

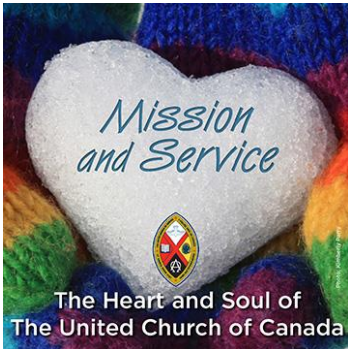


South Arm United Church

A welcoming Christ-centered community that serves ALL with joy, justice and courage

This Month at a Glance: June 19 – June 25

The 2nd offering for the month of June is being directed to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church. Our apologies for neglecting to highlight this for the past Communion Sunday. It is the practice of SAUC to hold a 2nd offering on Communion Sundays. Donations to Mission and Service Fund are being received for the months of June, July, August and September.



Please mark your envelopes with “2nd offering” and either place in the offering basket on Sunday mornings or at the office during the week. Thank you for your support.

*Special note: Jackie will be taking the following vacation days
Tue Jun 21 & Wed Jun 29, Thank you.*

Camp Spirit at Gilmore Park!

August 8-12, 2022

Space is very limited for children ages 5-11 years old.

Spaces available for Youth, Grades 7-9.
Register today!



Camp Spirit YOUTH CREW for Youth, Grades 9-12

Being on Youth Crew is Being Part of the Camp Spirit Leadership Team.

A wonderful summer opportunity to practice leadership skills, spend joyful and light-hearted time with children, connect with other young leaders, learn from Camp Spirit Coordinators and Directors, deepen your faith and make a bit of money!

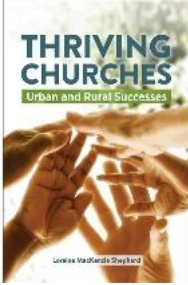
Interested in volunteering? There are many opportunities to work in partnership with Gilmore Park and support Richmond's Camp Spirit. Volunteer roles include: meal prep, morning greeters, lunch chaperones and bakers. All onsite volunteers are required to complete a Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector check.

To register or find out more info about the camp visit

www.campspirit.ca

To volunteer contact Kerry Child at kchild@gilmoreparkunited.ca or 604.277.5377

NEW DATES!!



The book “Thriving Churches” is a study of the attributes of United Church of Canada congregations that are thriving across Canada. We are offering an eight session workshop to help explore these attributes and develop a plan, both personal and congregational to deepen our faith.

Session participants will be encouraged to build/share their own “Spiritual Emergency Kit”. The kit will provide the tools to help weather difficult times with grace, peace, hope, focus and love.

The sessions will be Thursday evenings 7pm to 9pm in the Heritage Wing, **beginning September 15th and ending November 3rd** . Please contact Olwen at saucchannel@gmail.com for more information and how to get the study book. If there is a desire for it we will offer ZOOM participation.



Our next meeting is Monday June 27, 2022 @ 10:00 am. Please contact Marg Dixon or Dawna English if you are interested.

Our **June** book is “**Heidi**” by **Johanna Spyri**.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Strawberry Social</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">At South Arm United Church June 25, 2022— First seating 1 pm Second Seating 2:30 pm 11051 Steveston Hwy, Richmond, BC</p> <p>Tickets available through the office and include the dessert and drink for \$7.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">604 277 4020</p>		<h3 style="text-align: center;">Featuring:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Strawberry Shortcake ◦ Gluten Free - Strawberry Meringue Frozen Torte ◦ Tea or Lemonade 
	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Additional Sale Items:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Homemade Strawberry Jam ◦ Take and Bake Strawberry Rhubarb Pie 	

“Tickets for the Strawberry Social on June 25th are now available. There are some tickets available for the 1pm time slot and very few left for the 2:30 pm time slot. Please let us know ASAP if you would like a reserved spot at one of the sitting times. This information helps us with planning for amounts of food etc.

Thank you for your support.

“We are still in need of help – specifically additional servers and kitchen help. Please contact joannmalysh@shaw.ca Thank you for everyone who has offered cakes – we now have enough bakers”

This Week in Prayer

**The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle
for the peoples of *Malawi & Zambia***

2022 – 2023 - PMRC-Prayer-Cycle Prayer Cycle *For
teachers and students at the end of the year and in
preparation for summer break!*

Gleanings June 2022

The church council held their monthly meeting via Zoom on June 15th, 2022. Alan opened the meeting with a brief devotion and prayer.

Alan Lai has been nominated to serve on the Executive of the General Council – the letter confirming his nomination was received as Correspondence. The following is from the letter from National:

After careful discernment, the Nominations Committee is pleased to be able to recommend you for appointment to the General Council Executive. This recommendation will be shared with General Council 44 Commissioners as soon as possible along with a short profile of the gifts you bring. The General Council will consider this recommendation for decision in July. Pending approval, your appointment will commence August 7 with the conclusion of the 44th General Council.

The pump replacement project is near the end, which is currently anticipated by the end of July. In lieu of further payment for use of the parking lot, the City will be making major repairs to the parking lot. Refugee Sponsorship has exceeded fund-raising expectations. SAUC will contribute \$4,000 to the fund with the money retrieved from OikoCredit. OikoCredit “made the difficult decision to cease offering depository receipts in Canada. Sadly, this means our investors in Canada will not be able to make additional investments.” In view of

this the Council, in June 2021 voted to redeem our OikoCredit shares and contribute \$4000.00 from the redemption to the Refugee Fund and the remainder to the M & S Fund of the United Church of Canada. The completion of all the paperwork involved, etc finally culminated in South Arm United Church receiving the funds from the redemption in May.

It is interesting to note that our land and the farmland south of our building is part of Richmond's "Hunting by Permission Project." Upon request and if we allow it, hunters can hunt in that land. Of course, we aren't interested to give such permission!

The Strawberry Social is set to go on June 25th. 50 tickets have been sold.

We received these reports: Minister, Little Friends, Worship, Music Minister, Trustees, Community Garden and Pacific Mountain Regional Council. These reports are included in the council minutes that will be available by request from the church office.

The Worship Report included the following information about summer worship at South Arm U C:

Alan will take his vacation in July and plan for worship at South Arm are as follows:

July 3	Music service led by Ron Stevenson and Marg Dixon
July 10	Service led by Trish Gorton
July 17	Service led by Olwen Walker
July 24	Service led by Marg Dixon
July 31	No service at South Arm Members are encouraged to attend Gilmore Park or a church of their choice

The Pacific Mountain Regional Council conducted the annual conference on June 9th to June 12th in Prince George with the theme "Rooted and Grounded in Love". Alan Lai and Dawna English attended the Conference virtually. Jeff Chu, a Chinese-American was the theme speaker. The conference was offered both in-person and online. One

key moment of the conference was the final recognition and presentation of certificates that was the culmination of a three-year long process for the Region to become an Affirming Region of the United Church of Canada.

Affirming Ministry Regional Council Statement

Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada acknowledges and laments that the Church, its traditions and teachings have caused great harm to members of the 2SLGBTQAIIP+ communities.

By contrast, we believe that the PMRC is called to follow Jesus' wisdom in the way of a radically inclusive love. We do this as evidence of our belief that all people are unconditionally loved by Creator whose divine image we reflect.

The PMRC will live out its ministry by intentionally creating safer spaces of belonging with members of the 2SLGBTQAIIP+ communities and their families.

We affirm that someone's gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation is sacred, will be celebrated, and will not be a barrier towards full participation.

We affirm that people will be fully included in all aspects of The Region's life, leadership, and ministry without limitation based on identity, expression or orientation.

We commit ourselves to the intersectionality that living into becoming an Affirming Ministry will require.

Together we will use tangible resources to embody a ministry that is public, intentional and explicit of our call to live out these values, and that, even as we make mistakes, we commit to continually learning and evolving.

Alan Lai / Dawna English / Vicki Warfield