



December 22, 2019

CLOVERDALE & HAZELMERE UNITED CHURCHES

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HAZELMERE UNITED CHURCH: 1614 - 184 ST. SURREY, V3S 9V2

Lead Minister: Rev. Lori Megley-Best (lori.megley-best@telus.net)

Minister of Intercultural Connections (CUC): Rev. In Lee (leein1109@gmail.com)

Children and Youth Leader (CUC): Robyn Garland (cuc.cyg@gmail.com)

Musicians: CUC – Sharon Lauzé (Director), Dianne Nichols, Christine Connal

HUC – Carol Falk, Jo-Anne Rattray

Office Administrator: Susie Kim (cloverdalehazelmereuc@telus.net)

A WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sun, Dec 22: Fourth of Advent (LOVE)

Worship Service at HUC – 8:45 am, at CUC – 10:30 am

Christmas Cantata – 10:30 am (C)

Tue, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services

at Cloverdale United Church

- Family Service – 6:30 pm

- Candlelight Service – 9 pm

at Hazelmere United Church

- Candlelight Service – 8 pm

Wed, Dec. 25: Christmas Day!

★ **Dec 25 – Jan 1: Office will be Closed for Christmas Holidays** ★

Sun, Dec 29: First Sunday after Christmas – Choir-led Service

Worship Service only at CUC – 10:30 am

Celebration Box (C)



< Mission Statements >

Hazelmere: To praise God together, celebrate our heritage,
grow in faith and reach out to others.

Cloverdale: To thrive in faith through relationship with God,
one another and the community.
To serve others as Jesus would.

AT CLOVERDALE UNITED LAST SUNDAY

☺ Offering: **\$2,099.55**

- Offerings required each week to cover expenses: **\$2,115.00**

AT CLOVERDALE UNITED THIS SUNDAY

☺ **Coffee:** Marguerite Cryer, Judy Handley

☺ **Greeters/Ushers:** Sharon McBain, Carole Teather

☺ **Projectionist:** Greg Best

ARE YOU NEW? WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

If you would like to have your own Offering Envelope or go on PAR, or if you wish to receive church announcements via email, please contact the church office with your information. (cloverdalehazelmereuc@telus.net)



Our Thank-You box is open to all members of our congregation to express gratitude to one another for the time, talent and work that is done here by so many. Please email or call the church office when you would like to pass on your gratitude. Recognizing others' contributions is one way to be the church and to encourage our church family. ♥

- Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the Hamper Program, and a HUGE THANK YOU to the Hamper Team (**Christine Connal, Bev Siggs, and Greg Best**) who organized it and took the gifts over to Guildford Park Secondary on Monday morning.
- Big thanks to **Christine Connal, Brian Thomlinson, Shelley Davies, and Lorri & Jill Sowerby** who visited and sung carols to those who can't make it to church.

A Birthday for "Joy to the World" 300!

Did you know that...

- Joy to the World was written in 1719 by Issac Watts.
- The music for this hymn was adapted from Handel's Messiah, and the words are built upon Psalm 98.
- The "curse" in verse 3 refers to human's propensity to sin.
- Joy to the World was written to celebrate the second coming of Christ, not the birth of Christ.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We are saddened to announce the news that Dan Ariss' brother **Rev. Randy Ariss** passed away on Monday, December 16 in Saskatchewan. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family at this difficult time.





We welcome the choir members and their Music Director Tim Bailey from United Churches of Langley who is joining our choir for today's Cantata.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CUC COUNCIL MEETING on DEC. 17, 2019

- We will be financially supporting the both First United and Surrey Food bank with the extra proceeds from hamper program. Please see the letter from First United in the bulletin.
- The ukulele program will be extended to end of June.
- CUC will host Jason Byassee, the Butler Chair in Homiletics and Biblical Hermeneutics (he teaches preaching) at Vancouver School of Theology, for VST Sunday on January 19th, 2020.

NO BIBLE STUDY ON DEC. 24 & 31

Please note that there will be **NO Bible Study** on December 24 & 31. We will resume on January 7th at 9:30 am.

CUC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 5, 2019

There will be a congregational meeting after church on Sunday, January 5th, 2020.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Cloverdale and Hazelmere United Churches will be having the ACM for 2019 during worship on February 23, 2020. Please submit all necessary reports to the church office **by January 13th, 2020**. Thank you!

**PLEASE
SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS
BY MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REPORTS TO
cloverdalehazelmereuc@telus.net.
THANK YOU!**



2019 CHARITABLE DONATION DEADLINE

Please remember that December 31, 2019 is the deadline to make charitable donations to be included in the calculation of your 2019 non-refundable tax credit. For further information please see the Canada Revenue Agency website -<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes.html>

REFUGEE COMMITTEE INVITES NEW MEMBERS

The Refugee Committee have recently received several new requests for support from refugees looking to come to Canada. The committee is looking for church members or adherents who would be willing to join the committee and be involved in supporting one or more families coming to Canada over the next several years. Please contact Susie or Reverend Lori if you are interested in learning more or joining the Refugee Committee.

SUMMER CAMP AT CUC!

Do you want there to be a camp at CUC this summer (or even Spring Break)? Now is the time to make that known! This is a ministry that Robyn cannot do on her own! We need volunteers to provide snacks, lead games, bring arts and crafts, offer music and so much more! If you think this is a worthwhile ministry, it's time to put that into action by showing up as a volunteer! Please fill out the survey to show your interest at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2TBQTBR>

GIVE BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION AS A GIFT

Broadview is offering a special Gift Subscription Discount for only \$20 (plus tax). Make an inspiring year-round gift for family and friends! Order cards available at the Narthex or Church office. Contact church office for any questions.



If you need any assistance, please call 604-574-5813 to leave a message, or email us at cloverdalehazelmereuc@telus.net.



Poinsettia Placement
in Cloverdale's Sanctuary:



In Memory of:

Lil Minato
Rick McBain
Janis Wilson
May Graham
Henry Driscoll
Bob Grossman
Catherine Bose
Margaret Grant
Tracy Torgerson
Bea and Cliff Hull
Harvey Torgerson
Leslie and Eva Heppell
Billy and Kevin Martyn
Dave and Ruth Hunter
Bill and Doris Cameron
John and Sharon Collins
Peter and Taylor Connal
Ross and Marnee Connal
Dora and Boulton Rogers
Gwen, James, and Ted Nichols
Ralph, Shirley, and Ed Menzies
Correll Family / Presunka Family
Salekin Family / Thomlinson Family
Jack Best, Steven Megley & his brothers & sisters
Diane Berlaydon
Allana Stevens
Brent Baldwin
Dianne Gilker

In Appreciation of:

In Lee
Cloverdale United Church



2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON

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Dec. 22 (Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Fourth Sunday of Advent (LOVE) ★ Worship Service: HUC 8:45 am, CUC 10:30 am ★ Christmas Cantata (10:30 am @CUC)
Dec. 24 (Tues)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Christmas Eve Services ① Family Service (6:30 pm @CUC) - Candlelight Communion and Pageant ② Candlelight Service (8 pm @HUC) - Christmas Story and Candlelight Service ③ Candlelight Service (9 pm @CUC) - Candlelight and Contemplative Service
Dec. 29 (Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ First Sunday after Christmas ★ Choir-led Service (10:30 am @CUC) – No service at HUC
Jan. 5 (Sun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Epiphany Sunday (Communion)

2019 Christmas Eve Service



6:30 pm - Cloverdale United Church

Family Service with Candlelight Communion and Pageant

8:00 pm - Hazelmere United Church

Christmas Story and Candlelight Service

9:00 pm - Cloverdale United Church

Contemplative Candlelight Service



Revs. Lori Megley-Best & In Lee
Cloverdale Pastoral Charge
17575 - 58A Ave
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December 9, 2019

Dear Revs. Megley-Best & Lee,

With the true meaning of Christmas very much in mind, First United needs your help. Not just because it's Advent, but because of the reality that without immediate support our ministry of feeding, housing and supporting the people of the Downtown Eastside is in jeopardy. **Our regular Christmas appeal has gone out, but we need extra support from the wider church community this year.**

I am asking for your help today to bridge the gap between our current reality and our future plans to create new options for the many less fortunate individuals in the community we serve.

As you know, since the congregation of our church closed in 2009, First United has been a ministry of the whole United Church. While that has not changed, over the past decade First United itself has undergone dramatic shifts in response to the life challenges faced by those who live in the downtown Eastside of Vancouver. Our ministry envisions a neighbourhood where every person's worth is celebrated and all people thrive. We seek that just society by nurturing each person's spirit through ministry, housing, advocacy and community services.

From our initial spiritual approach to helping people in need that was primarily orchestrated through the activities of the congregation at First United, we have become more of a 'staff-based' organization because of the need for professional expertise to deal with the complex issues of poverty, homelessness and addictions that are the realities of our community. As you can imagine, a significant increase in the financial resources needed to meet these challenges has resulted in an operating deficit that is not sustainable.

The future also requires First United to do more than just house, feed and support people in need. To that end, we are developing an exciting new plan with partnerships that will potentially see the construction of major new facility on our current site. In addition to other

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needed resources for this area, this would also provide First United with a modern, cost-efficient new home base.

Integral to our future is also expanding our mandate to include 'educational' and 'advocacy' activities on behalf of those we serve. **The first tangible step in that direction is the revitalization of our volunteer program in 2020**, the details of which we will share with you early in the new year. In addition, I plan to spend more time in direct conversation with congregations and their outreach committees to get feedback on how we can partner together to keep our ministry vibrant and viable.

However, as we plan for the years ahead, we still face the challenge of a sizable budget deficit in the weeks and months ahead. Thus, I am writing to ask for your help, in this time of new beginnings. We anticipate a deficit of at least \$200,000 this fiscal year, and our reality is one of not being able to continue to serve those most in need if we cannot cover this shortfall.

Any amount of financial support that your congregation can offer would be most gratefully received, and if there are individuals within your congregation who you believe would also be in a position to offer their support, we ask you share this request with them, as well as the urgent and serious need. **Please feel free to share a copy of this letter with your outreach or social justice committees, as well as any individuals you know who may be able to help us.**

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions about the ministry of First United and our current need, or about any other ideas or suggestions that would be of value. I will be reaching out in the new year about scheduling regional presentations on our plans for volunteering and partnerships with congregations – and I am happy to visit individual congregations to make the presentation as well. I can be reached directly at clansdowne@firstunited.ca or by phone at 778.829.4416.

Advent blessings to you as we pray together: O come, o come, Emmanuel.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne
Executive Director

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