

MINISTER'S REPORT

June 14, 2017

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Wow! Has it only been two months? It seems like a lifetime of events have occurred since the last time we all met, including Easter!! Our Easter egg hunt was a hit with the kids that came for it. All were very excited to search the entire upstairs of the church to find their little treasure-filled eggs! Following that, I was excited to go to Ontario for a very action-packed vacation in Ontario, where we spent much of our time in hospitals with our new-born twin grandsons and driving between hospitals (one in Hamilton and the other in St Catharines). It has been a wonderful journey filled with miracles. They are both home now and doing well.

I am extremely thankful for the care and compassion that has been extended from our congregation, community, and wider church in the event of my mom's passing. Thank you for the understanding and coverage during the time that I was away in SK. It was very comforting to know that all was well and taken care of as I attended to family needs and celebrated Mom's life. I am grateful that I work in a field where we live/work/play in grace, in communion with one another as well as in Spirit and the ministry of Jesus.

Following that, I heard of the passing of my beloved mentors from my discernment team and Yellowhead Presbytery had passed away, so I was able to drive up to Sunnybrook, Alberta to attend the celebration of her life.

Life changes, and yet, much remains the same (thankfully) – like much of the life of the church. Here is what else I've been doing over the past two months:

Committee Meetings

Thrift Store meeting: May 3, June 7

Worship Committee: May 1, June 7

Funeral Lunch Committee: June 13 (at manse)

Hanna Ministerial Association: We met on Tuesday, June 13. We mainly discussed the events of July 2, which our churches are offering in the spirit of Canada's 150 years. Events will proceed as follows:

10:30 – Interdenominational Church Service

11:00 – lunch

1:00 – Concert – The Sundrops

As this is an event that is being provided by all our churches, First United will be responsible for providing dessert and servers (paid for by HMA).

Centre Street Thrift Store: Spending my usual time helping and meeting as time allows.

Pastoral Care: There are a lot of pastoral needs. I continue to visit as time allows (in homes, in Long Term and hospital).

Other Events:

Coffee House: May 14. As I had just returned from SK, I was thankful that it was all well in hand and I found comfort in the Spirit of community that is always evident at the Coffee House. We had a lovely turnout.

Healing Pathways: May 29 - We had 4 people come to our practice evening for Healing Pathways

Wider Church:

Communion Service and Annual Meeting in Delia (Presbytery Rep): April 30

Pastoral Support Visit to Coronation – May 4

Coronation Presbytery Meeting: May 2-3 at Bar Harbor Camp

Alberta Northwest Conference Mid-triennial: May 26, 27, 28

Celebration of Life for Clara Scobie (Yellowhead Presbytery): May 23

Women in Ministry: Serving as Coordinator

Funerals:

Les Hutton: June 5, 2017

Ruth Curry: June 12, 2017

Upcoming:

Thrift Store Volunteer Appreciation Supper: June 15 at Jean Curry's farm

Sunday School Picnic: June 18

Women in Ministry: June 22 in Stettler

Canada 150 celebrations and interdenominational service

Singing Circle: July 8 in Red Deer

Lodge and Long Term Care Services: July 9

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

Continuing Education (1 Sunday for the same clergy year): Retreat and wedding in Speers, SK

I hope everyone has a great summer! The summer provides opportunity to offer intergenerational services, which include a little more story-telling, music, and interaction to engage all ages, so this is what you can expect on the weeks that I am here.