

South Arm United Church

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

This Month at a Glance: Sept 25 – Oct 1

We are looking forward to having Rev Don Robertson provide worship on September 25.



Please note the church office will be closed for Truth & Reconciliation Day, Friday Sept. 30.



We have not been able to find Pulpit Supply for Sunday, October 2, 2022. Gilmore Park United Church has graciously reached out and invited us to worship with

them on an as needed basis during this transition time in the life of South Arm United. There will be no worship offered at South Arm United Church, Sunday, October 2, 2022. You are free to attend worship at your church of choice that Sunday or at Gilmore Park.

Sunday, October 2 is Worldwide Communion Sunday, however, Gilmore Park will be offering Communion the following week on Thanksgiving Sunday, so will not be offering Communion October 2.

This is a poster shared by Gilmore Park about their October 2 service.

Orange Shirt Sunday – Oct. 2

10:30am

- *Truth & Reconciliation Sunday*
- *Special speaker: Rev. Lauren Sanders*
- *Using painting to reflect together*
- *Wear orange!*

Gilmore Park United Church
8060 No. 1 Road (at Blundell)

Rev Lauren Sanders is the Indigenous Spiritual Care Chaplain of First United, will be leading our reflections using her gifts as a painter and will invite us all to participate with her!

Please note: Gilmore Park's service starts at 10:30 AM.

A team of people is working on providing worship Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9, 2022, so there will be worship at South Arm that day.



Taste of the Fair - Saturday Sept 24th from 10 am to 1 pm

Garage sale, Hot Dog Lunch, Coffee Cafe, Flowers, Preserves, Cookies, Books, Puzzles and **Shredding!!**

Something for everyone - see you there!

Shredding Fundraiser

**to benefit the
Richmond Therapeutic Riding Association**

Gather up all those old receipts, records, tax files, letters, bills, invoices etc
and bring them to our

Secure Onsite Mobile Shredding Truck

Saturday September 24, 2022
10am - 2pm
South Arm United Church
(corner of Steveston Hwy and No 3 Rd)

Suggested donation of \$10/ bankers box or grocery bag





Did you know?

That there is a Richmond Community meal available for those who need it 5 days

a week now. We are working with a kitchen crew at GPUC to take near to sell by date food and create a delicious meal for 90. It is then distributed as a takeout meal (at the moment) with a hope to return to sit down meals in the future. See Trish for more information. Something to celebrate!



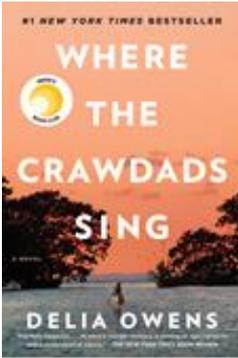
Save the date - Friday October 28th

Fall Appreciation Dinner

Details to follow.



2023 Church Calendar is now available to purchase in the office, limited quantity so 1st come 1st served. Please contact Jackie in office if you want to one. \$8.50/ copy



The UNITED READERS; a monthly Book Club co-hosted by South Arm United Church and Gilmore Park United Church, welcomes newcomers!

They are resuming in the fall on Monday, September 26 at 10:00am at South Arm United Church.

For more information contact Dawna English or Marg Dixon.



FAITH & FAMILIES – A new program beginning this fall!

A ecumenical small church ministry program for families with children and youth

Monthly on the 4th Sunday (**September 25**) at 12 noon. Our time together will include lunch, a biblical story, some crafts, and time to reconnect and meet new friends. In September Our Saviour Lutheran will host. Address: 6340 No 4 Road.

Offered in partnership with St. Anne's, St. Alban's, South Arm, Our Saviour & Gilmore Park.

For more information please see Trish (trishlgorton@gmail.com)



Community of Faith News - # 3

Blessings to you!

The Committee had another meeting on Tuesday September 21, 2022.

Of the tasks set for us to explore and report, five are now completed, the others are in varying degree of completion. We hope to have all the profile documentation

finished within the next three weeks.

We give our thanks to those Committees/Chairs who have provided reports for this process! They say “many hands make light work” and we are happy for the support!

Respectfully,
Your Search Committee.

If you are so inclined please give us your thoughts including these questions and anything else you'd like us to consider and/or share with potential leaders.

- Email your thoughts to saucjsc@gmail.com
- or leave a note in the Search Committee box in the office
- or leave it with Jackie to give to the committee
- or talk to someone on the committee – Heather K, Sheila R, Jean-Ann S, Olwen W, Gordon P or Lorin Y.
- Questions to consider:
 - a. If money and people power were no obstacle – what would you like to see for South Arm United Church in 1.5 years?
 - b. What do you want a new worship leader to know about South Arm United Church?
 - c. Where do you think a new worship leader should focus most of their attention? eg – sermons, pastoral care, connection with the wider church, or...
 - d. What do you hope happens to this Church and community?

God give us strength for the journey!

This Week in Prayer

The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle
for the peoples of *Bolivia, Brazil, Chile & Peru*

2022 – 2023 - PMRC-Prayer-Cycle Prayer Cycle *We honour National Day for Truth and Reconciliation this coming week on September 29th.*



Property Management Thank You: The Council, at its meeting on Wednesday evening received a report from the Property Management team. This hard working group of about 7 people meet on Saturday mornings to maintain our property, however, many of

the tasks facing them are becoming beyond their abilities. If you happen to be in the building on a Saturday morning, please be sure to thank for their hard work and dedication to keeping our building in good repair. If you can offer some help on Saturday mornings, no matter how big or small, please contact Gene Durnin.

To quote from the report:

“At the time of writing September’s report, the Property Management’s working group of *Handy One’s Unite* continues to consist of 7 persons; these seven consistent members continue to perform to the best of their collective abilities and each is a valued member in this regard. The work required both in terms of projects, requisite skills levels and time demands can only continue *to raise challenges for SAUC* especially as we consider both SAUC’s aging premises and an associated aging “*workforce*”

“The major concern centres around how much longer we, Handy One’s, can reasonably continue to manage the day to day tasks as well as other tasks that are more significant in terms of skill’s level and time demands. The term “viability” may be appropriate here.”

We may have to consider hiring a handyman to perform some of the maintenance projects that the HandyOnes have been doing.

Please keep the HandyOnes in your prayers.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS – September

The Council held its regular meeting, Wednesday, September 21 via Zoom. We were joined at the meeting by Rev Jay Olson, who has been appointed by Pacific Mountain Region to be our Pastoral Charge Supervisor. A Pastoral Charge Supervisor is appointed when a Community of Faith (Pastoral Charge) does not have any ministry personnel in place, thus enabling the pastoral charge to carry on with their regular business. Jay is currently serving 2 congregations, Marpole and St Stephens in Vancouver, therefore, she will not be with us on Sundays.

We received an update from the Search Team – they are hoping to have the Community of Faith Profile completed in approximately 3 weeks. This is the document that must be completed before any search can be conducted. Prior to South Arm U C being permitted to move forward with the recommendation(s) coming from the Profile, it must be approved at a Congregational Meeting and also by the Region. The Profile is a picture of our congregation which is used by prospective applicants to determine whether they are interested in applying for the position at South Arm United Church.

The work on our parking lot continues – the holdup is the current supply chain with concrete. As part of our recompense for having the City of Richmond use our parking lot for more than the last year, they will be restoring our parking lot. They have been loading it with gravel and will complete the job as soon as they are able.

The Taste of Country Fair is Saturday, September 24, 10 AM to 1 PM. The date for the Christmas Sale was set as Saturday, December 3, 2022, 10 AM to 1 PM. Please mark your calendars.

We received reports from the Finance Committee and the Property Management Committee.

The Finance Committee reported that we have had to transfer slightly more than \$69,000.00 from our Reserves to cover our ongoing expenses.

Our building rentals are almost back to Pre-Covid levels, which means that we have an almost at capacity building 7 days a week.

Rev Alan Lai was paid up to and including August 31, 2022 and all the paperwork has been completed to stop paying him.

Property Management, an extremely hardworking group of 7 people are managing to maintain our building, however, they are an aging group and many of the tasks they have been doing are becoming beyond their ability to do. We need to look at hiring an on call Handyman/Handyperson to do some of the ongoing maintenance jobs.

The following areas of concern were highlighted:

- a) The ramp at the rear of the Pioneer Church is rotting – should it be replaced?
- b) There are electrical issues in the Library as well as updated lighting required. The Committee is awaiting quotes to have these issues attended to.
- c) The sidewalk leading to the gym is in disrepair and they are working hard to fill the uneven gaps when/should they occur.

The following projects have been completed:

- a) The rotted beam overhead in the Library has been reinforced. The new wood will be painted.
- b) Pruning and removal of some shrubs and trees in the Memorial Gardens has happened. There is another problematic tree adjacent to the Memorial Garden which will be removed.
- c) Three new toilets have been installed in the gym bathroom.

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, please feel free to approach any member of Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawna English