Canada, the dead were stored in out-buildings until graves



A period photo of a poster issued by Alberta's provincial board of health alerting the public to the influenza epidemic.

The poster gives information on the Spanish flu, and instructions on how to make a mask.

Source:
Glenbow Museum

Author:
Provisional Board of Health, Alberta

could be dug once the ground thawed in the spring. Cities with Children's shelters provided homes for the orphans of parents who had succumbed to influenza.

Of all the children taken in by Calgary's Shelter, six were from the same family. Home remedies, most of them useless against the virus, were popular, including concoctions with camphor, garlic, or turpentine. Although Prohibition in Alberta wouldn't end until 1924, alcohol was also a common treatment.

Life in Canada came to a standstill for a few months in late 1918 and in early 1919. Schools, churches, and all other public facilities were closed. Stores and businesses shortened their hours of service in order to reduce the spread of infection. Anyone with a hint of a cough was banned from large gatherings, and people were encouraged to wear masks when they left their homes. In fact, local newspapers printed patterns and instructions to make facemasks.

As the number of flu cases thinned out, life gradually returned to normal. A lasting result of the Spanish flu epidemic was the establishment of the federal government's Department of Health, because the lack of preparation had made planning for care and containment difficult.

By the Spring of 1919, the flu had disappeared in Canada and the world. Everywhere in Canada there are cenotaphs dedicated to the fallen soldiers of The First World War. However, there are few public markers that commemorate flu victims. Is it because in war people volunteer to fight, but no one volunteers for sickness?

Submitted by Nancy Heule

Gladys Hanratty's Famous Lemon Curd*

3 eggs, room temperature

1 C white sugar

½ C butter, room temperature

1-2 Tbsp. grated lemon zest

1/2C freshly squeezed lemon juice

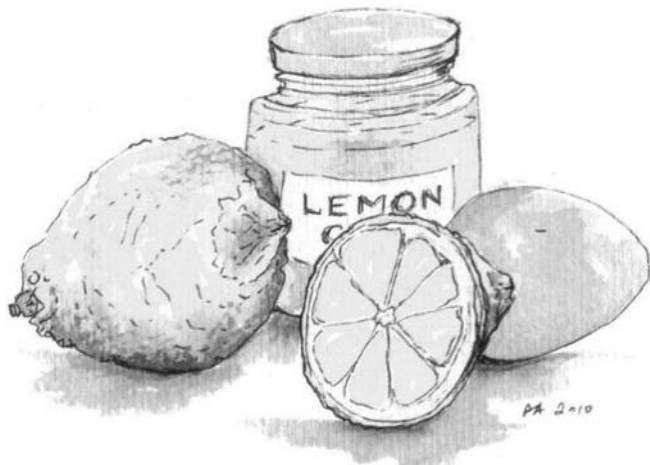
In double boiler, whisk eggs and sugar until foamy and light coloured, about 3 to –5 minutes.

Add butter, zest and juice. Cook over medium heat, whisking until it thickens and forms a “ribbon” on the surface when drizzled from a spoon. This should take about 5 – 8 minutes.

Refrigerate at least 2 hr and no more than 3 days before using.

*Gladys Hanratty was a long-time member of Robertson-Wesley United Church. Her catering company, House of Hanratty, was well-known in Edmonton, and for years provided the goodies

for the opening of each session of Alberta’s legislature. Special events at Robertson-Wesley always included Gladys’s famous tarts filled with lemon curd!



Better Late than Never

(Commemorating Earth Day, April 22)

Are you interested in an Interfaith experience to celebrate creation? If so, plan to attend a special event on Sunday afternoon, April 28 from 2 to 4 in Memorial Hall. Leadership will be provided by representatives of some of Edmonton’s world religions. Refreshments will be served.

Planned Giving Info Session

Kathryn Hofley, a Financial Development Officer with the United Church of Canada, will visit the church on Sunday, March 31. She will be present at the morning service, and she will also speak at a legacy information session immediately following. Bring all your questions as well as your appetite because a light lunch will be served. Here are some sample questions: How do I go about donating my car to the church? Would the church take some of the paintings in my house? What is the implication for my taxes if I donate shares? What can I do to help the church when I live on a fixed income? All are welcome.

Get your fill—of Pancakes!

Tuesday, March 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm will be a great time to eat and also prepare yourself for Lent. The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is both for feasting and fellowship. Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is a time to indulge in the richer foods (sugar, butter, etc.) before possibly giving them up for the 40 days of Lent! Supper includes pancakes, sausages, oranges, and beverages. Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$8, 12 & under \$5, family \$20.

AFTER #METOO LEARNING CIRCLES

In fall of 2017, there was a large social media campaign #metoo that saw women posting this hashtag if they had experienced sexual assault. Harvey Weinstein, a famous Hollywood producer, was charged with sexual assault on numerous accounts over decades. Our social media feeds and larger world were suddenly filled with seemingly new concepts: affirmative consent, gender expression, toxic masculinity, and others.

Men were asked to step up and be accountable for previous non-consensual sexual acts. Consent is a simple concept but it is missing from much of our education regarding relationships. Media and mainstream society gives us messages that men pursue women, that women might “play hard to get” and it’s up to men to make the first move. In the last decade, shift has occurred from “no means no” to “yes means yes” but this shift in knowledge needed space to be shared with the general public.

In collaboration with the Alberta Council for Women Shelters, we had 3 circles that focused on teaching from their Leading Change curriculum and using the peace-keeping circle format to share knowledge and learn more about concepts and new possibilities.

Why is this work important?

As a facilitator with training in Conflict Transformation, I try to look at the systems and patterns within our society rather than individuals. With #metoo, I saw a need for real life conversations, focusing on compassion and simply allowing people to learn, allowing them out of the increasingly polarized freeway of information on the internet.

Why just men?

Anti-oppression theories, once reserved for activist spaces, are now making their way into the mainstream discourse. At it’s very basic, anti-oppression recognizes that the world is set up for some people to succeed more than others, giving them privilege in employment, living spaces and the general world and the rest at a disadvantage navigating a system with barriers. This

also goes by identity politics: how we can be empowered and not victimized by our marginalized identities? Being anti-oppressive then means finding ways to correct this imbalance. A negative side-effect is that it can alienate people perceived to have all the advantages: white men. Privilege is invisible to people who have it and can be hard for men to understand, just feeling attacked.

Men have been asked to step up, learn on their own and take action against this power imbalance. I was aware of a missing step: for men to learn about this structure, very large academic terms that are becoming mainstream and processing feelings they might have around it.

What surprised you?

I had two main surprises in our 3 sessions: Social Media does not equate to real life involvement and intergenerational conversation is needed.

The event got a lot of traction on Social Media, including a spot On Air with the CBC Edmonton morning programming. It was shared through Facebook many times. However, only 8 people attended. There is a risk in coming in person and a commitment in giving time.

What did you learn?

In this process, I learnt the power of being in the room together, in the present moment as opposed to our social media presence. We can gauge each other better with all systems. I also learnt the power of sharing story and how art practices can help with this. It can be scary to share directly from your life: but art allows access to that expression in different ways.

Being together, learning and expressing also allows theory to land. We learn how we engage with our society, we can see ourselves in the structures but also that the structures are flattened. Everyone is a human with their unique experiences. In our culture we are repeatedly shown that men want sex and pursue it while women field options and want intimacy. Giving voluntary space to men to talk about this allows us to see that on a personal level, men are complex human beings that have unique relationships with loved ones and everything is contextual.

Why continue and the current next steps?

From our time together, it was clear that story is a way through to build compassionate dialogues that allow people to be humans not scripts with prescribed ideas. Many people of all genders were interested in the workshop. It makes sense to open up the dialogue to all genders to

share their unique perspective about what is surfacing though social media. Society cannot shift without people with multiple lived experiences sharing together and creating pathways forward.

It is necessary for us to create physical spaces for us to discuss, be in moment, connecting and exploring beyond preformed ideas. There needs to be spaces where we create community: safer than our regular day-to-day lives to be open and share things that matter to us.

In this sense, it connects us with grace and the goal of showing our full personalities to share and grow together. It is the connective tissue between our private lives and thoughts and the larger structure, the in-between and the liminal. From here we can change ourselves and our world.

By Brooke Leifso

ACCEPTANCE OF SELF AND OTHER

Human is human! Assumptions are what get us in trouble. If there was one message that stands out for me after spending the month of January exploring the theme of acceptance it is that we should never assume that someone feels welcome when they arrive at our congregation. We should never assume a person's gender identity. We should never assume we know what pronoun to use when speaking to or of someone. We should never assume that everyone is on the same page. We should never assume a person's relationship status.

BUT if we are to assume...let's assume best intentions.

In this post modern world, we no longer are limited to seeing things as black and white, as one or another in a binary system. Sexuality, gender, faith are expressed on a spectrum that is fluid in nature. Our gender identity, our gender expression, our physical attraction and our emotional attraction, and our faith vary from person to person, from human to human.

As a faith community we are committed to accepting and loving all people as they are, as God created them.

In 2009, we became an Affirming Congregation which means that we have committed to being a congregation within The United Church of Canada "that has taken and will continue to take a public stance for the inclusion of all people in both the church and the broader community regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ability or any other difference that too easily becomes a barrier." We all long to belong and feel accepted.

The youth in the church wrote poems of acceptance.

Here is what they believe:

**happy and open
welcoming and together
that is acceptance**

**Acceptance means being open
caring
kind
to all**

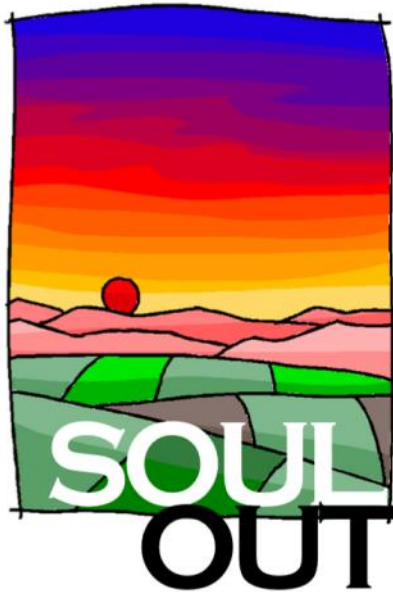
**So that each person feels loved
wanted
and seen for who they are.**

**That is what God has done for us.
Let us do it for each other.**

Anytime we are learning, and working towards being inclusive in our diversity we need to remember to CLAIM especially when we make mistakes or hurt someone intentionally or unintentionally.

C- centre yourself, L- listen, A-acknowledge and apologize, I-inquire, and M-move forward. And most importantly, remember that Jesus has called us to love one another as we would be loved. Let's be kind and loving in this rainbow of colour that we call humanity.

Written by Rev. Karen Bridges



A safe place where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons can explore the sacred and connect with each other.

The second Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM

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MESSY WEDNESDAYS

Families with children gather to eat a meal together at no cost to the family, there are activities for the children before and after dinner and adults take the opportunity to engage in conversation during the evening. This is a wonderful way to get to know other families in the church and the neighbourhood. It is a messy and fun time for all! *at 5:45 pm in Memorial Hall*

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

March 20th at 6:00 pm, let us dive into a feast of body and mind! We will provide a main course to enjoy along with a potluck of your salads and desserts and as we partake we will learn about rituals in the Bible and how they relate to our lives today.

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CLEANING?

Bring your donations to R-W for our annual Rumage Sale, **Saturday, April 27** from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with intake and during the sale, please sign-up in Memorial Hall.

Donation intake starts April 24th. As in the past, books are welcome, but will be reserved for the November Art & Book sale.

Deadline for the
Summer Edition submissions:

May 19, 2019.

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