



I am grateful stats are finished and submitted!!!

~ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS as of March 01, 2019~

Did You Know ~ that you can register to have your contributions automatically remitted to the church by using PAR (pre-authorized remittance)? That's right!!

- Sign up anytime
- Your contribution will automatically be sent the next month
- The contributions are withdrawn the same day each month (the 18th)

Easy Peasy, just come to the office with a voided cheque and we will fill out the form, it only takes a few minutes! **OR** if you are busy, on holidays, or forgot you can always donate through the "gift" tab (easy peasy!!) on the website: <https://stettlerunitedchurch.org>

Spring Fair ~ Saturday May 04, 2019 ~ Tentative date only. People have been asking if we are hosting the event this year, and many certainly hope so. For many years we have received about \$5000/year, financially, and it also connects people of all ages and interests.

A couple of people have stepped forward and are considering leading the spring fair event. **BUT** the decision to go forward with this event depends on you! Please let Michele in the office know **ASAP** if you can commit to helping before and/or the day of the event.

Don't wait to let her know ~ the decision to hold this event is dependent on how many names and commitments are received. Once it is determined that there are enough people, an announcement will be made confirming the event.

Annual Reports ~ the 2018 annual reports are ready. Hardcopies can be picked up in the CE wing, and will be available for Sundays congregational meeting on March 3rd.

Tax Receipts ~ With thanks, the 2018 accounting of donations have been hand-delivered or mailed. Please let Michele know if you have questions.

Sunday Services:

March 3rd ~ Abbreviated Worship & Annual Congregational

Meeting *(Please give prayerful consideration to becoming a Board member and/or stepping up for short-term commitments, such as helping to host the Series for Lent or coordinating Spring Fair or Kids' Summer Program...)*

March 10th ~ 1st Sunday of Lent ~ Communion and introduction of the theme "Keeping Sabbath"

Lodge Services ~ March 5/19 (trade with Barbara Lieurance) 2:00 pm @ Willow Creek and 3:30 pm @ Paragon Place

Birthday Pie ~ March 17th ~served after worship, by the Pastoral Care committee! Perhaps if you wear green, you'll get a second piece of pie 😊

Paint Night ~ Several people have inquired about another paint night. We have not discussed a date or any details at this point and are taking names for an invite list. If you or anyone you know missed out last time, or you and your friends want to have some fun again, please email/call Michele so your name can be added to the list. Thanks to the people who have added their name to the list.

UPCOMING:

- **Quilting ~ Tuesday March 05 @ 10:00 am**
- **Men's Breakfast Wednesdays @ 7:00 am**
- **Church Art Mice ~ Wednesdays @ 10:00 am**
- **Lunch, Learning & Laughter ~ Fridays at Noon**

Stages of Faith ~ Inquirers Welcome ~ teens or adults interested in meeting with Jan to discuss their understandings of baptism/ confirmation/ formal membership in the church, please contact her any time. Traditionally, celebrations to affirm faith come at/near Easter.

Keeping Sabbath ~ A Series for the Season of Lent ~ Thursdays 6:30 – 8:30, March 14 – April 18, hosted by Stettler & Erskine United Churches with participation from St. George's Anglican as well. Stay tuned for announcements about each session.

Children/Youth ~ Save the Date ~ Spring Break Art Opportunity, March 27th, with leadership from Michele Selinger

WIDER CHURCH ~ CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

CLBI Youth Night ~ March 2nd (7-9pm) at the Stettler Alliance

Church. Jonathan Aicken, Pastor, St. Peter Lutheran has arranged for a team from the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute (Camrose) to come and lead in worship, games, and testimonies. This is an opportunity for youth throughout Stettler & area to get together and be encouraged in their faith! Please spread the word.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Concert (Potter's Clay: gospel quartet from Central Alberta) ~ March 5th @ St. George's Anglican

Church. Come for one or both parts of the evening. Supper begins 5:30, Concert 7:00 Free will offering will be taken.

Ash Wednesday Service ~ St. Peter Lutheran, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome

Bar Harbour Camp @ Buffalo Lake

- **Registrations are open for Summer Camps July 29th – Aug. 23rd** *(All registrations received by May 1st are eligible for a \$50 reduction off your registration -- one available for each camp. Financial assistance to offset costs is also possible.)* <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/BarHarbourCamp?orglink=camps-registration&fbclid=IwAR0FFMIWia5USeTtaUA2N56fqJxXK-4i2ItVkwkhp56tSdgjHb6NCJAzhk>
- **Staff positions available** <http://www.barharbourcamp.com/staff.php>

Moderator's Lent Message ~ video/print https://www.united-church.ca/news/moderators-lent-message-2019?fbclid=IwAR1nKtrMoqE2KG4maSNA4nzGfz5cVptIFtWkHiXWzVNJAKxjqKrNUfSO_0k

Who Is My Neighbour? ~ Women of the United Church ~ April 4-6, Gathering and Inaugural Meeting, *Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert, AB.* Contact/registrar: Karen McLennan mclennan_k@motmail.com

LEAD (living everyday as disciples) ~ Sign Up for Lent Intentions <https://waytolead.org/lent-intentions-2019/?fbclid=IwAR1NCyK13Y8v8gtTN6TreY8TfQrOFZzRkwsrJN5EgfB0XALEyO-EG4D-VQg>

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