

Announcements

We are now a **scent-free church**. Please do not wear any scented products. This pertains to perfumes, colognes and aftershaves.

Our regular **Monday Games Night** and social event for queer folk and allies happens weekly **7 to 9pm**. The **new location** is the **Boardwalk Café and Games** at 33760 Essendene Ave. This is open to the community and free.

Volunteers are needed to deliver our invitations for the Open House and Spring Sale on May 9th to the stores and neighbourhoods around us. Please meet at **9:30am on Thursday, April 16th**, in the Lounge. Volunteers can either deliver invitations on their own or be partnered with someone. Invitations can be delivered on Thursday and over the next few days. Additional invitations are available from Rose Soneff to give to friends and family for the next 3 Sundays.

Do you find Saturday afternoons boring or lonely? The Fellowship group wants to change that! **Saturdays** starting **April 18th** from **2 to 4 pm** in the Lower Kitchen Hall. Card Bingo, coffee and popcorn! Come and give it a try!!

The Gladwin Heights United Church annual garage sale and soft good collection will be held **Saturday, April 18th**. Unfortunately, there is no storage at the church, please contact Ellen she can arrange something.

Rev. Tracy will be at a clergy retreat at Naramata from **April 20th to 23rd**. She will not miss Sunday services.

The next men's breakfast will be at JoJo's on **April 24th at 7am**.

There will be a memorial service for Nina Shenton at **3pm** on Sunday, **April 26th**. Our condolences are with the family.

Fellowship Group: The Fellowship group's (as per the Visioning process) purpose is to discuss ways to continue and enhance fellowship within our congregation and to find ways to expand the fellowship to the wider community. The start-up five of Don, Rick, Linda, Anni and Jerry met in January and February. Now established, we wish to invite you to join us at

2:30pm on the **last Monday of the month (April 27th)** at Beans and Leaves (Ventura Ave.) for coffee and conversation!

The Pacific Mountain Regional UCW gathering is on **April 28th** at Golden Ears United Church from 9am to 3pm. Cost is \$10. There are registration forms at the back of the church.

Fraser Valley Pride is **July 18th** at Fraser River Heritage Park in Mission, from **12 to 5pm**. We are participating as the United Church of Canada Mid-Fraser Cluster. We are seeking volunteers for the following roles: **Setup**: Pick up tables, tents, and chairs from Trinity Memorial UC in Abbotsford and deliver to the site during our designated setup window (TBA, sometime in the late morning). We also need people to help with loading and with assembly. **Table Greeters**: Greet passers-by, answer questions about the United Church of Canada and our Mid-Fraser Cluster generally and our Affirming ministry specifically, connect people to clergy as requested, assist with crafts. We are suggesting two-hour shifts with three people at a time (in addition to clergy). Come prepared to spend a few hours outdoors in varying weather conditions. **Takedown**: Help with disassembly beginning at **5pm**. Pack up and deliver tables, tents and chairs to Trinity UC, and assist with unloading. We may provide some snacks and drinks, but you may wish to pack a meal or be prepared to buy food onsite. If you are interested, please respond via email to **Tim Bowman** (bowmantimothy@gmail.com) with what you'll be volunteering as.

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