



Salisbury United Church

*"Connecting hearts, minds and lives
in community with God"*

*"All Things
Bright &
Beautiful,
All Creatures
Great & Small."*

*Voices United
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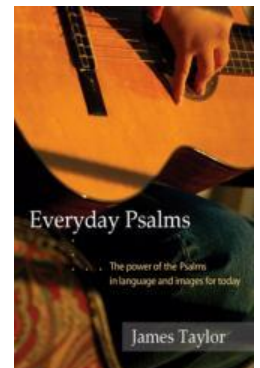
SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV BRITT

What is your favorite song or hymn? Which ones do you find yourself humming as you go about your day or in times of trial or joy? I can recall a l-o-o-ng time ago when I sang, "If you are happy and you know it clap your hands," over and over again because it was my daughter's favorite song. From an early age music resonates with parts of our brains that otherwise have not learned speech. This resonance lasts long into our last years when song recognition often persists when other forms of speech have faded.

God has put a song in our hearts that must be sung.

In most Protestant Bibles, if you open it up at about the halfway point you end up in the Book of Psalms, or at least in the section where the Psalms are grouped, a section called the "books of poetry" in the Bible. The Psalms are ancient songs of faith from thousands of years ago which we have preserved without the melody. Over the years the singing of the Psalms has nevertheless persisted and new melodies have been composed to carry on the singing tradition of these songs. At times, it was deemed acceptable to sing only the Psalms because singing anything else would be too "ungodly". If only our ancestors knew how rich and diverse our collected hymns have become!

During worship this fall and winter we will be delving into the poetry of the Psalms in worship, a book which is less read and preached about than many others in the Bible. Jesus himself often quoted the Psalms in his own teaching. Each Sunday we will hear one of the Psalms in a traditional translation from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible and also from a rephrased book of Psalms called *Everyday Psalms*. We will ponder how the Psalms speak to us now as the key poetry of the Bible, a poetry meant to spark prayer, praise, and imagination in our faith.



If you wish to join with me in reading the Psalms you might want to read a Psalm a day over the fall/winter or you may wish to obtain a copy of the book "Everyday Psalms". It is available from Woodlake Books at <https://www.woodlakebooks.com/search/results/inventory/All-Products/Biblical-Studies/Everyday-Psalms>

UPCOMING DATES:

- Sept. 10: Church Clean Up
- Sept. 11: Welcome Back Service with Communion, Creation Time begins in worship.
- Sept. 21: Board Meeting at 7pm

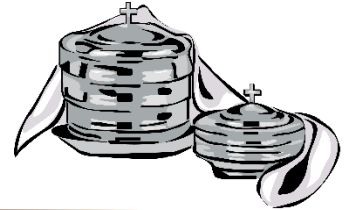


WELCOME TO OUR NEW WORK-EXPERIENCE STUDENT; ALEXIS GOLEMBIOSKI

Alexis will be our technical wizard from Salisbury Composite High School for the fall and winter. We welcome her! If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Rev. Britt or Val Hunt.

COMMUNION SERVICE UPDATE

As of Sept. 11, we will return to serving Communion in-person, using the traditional form of being served while you remain seated in the pew, first the bread using tongs, then the juice using small glasses served from a tray.



CANDLES IN THE SANCTUARY

Starting Sept 11, candles will once again be available to light as you arrive for worship.



CHURCH CLEAN UP

Sept. 10

It has been roughly two years since the inside and outside of our church has had a thorough cleaning. As many hands make light work, the Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help get this large task done. If you are able to help out either before or on Sept. 10, please contact Brian McCarthy at 780-467-2487 or via email at b_bmcc@telus.net. Thank you!

AND THE FOX CAME BACK!



Any ideas as to what Foxy has in his new hen bag?

Come to church on Sept 11 and beyond to find out!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

With the shifts and changes in worship life which have been accelerated by these pandemic years, the Church Board recently discussed plans to welcome children and their parents to the church and rebuild our children's programming. While these discussions are underway, we recognize that expressing hospitality for families in our worship space is an important step we can take now. For the time being, children and parents will continue to worship together in the Sanctuary. We will continue to have pew kits available for kids who would like them, but we will also try creating a "busy pew" at the back so that families know they have a place they are welcome to sit together with mobile young children. We will try this for a season while we develop other plans for including children and their families back into our church life.



MEDITATION CIRCLE RESUMES ON SEPT 15 AT 10AM

Join us on Wednesday mornings online at 10:00 am for morning meditation led by Rev. Britt Aerhart. Everyone is welcome to attend. The link to join is posted on our website.

COMING SOON...

An announcement will be coming in October about a legacy trust fund for Salisbury United Church which is being set up by the Church Board through the United Church Foundation. This trust fund will extend our ability to receive large donations, bequests, and legacy giving in a way that offers longer term benefit to church funding.



TRUEARTH ONGOING FUNDRAISER

We are having an ongoing fundraiser with TruEarth, a Canadian company which sells environmentally friendly cleaning products for your laundry, kitchen, and bathroom.



One popular item they sell are pre-measured zero waste, hypoallergenic and plastic free laundry detergent strips. Each strip provides ultra-concentrated cleaning power that you just toss in the wash to effectively clean your laundry and its low-sudsing formula works in all types of washing machines, including high-efficiency (HE).

By purchasing any of “TruEarth’s products, not only are you helping the environment, but also Salisbury UC as we will receive 20% of the profits from any online purchase made through our link provided on our website or you by selecting the following link: <https://fundraising.tru.earth/salisburyuc>



BOTTLE DRIVE

Save your bottles!! We will be having another bottle drive in October. More information will be in our next ENews edition.

FINANCE CORNER

Update for January 1 to July 31, 2022

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Income:	\$127,306.92	\$125,685.58
Expense:	<u>\$151,276.70</u>	<u>\$145,493.44</u>
Net Income:	(\$ 23,969.78)	(\$ 19,807.86)



For the seven months ended July 31st, net income was \$4200 short of budget, an improvement of \$2000 since June. The shortfall was \$5500 short after taking into account \$1300 in M&S donations were still to be paid out. Income was up \$1600 or 1.0% while expenses were up \$5800 or +4.0% (Insurance +\$1900, Repairs & Maintenance +\$1800). Fundraiser expense was \$2700 higher than planned because 50% of bottle drive income was donated to charities outside the church.

If you need any help with giving envelopes (new supply, pick-up, etc.) or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, E-Transfers or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact Roxanne at the Church Office. Phone: 780-467-7310 E-Mail: salisburyuc@telus.net

Thank you for your support of Salisbury United Church and congratulations for helping your church to meet ongoing ministry obligations.

[Click Here](#)

TO DONATE ON-LINE WITH CANADA HELPS



We are now set up to accept Interac ETransfers. If you are familiar with Etransfers, just use our email address salisburyuc@telus.net to send your donation. As our church is set up for automatic deposits no password will be needed.

NORTHERN SPIRIT REGION NEWS & EVENTS



NORTHERN SPIRIT WEBSITE

Northern Spirit has a website!

Go to www.northernspiritr.ca for more information.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETINGS

During the pandemic, the General Council issued a temporary amendment of the Bylaws re Pastoral Relations and Congregational Annual Meetings. This temporary amendment expired as of July 1, 2022. As of that date, Communities of Faith are required to revert to the decision-making polity and procedures prescribed in [The Manual, 2022](#), relating to pastoral Relations and annual meetings. With the peak of the Omicron variant behind us, many of the COVID-19 related public health restrictions and workplace safety measures have been lifted across Canada. Communities of Faith are once again in a position to hold in-person meetings with their entire membership, while remaining mindful of the rules with respect to gatherings set by their local public health authorities. Please click this link for more specific [information about relevant United Church Bylaws](#).

UNITED CHURCH REPRESENTATION AT THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The United Church of Canada will be well-represented at the upcoming World Council of Churches (WCC) Assembly in Frankfurt, Germany. The United Church delegation will include two members of the Northern Spirit Regional Council: the Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean, Ministry Personnel at St. Paul's United Church, Edmonton; and Gail Allen, Lay Representative from Garneau United Church, Edmonton. Click [here for more information about the Assembly](#), and links to information about the WCC.



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions. The Salisbury Church Board has designated Sept. 30 as a learning day for church staff and recommends it as a learning day to all congregation supporters.

This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

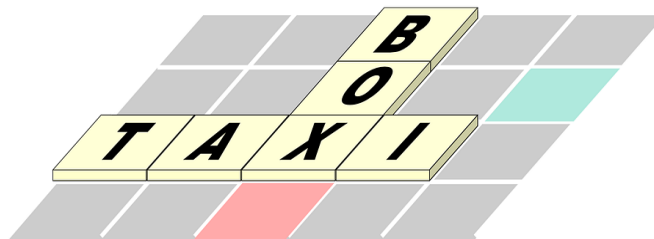
Wear your orange shirt to worship to our Sept. 28 worship service!

OTHER MISC. NEWS

SCRABBLE IN THE PARK!

Sponsored by Eastside Grannies of Sherwood Park
Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm
Outside at Festival Place
Entry is \$25 per person.

Come and join the Eastside Grannies for Scrabble out on the Patio! All ages! All players...from beginners to the 'sharpest'!



You can ask family/friends to sponsor you or bring a group of friends and “buy” a whole table. If not playing yourself, you can sponsor someone who IS playing...! Any amount is wonderful (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100...or any amount inbetween...it all helps...it is a fundraiser for the African Grandmothers who are trying to raise their orphaned grandchildren...so many died from AIDs in Africa...we can help.

For more information: www.stephenlewisfoundation.org
or call Carol at 780-464-4195 or dmaier@shaw.ca



TODAY'S FUNNIES



RECOGNITION OF LAND



We worship with respect on land where people have lived, prayed and held ceremonies since long before Canada was a nation. This is Treaty Six Territory, and we affirm the traditional relationship of the Cree, Blackfoot, D ne, Assiniboine, Nakota and later the M tis people with this land, along with our ongoing treaty relationship with each other.

Following are the email addresses that are from Salisbury United Church:

salisburyuc@telus.net – from Roxanne, our Church Office Administrator

salisburyminister@telus.net – Rev. Britt's church email

revvedtoo@gmail.com – Rev. Britt's personal email



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Mondays – Thursdays

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Children's Church Coordinator: Lynne Wilson

Music Coordinator: Lucienne Holzman

Church Office Administrator: Roxanne Prytula