MINISTER'S REPORT

November 15, 2017

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As I have in other years, I have been involved with Stage Hanna's fall production. This has been very time consuming and I am thankful for the flexibility of our committees as we have scheduled meetings around rehearsal dates. I am thankful for the opportunity to connect with a variety of folks from our community.

The season of Advent will soon be upon us, and I have already begun planning for the weeks ahead. Our church has several events planned for the month of December as we live into the message of the Christ child and the celebration of Jesus' birth.

I would welcome anyone who would like to help out with services during this special time.

Here are the highlights of the past month:

Committee Meetings

Thrift Store meeting: November 1 Worship Committee: October 20

Hanna Ministerial Association: November 14

We had some further discussion regarding our benevolent fund and ways in which we can collaborate with Hanna Learning Center. We had a presentation from Becky Viste regarding emergency response to domestic violence. We also did some more planning for the Community Carol Festival.

<u>Centre Street Thrift Store</u>: anticipating our 5 year Anniversary celebration!

Pastoral Care: as needed. Have made a few visits to the hospital, calls, and emails.

Wider Community:

Stage Hanna (just for fun and community engagement), Hanna Food Bank Review Board, laid wreath at Remembrance Day Service on behalf of the Hanna Ministerial Association

Wider Church:

Presbytery Rep for Delia

Women in Ministry: Serving as Coordinator

Consort Joint Search Committee: I continue to serve as the Presbytery Rep for Consort JSC.

DUCC: We are gathering in Olds on November 16

Funerals:

Frank Unsworth - Nov. 1 at the Legion Hall

Rachel Elm_ - November 3 at the church

Continuing Education:

Attended Racial Justice Webinar: a requirement of UCC ministry personelle – November 13&15

Looking forward to Con-Ed event November 20-29 - *Journey Toward Wholeness: a Retreat from the Center for Courage and Renewal* at Kingsfold Center at Cochrane.

Upcoming:

Dec 1&2 - Thrift Store Anniversary

Dec 3 - HMA Community Carol Festival

Dec 5 – Turkey Supper

Dec 10 - White Gift Sunday, Communion Service and Carolling in Delia

Dec 12 – Christmas Coffee House

Dec 19 - Christmas Carolling

Dec 20 – Service of Light

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service