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"All Saints"

painting by Elizabeth Wang (1942-2016)

All Saints Sunday
(The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
A Service of Word & Feast

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All Saints Sunday

“And then slowly it comes to me that just ‘sitting with it’ ... being struck dumb and shedding this fountain of tears ... is not a failure to pray. Being horrified and helpless and sad and frightened and spiritually smashed up in the presence of God ... maybe this, of itself, is prayer.

“And I stay with that for a while.

“Then something else comes. The conviction that, having sat in the mud, I can maybe now lift my eyes to the stars. In the past, prayer has taken me beyond the ‘is’ of a situation to the ‘what has not yet come to be.’ Might it not do so now?”

— Kate Compston, contemporary English poet and hymnist, 1991

GATHERING 모임

The Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey, interim music leader

Gathering Chorus (Introit) 찬송 — “Be at Rest”

by Gord Johnson

Be at rest once more, O my soul.

Be at rest once more, O my soul,

for the Lord has been good, oh, the Lord has been good,

oh, the Lord has been good, to you.

Centring Quiet 집중을 위한 조용한 순간

We together hold an intentional period of quiet, during which worshippers are invited to centre themselves and prepare for the worship of God.

Greeting 인사

The Rev. Matthew Emery

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

In the ways we are able—in body or in spirit—we rise for those parts marked with an asterisk “*”

A Great Cloud of Witnesses:

Rev. Matt & Pastor Youngsun Cheon

Gathering with the Saints, the Holy Ones of God

SENTENCES & PRAYER

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

Many: **indeed, there is no end to God's greatness.**

One: One generation shall praise your works to another

Many: **and shall declare your vastness.**

One: All your works praise you, Lord,

Many: **and your faithful servants bless you.**

One: They make known the glory of your promises

Many: **and speak of your peace.**

One: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

Many: **Let all of creation bless God's holy name for ever and ever.**

One: Let us pray.

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in eternal life.

We pray that all who have died
come with your saints to the joys you promise us,
where there will be neither sorrow nor pain or sighing,
but life everlasting.

Many: **Alleluia. Amen.**

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

The names of those members and associates of our community of faith whose passing away we have marked since last All Saints Sunday are read, a candle is lit, and a bell tolled.

Then, after the invitation from the worship leader, when you feel moved, you may come forward to: place one or more tags with a name of other members of that great cloud of witnesses, the communion of saints, whom you wish to remember this day; and/or to place a photograph or memento of them; and/or to light a candle(s) in their honour.

MUSIC DURING THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

Tim Bailey

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GOD'S SAINTS

One: ... Thank you for your saints, O God:

Many: **And help us to be like them.**

The litany concludes in prayer.

* Hymn 찬송 — “For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE



- 1 For all the saints who from their la-bors rest, who
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;_____
- 3 O blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine!_____
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,_____
- 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through



thee_____ by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight;_____

We fee-bly strug-gle; they in glo-ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song, and
 gates_____ of pearl streams in the count-less host,_____



name, O_____ Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
 thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
 all are_____ one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are_____ brave a-gain, and arms are strong.
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:



Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

* Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

One: Let us pray.

Many: Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Make us Holy—through your Word and by your Spirit—
so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Welcome & News from Our Life Together 교회소식

WORD 말씀

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

The Early Word 어린이 설교

ending with The Lord's Prayer 회중기도와 주기도

Many: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.	하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여, 이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시옵며, 나라이 임하옵시며, 뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이 땅에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주옵시고, 우리가 우리에게 죄 지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이 우리 죄를 사하여 주옵시고, 우리를 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고, 다만 악에서 구하옵소서. 대개 나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.
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1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____ pa - tient and

2 They loved their Lord so _____ dear, so dear, and _____ God's love _____

3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun-dreds of



brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____ lived and
made them strong; and they fol-lowed the right, for _____ Je - sus'

thou-sands still; the _____ world is _____ bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they _____ loved and knew. And _____ one was a

sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____ one was a

saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep herd - ess

sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was _____ slain by a

school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the _____ green: they were all of them saints of _____

fierce wild _____ beast: and there's not an - y rea - son, _____

shops, or at tea; for the saints of _____ God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.

no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.

folk like _____ me, and I mean to be one too.

*Children grades 5 and younger are welcome to go with the leader(s)
to Children's Church, in the Lounge on the lower level.*

First Reading 성경봉독 — 2nd Thessalonians 1:1-4; 11-12 *pew bibles NT p. 205*

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

***Many:* Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 성경봉독 — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 *pew bibles OT p. 871*

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

***Many:* Thanks be to God.**

IN KOREAN

after the reading:

One: 아멘 (Amen).

***Many:* 아멘 (Amen).**

Sermon 설교 — “Write the Vision, Make it Plain”

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” *DUNLAP’S CREEK*



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fo - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*** Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*** 신앙의 고백: 사도신경
 I believe in God, the Father almighty, 전능하사 천지를 만드신
 creator of heaven and earth. 하나님 아버지를 내가 믿사오며,
 I believe in Jesus Christ, 그 외아들 우리 주 예수
 God's only Son, our Lord, 그리스도를 믿사오니
 who was conceived 이는 성령으로 잉태하사 동정녀
 by the Holy Spirit, 마리아에게 나시고,
 born of the Virgin Mary, 본디오 빌라도에게 고난을 받으사
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, 십자가에 못박혀 죽으시고,
 was crucified, died, 장사한 지 사흘 만에 죽은 자
 and was buried; 가운데서 다시 살아나시며,
 he descended to the dead. 하늘에 오르사 전능하신 하나님
 On the third day he rose again; 우편에 앉아 계시다가,
 he ascended into heaven, 저리로서 산 자와 죽은 자를
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father, 심판하러 오시리라.
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, 성령을 믿사오며,
 the holy catholic[†] Church, 거룩한 공회와
 the communion of saints, 성도가 서로 교통하는 것과
 the forgiveness of sins, 죄를 사하여 주시는 것과
 the resurrection of the body, 몸이 다시 사는 것과
 and the life everlasting. Amen. 영원히 사는 것을 믿사옵나이다. 아멘.

(† in the Creed, "catholic" refers to the church universal and speaks of its wholeness; it is not a reference specifically to the Roman Catholic tradition)

FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

Gathering the Gifts and Preparing the Table 봉헌

OFFERTORY — "In the Stillness of this Moment" by Martin & Angerman *The Choir*

In the stillness of this moment, in the quiet of this place,
 We pause in silent wonder at the miracle of grace.
 As our hearts reach out in mercy, heaven's arms reach from above,
 And we touch the hope of glory and we hold the gift of love.
 Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
 Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!
 In the stillness of this moment, as we calm our hearts and minds,
 We feel Your tender mercy and the gift of peace divine.
 Let us gather at the table. Let us find our place of rest
 Where the bread and wine of mercy feed our souls with heaven's best.
 In the stillness of this moment, as we give Him full control,
 There is comfort for the weary, there is healing for the soul.
 And the tears of our surrender are an offering made of praise.
 For the wonder of salvation is a miracle of grace.
 Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
 Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!
 In the stillness of this moment. In the stillness. In the stillness.

PRAYER REQUESTS — As the morning offering is collected:

- in-person worshippers can share prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) on the **purple-topped prayer request cards** found in the pew racks and place them the offering plates as they are passed.
- live-via-Zoom online worshippers are welcome to submit prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) in the **Zoom “chat”** feature.

The Great Thanksgiving 성찬 감사기도

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Thanks and praise to you, O God,
creator and lover of the universe.

You created all that was;
you nurture all that is;
you imagine all that will be.
You are the pattern of community,
Three-in-One God of mercy.
From the beginning of time,
you have created us for relationship
with one another,
with the earth,
and with you.

When we reject your call to community,
choosing isolation over partnership
and brokenness over healing,
you call us back, again and again,
with words of grace and the promise of new life.

Remembering that we are not alone at this table,
we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called,
from all times and all places,
who forever sing your praise:

Many: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

거룩 거룩 거룩하신 여호와 전능하신
하나님, 하늘과 땅이 주님의
영광으로 찬양하나이다. 호산나!
가장 높은 곳에서 주님을
찬양하나이다.

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

주님의 이름으로 오시는 이를
송축하나이다. 호산나! 가장 높은
곳에서 주님을 찬양하나이다.

One: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ,
our host and our guest at this table.

Through his birth, you took on flesh,
affirming the goodness of our bodies and our world.
Through his life, you took on suffering,
sharing the truth of hope in desperation.
Through his death, you took on death,
revealing the depth of your love for us.
Through his resurrection, you brought new creation,
embodying the promise of life everlasting.

With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this fruit of the vine,
gifts of the earth through which you bless us,
and we offer ourselves in your service.

According to Christ's commandment:

Many: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God,
and upon these gifts of fruit and grain,
that we may taste your goodness, see your presence,
and become one with you and your body.
Gathered at your table, we join
Douglas, Isabel, Melissa, Thelma, Isabel, and all your saints
who have gone on before us,
rejoicing that, in life and in death,
we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega.

All thanks and praise to you, O God,
Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

Many: Amen.

Remembering the Stories & Sharing the Feast 성찬에의 참여

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion we are *all* guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to all — including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the community of God's people, and not merely members of this congregation or denomination. This is a *joyful* feast for *all* the people of God.

열린 식탁! 우리가 성찬식을 거행할 때, 우리는 예수님이 주인인 식탁의 모든 손님입니다. 우리는 하나님의 놀라운 은혜로 인해 초대받은 모든 사람입니다. 우리의 합당성 때문이 아니라, 하나님의 놀라운 은혜로 인해 초대받은 모든 사람입니다. 그렇기 때문에, 이 성찬식은 그리스도의 임재와 하나님의 백성의 공동체를 알고자 하는 모든 사람에게 열려 있으며, 이 교회나 교단의 구성원에게만 국한되지 않습니다. 그리고 여기에는 아이들도 포함됩니다. 이것은 하나님의 모든 백성에게 즐거운 잔치입니다.

Toutes les personnes sont les bienvenues et invitées à la fête de la communion !

ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਗਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਗਤੀ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਲਈ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ!

欢迎所有人参加圣餐节!

We receive communion at stations in the front of the church. You will come forward via the centre aisle to one of the stations to receive a piece of bread and a cup. Partake of these and return to your seat via the side aisles.

성찬을 위한 분병과 분잔은 본당 앞쪽에서 진행됩니다. 성찬에 참여하는 성도님들은 앞으로 나오셔서 개인별로 빵과 컵을 받고 자리로 돌아가시면 됩니다.

Anyone with mobility concerns may simply signal an usher or communion server to be brought the sacrament at your seat. All cups have **non-alcoholic grape juice**, and all bread is **gluten-free**.

거동이 불편한 분들이 계시다면 안내원이나 봉사자들에게 알려주십시오. 자리로 가져다 드리겠습니다. 모든 성찬 포도주는 클로버데일 교회의 관례대로 무알코올 포도주스, 빵은 전통 빵과 글루텐 프리 빵 중 선택하실 수 있도록 함께 제공됩니다.

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

Tim Bailey

Prayer after Communion 성찬 후의 기도

Many: God of glory, in this holy feast
you have made us one with Christ
and with that great multitude of the faithful—
those who hunger and thirst no more
and worship night and day in your temple.
Lead us in the paths of righteousness
and guide us to the springs of the water of life,
until we join the choir of the redeemed,
singing: Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING 파송

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

* Hymn 찬송 — “Shout for Joy”

Voices United #482

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

***RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — “Since we are surrounded” *Then Let Us Sing!* #154

Since we are sur - round-ed by a great cloud of

wit-ness-es, we will not lose heart!

* **Dismissal** 예배로 부름

One: Go in peace. Give God glory in all things.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* **Postlude** 후주

Tim Bailey

Be Our Guest! Come on down to the Lower Hall for coffee or tea or another beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! Access to the Lower Hall is down the stairs outside the door at the front right of the sanctuary or via the elevator at the front left of the sanctuary. Follow the crowds on down, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you!

Life at Cloverdale United Church

Worship

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed: During November, a stretch of Sundays beginning with All Saints Sunday’s focus on our being surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses—all those who have gone on before us, the communion of saints—and ending with Christ the King Sunday’s celebration of Christ’s ultimate rule and reign, we choose to use the words of the “Apostles’ Creed” as our communal affirmation of the faith around which we gather. The Apostles’ Creed is one of the most ancient and universal Christian statements of faith, with roots dating back to the 1st century AD. This creed is especially connected in Christian tradition with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, as the symbol of the faith into which each Christian is baptized. In our faith tradition within The United Church of Canada, where we hold together multiple statements from diverse times and contexts as authentic witnesses to the faith around which we gather, we recognize that any of the creeds or confessions of faith we affirm in corporate worship—from the ancient and broadly-ecumenical Apostles’ Creed to The United Church’s own beloved statement from 1968, *A New Creed*—serve as *testimonies* of faith, not *tests* of faith. In joining our voices to their witnesses, our confession is not one of unquestioning intellectual agreement with each and every word but rather one of profound faith and trust in the God of whom these things are said, the God to whom the faithful witnesses point.

Many thanks to today’s ...

readers: Trixie Martyn, Ben Son

ushers/greeters: Allan and Judy Sanders

digital ushers: Jamie Brown, Taewon Joh

fellowship time hosts: Elenor and Melissa Sturko

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Children are welcome at all services! It is important for families to worship together. Don't feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children—and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles—as part of our community and worship life! After all... as an old saying goes, “faith is caught, not taught!” Children are encouraged to stand and sing with the songs, partake in communion, read and pray along when they can, and join in for the “Early Word”—a time at the front with conversation just for them near the beginning of the service. Most Sundays September through June, we have “**Children's Church**” activities during the latter two-thirds of the service in the Lounge on the lower level, to which any pre-school through grade 5 aged child is welcome! For those accompanying infants or toddlers who need a spot to ‘escape’ to during the worship service, feel free to make use of the “**Quiet Room**” off the side of the sanctuary, near the piano, where there you will find comfortable seating, toys, and a changing table all while being able to hear and see the worship service.



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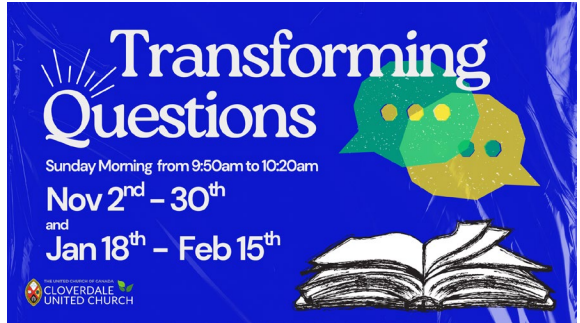
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Learn

Transforming Questions:

November 2–30, 2025 (5 sessions) and January 18–February 15, 2026 (5 sessions) — Sunday mornings, 9:50–10:20 am, in the Lower Hall

Cloverdale United Church invites you to a **10-week discipleship journey** exploring life’s biggest questions through Scripture and conversation. Each Sunday morning we’ll gather with coffee, cookies, and open hearts to ask, reflect, and grow together.



- Session 1: Can we question our faith?
- Session 2: Who is Jesus?
- Session 3: Why did Jesus have to die?
- Session 4: What do we have to do?
- Session 5: How should I read the Bible?
—Break—
- Session 6: Does God answer prayer?
- Session 7: Why do bad things happen?
- Session 8: Where do we go when we die?
- Session 9: Why do I need church?
- Session 10: Where do we go from here?

For registration or further information, please contact **Pastor Youngsun** at youngsun@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca.

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE



Sunday November 9, 2025

10122 140th Street, Surrey

3 pm – 5:30 pm

(Doors open at 2:30pm)

*All attendees must register by
November 1st*

womens.interfaith.bc@gmail.com

*Please join us for this important Community Forum.
This event is for LADIES ONLY, plus their partners.*

A light dinner will be provided

Sponsored by the Women's Interfaith Council of BC

Meet

Sunshine / Friendship:

The Sunshine/Friendship Group will meet on **Wednesday, November 5th at 1:30 PM** in the Lounge.

At this meeting, Sydney will share about the National UCW Gathering she attended in September, as well as highlights from her recent trip to Scotland. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend!

Sunshine/ Friendship

M E E T I N G

Pray

New this week...

- In thanksgiving for the lives of **Douglas** Alexander, **Isabel** McCurdy, **Melissa** Ferguson, **Thelma** Smidt, and **Isabel** Rose, whose passings into life eternal were marked by our congregation in the past year.
- For **Jamaica** after the devastation of **Hurricane Melissa**, and for all other countries and communities in the path of this hurricane, that people remain safe and that those who have lost loved ones be comforted by God's healing presence.
- For the peoples and ministries witnessing to Christ through **Ladysmith** United Church, **Inlet** United Church in Port Moody, **Jaffrey** United Church, **James Bay** United Church in Victoria, **Jubilee** United Church in Burnaby, and **Kamloops** United Church (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*).
- In thanksgiving for the ministry and life over the years of **Hope** United Church, and for the people of that Community of Faith as it has transitioned to closure (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*).
- For the **Indigenous Ministries Council** of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*).
- For **Canada** and the **United States of America** — *in thanksgiving for*: the vast expanse of North America with its resources and varied landscapes, praying that they may be preserved, enjoyed and used wisely; those who are its original inhabitants, the First Nations, Inuit, and Native American peoples; church-related organizations that strongly advocate for justice, and those that provide for new immigrants and refugees today, as well as for others who are poor and vulnerable; ecumenical and interfaith engagements which are occurring in many communities that previously were mainly white and Christian... *and praying for*: churches facing new challenges, that they may continue to witness boldly to the gospel in evolving multicultural, multireligious, and secular contexts; indigenous peoples in their long struggles for survival, land, and rights, and for ongoing healing and reconciliation with those who have come after them; new immigrants, that they will continue to be welcomed in these countries, and that policies will serve the common good; effectively countering systemic greed that exploits communities and natural resources; government leaders that they would advance justice, human rights, and peace for all within these countries and in the rest of the world (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*).

Ongoing...

- For **Kaitlyn**, Debbie's niece, who underwent lung surgery recently and is currently recovering, and for Debbie's sister and her family as they journey alongside her.
- For **those facing food insecurity**.
- For **Dianne**, sister of Joyce, who was hospitalized recently after suffering another fall, and for Dianne's daughters and their families as they journey

alongside her.

- For all **those journeying with dementia, Alzheimers, and other forms of cognitive decline**, and for God's strength to dwell within those who find themselves as caregivers.
- For the people of **Gaza**, facing starvation and devastation.
- For those of our congregation who are homebound, incarcerated, in long-term nursing care, or otherwise unable to be with us regularly, including: **Roger, Lorraine, Pauline, Eileen, Joyce, Gerrit, Brenda, and Roy.**

Additions to the prayer list are always welcome! Submissions received in the office by 9:00 am Thursday morning will appear in the bulletin. Petitions regarding specific individuals or circumstances will only be retained on the prayer list for 3 weeks at a time (but can be renewed if changes in the situation warrant).

Other news and notes

Apple Pie Project: The Apple Pie Project is now complete, and we still have **16 large pies** available for purchase. They will be first come, first served this Sunday after coffee time — unless you'd like to reserve one in advance.

Cost: \$15 each

E-transfer: loripresunka.cuc@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to make this project a success!



Palestinian Craft Faïre

Come support Palestinian artisans by purchasing products that come directly from charitable organizations like Bethlehem Bible College and L'Arche Bethlehem.

Olive Wood
Carving

Christmas Ornaments

Stained Hand
Blown Glass

Spices

Coffee

Candles



Olive Oil

Kitchenware

Soaps

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Peninsula United Church

2756 127th Street

Free Refreshments

God's Mission, Our Gifts

Faith, Farming, and Friendship:

For the first time in human history, more people live in cities than in rural areas, and that shift has brought new challenges, especially in caring for the Earth. In Japan, your Mission and Service gifts support a partner that's responding with vision and hope: the Asian Rural Institute (ARI).



Founded in 1973 by Rev. Dr. Toshihiro Takami, ARI trains rural leaders from the Global South in servant leadership, sustainable agriculture, and community building. Each year, participants from around the world come together for nine months of hands-on learning, studying, farming, cooking, and cleaning side by side. The farm provides almost all of the food they eat, and the surplus supports their neighbours.

This year, your support through Mission and Service helped purchase a used minibus for ARI and provided scholarships for six participants: Arun from Sri Lanka, Robert from Liberia, Lily from Zambia, Lukogo from Congo, Sarmo from Indonesia, and Bob from Kenya.

They're learning organic farming methods like composting, natural pest control, and ways to keep soil healthy. As Arun says, "God creates everything in order. If things are in order, then everything will be okay. Everything is connected."

But the lessons go beyond agriculture. Students also learn about servant leadership, leading by serving others. "Peace is number one," explains Bob. "Then love."

For Lily from Zambia, it's been especially powerful to see so many women in leadership roles. She shares, "It inspired me to show others what is possible."

Life at ARI isn't easy. Days begin early, with prayer and physical work. Cultural differences, personalities, and misunderstandings do sometimes lead to conflict. Yet these tensions also provide rich opportunities to learn reconciliation, communication, and collective responsibility. Robert said, "It is wonderful to be in diversity. There are a lot of things I like and don't like. It is a challenge to learn to overcome them. It shifted my perception on how to live, to respect culture and not to offend. It is teaching me how to live." Arun summed up, "It is sacred to live in this environment."

Through your gifts for Mission and Service, participants at ARI experience transformation in their faith, their farming, and their leadership. And when they return home, they bring that transformation with them, helping their communities grow in hope, peace, and sustainability. Thank you.

Thank you for helping seeds of change take root around the world. To learn more about ARI and the participants you support, you can read the full story online. <https://united-church.ca/stories/faith-farming-and-friendship>

WELCOME TO CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH!

As we say at nearly every worship service, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship God together as one.



In this lovely old church, we do Sunday morning in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ, just as Christians have done for nearly two thousand years. Some of the songs we sing (certainly not *all* of them, though) are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. And yet, amidst rituals and rites rooting us in a deep heritage, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and we listen for God’s Spirit still speaking into our lives today. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Have a cup of coffee or a bite to eat with us. Introduce yourself to other worshippers or our pastor. There are plenty of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

We are a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community, reaching out from the historic heart of Surrey at Cloverdale since 1875. We seek to thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another, and the community.... to serve others as Jesus would.

Cloverdale United Church recognizes that we worship, live, work, and play in traditional and unceded territories of Coast Salish peoples: primarily the Katzie, the Kwantlen, the Semiahmoo, the Snokomish, the Stolo, the Tsawwassen, and the Wsanec. We give our thanks to them and for them; we offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We seek to live with respect in this piece of Creation; we seek peace and justice among all who have called this land home.

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