

## **MINISTER'S REPORT**

**September 20, 2017**

***Submitted by Rev Leila Currie***

After what has seemed like a relatively relaxing summer in the church, we are back in the swing of church. Although I was able to take some significant time off for vacation and con-ed, there was still much to be done.

We now find ourselves in the designated Season of Creation, when we honor our relationship, and call to stewardship with Earth and all creation during our Sunday Services. These are the things that have kept me occupied since our last council meeting:

### **Committee Meetings**

Thrift Store meeting: September 6

Worship Committee: August 30

M&P: June 26

First United Executive: July 6 to discuss quotes for shingling the manse roof

Funeral Lunch Committee: One call from Maryann regarding the purchase of the new fridge for downstairs.

**Hanna Ministerial Association:** Met on September 12 at the Gospel Chapel in Youngstown. We are pleased with the feedback we have received for the ecumenical service and lunch, and the Sundrops concert on July 2. We were pleased to have welcomed over 200 people to the event.

We discussed the need to make our Ministerial Emergency Benevolent Fund more well-known as community needs seem to be on the rise. We discussed partnering with other organizations in the community (specifically HLC)

**Centre Street Thrift Store:** Spending my usual time helping and meeting as time allows – filling the odd Saturday shift. I attended the Volunteer Appreciation bbq that was organized by our manager (thanks Laura for putting it all together and to Jean Curry for hosting).

**Pastoral Care:** as needed. Have made a few visits over the past several weeks

### **Other Events:**

First United Church Picnic: June 18

Put together an interdenominational choir for the July 2 Ecumenical Service

July 2 - Ecumenical Service/lunch/concert.

July 15 – attended the ordination service for Pastor Colin Millang in Camrose

**Wider Community:** Hanna Food Bank Review Board Meeting – July 6

Lodge and Long Term Care Services: July 9

### **Wider Church:**

Women in Ministry: Serving as Coordinator (we met on June 22 in Stettler, and again today, Sept 20). We are pleased to welcome two new women in ministry into our fold – Mary Anan from Camrose and Nam Ok from Hardisty Huenden.

Consort Joint Search Committee: I continue to serve as the Presbytery Rep for Consort JSC. This occupied much of my time over the past several months. We met for interviews, meetings, and congregational meeting - June 29, July 3, August 10, 15, 16, Sept 5. I am happy to report, that they have appointed a new minister to their pastoral charge. They will be welcoming Oh Wang Kwon from Korea! This was a cumbersome, but exciting process.

### **Weddings:**

August 26: Meghan Ruedger (daughter of long-time and dear friend) and Todd Lindstrom in Speers, SK

### **Funerals:**

Viola Allsopp – July 4 at the Youngstown Cemetery

Sylvia Chidley – August 24

### **Vacation and Continuing Education**

Vacation and Continuing Education time to be used for this clergy year (3 Sundays): July 17-August 9 (Con-ed time was used for reading and research)

Continuing Education (1 Sunday for the same clergy year): cut short due to funeral, but was happy to preside at wedding in Speers, SK

### **Upcoming:**

My plans for continuing education were cancelled, as the retreat I was to be facilitating was postponed until a later, more suitable time. For this reason I will be here for regular services on October 1.

Funeral – Melvin Metzger Friday, Sept 22

Coronation Presbytery – September 27

Carrot Cake Sale – September 28

Coffee House - October 4

Workshop : Awkward Conversations: a symposium on racial justice and concerns – October 5-6

Thanksgiving – October 8

Delia Communion Service and Board Meeting – October 15

