

OFFERINGS for Sunday Feb.12/17

Weekly contributions to the operating fund including those given via **PAR \$2904.50**
Financials for December available in slot outside the office door.

Community of Faith @ First

Week of Feb.12-18, 2017

Sunday Service: **adults 99**

Lunch Bunch: **N/A**

Exploring the Word: **N/A**

Labyrinth Walk: **3**

Study Group: **14**

Centering Prayer: **5**

Parkinson Group: **12**

Drum Circle: **6**

Probus: **45**

Alanon: Meets Thursday

Salmon Arm Community Band: **approx.60**

Previous Events

Story Circle Sunday Feb.5: **45**

Housekeeping:

A gentle reminder to all users of our church kitchen:

We are required to follow Food Safe guidelines.

Please clean and sanitize all dishes, counters, and equipment as well as take the towels and clothes home to be washed after each use.

Naramata News

Naramata Centre is open and offering over 40 programs this Spring, Summer and Fall! Check our website: www.naramatacentresociety.org/programs to see our Programs@ A Glance flyer and to watch for program and accommodation registration.

Flyer is also posted on church bulletin board. You can also come and just be at the Centre without taking a program. Come, join us at the Centre this year!

From the Trustees

The **Trustees** are pleased to announce the disbursement of funds earned from the **Sustaining Fund for the 2016 year. FURST (the Al Berra family) - \$2500.00** for continued support as they learn the English language to become self supporting citizens.

Nan Dickie - \$500.00 for developing an education program dealing with Mental Illness.

ROMSS (Reaching Out Multiple Sclerosis Society) \$343.33 - a local charity helping local people who have MS.

Property Committee \$800.00 initial funding towards purchase of automatic entry doors at the parking lot doors as well as for the handicapped door.

Your trustees are,
Lee Fraser, chair, Kathie Aitken, Joanne Leatherdale, Gerry Wheatcroft, and Rev. Jenny Carter.

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First News

February 19, 2017

Sunday, Feb.19

10:30 am Worship Service led by Jenny Carter
after service Stewardship Soup for Lunch
12:30 pm Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, Feb.20

9:00 am Access Justice
10:00 am Labyrinth Walk
noon Lunch Bunch
1:30 pm Exploring the Word
This week's scripture: Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9

Tuesday, Feb.21

6:30 pm Board meeting

Wednesday, Feb.22

7:30 am Study Group
9:20 am Centering Prayer
7:00 pm Shuswap String Orchestra Concert

Thursday, Feb.23

12 noon Alanon meeting
7:00 pm Jazz Club

Saturday, Feb.25

3:00 pm Coldest Night Event

Sunday, Feb.26

10:30 am Worship Service led by Jenny Carter
11:45 am Story Circle in the church hall

**deadline for submissions to First News: 9am Thurs morning **

Winter Worship Duties

February - Finance Team
March - Men's Club

FIRST UNITED ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today after worship

Stewardship sponsored 'Soup for Lunch', by donations,
will be served first with the meeting starting @ 12:30pm.

Please bring your 2016 annual report with you.

They are available in the church hall on the action table.



Labyrinth @ First United Every Monday @ 10 am

Please note new time & day!

Come walk the labyrinth with us.

Wear soft shoes or comfy socks to walk in.

For more information: Isabel @250-833-5512

Sacred Pauses In the Midst of a Busy Life

It is good, from time to time, to simply take a pause – to catch your breath – and to reconnect with the sacred.

During **four Wednesdays in Lent**, you are invited to come for a time of reflection, discussion and informal worship – as together we simply pause and reconnect with the sacred that is all around us. If you are feeling burned out with religion, or with work, or you are simply looking for a time of refreshment for your spirit and your life, please consider coming. There is nothing you need do, or prepare. You simply need to be open to the Spirit and to the grace of sacred pauses amid your busy life.



Join us every Wednesday in March
March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 28, 2017

First United Church Men's Club

\$5/plate tickets available at
the church office and at the door.



Refugee Sponsorship Team Notes:

The FURST Committee wishes to sincerely thank Rod and Shannon Densmore for their donation of a vehicle to the Al Berra family. The car originally belonged to Shannon's mother, the late Wilma Rix, who was a United Church member for many years. This donation is an honour to the memory of Wilma Rix and the Densmore's are certain this would have been Mrs. Rix' wish.

The Refugee Committee would like to equip



Ayman with a **used set of basic tools**. If anyone has any spare tools lying around that they would like to get rid of,

we would be happy to take them off your hands.

For more information or to drop tools off,

please call Pat Hutchins (250)832-7242 or

Lee Fraser (250)832-7301.

A Syrian Social

Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Please come for dessert and coffee/tea in the church hall and meet our sponsored Syrian family. The Alberro family, father Ayman, mother Haba and their 2 children 5 year old son Mohamad and 2 3/4 year old daughter Nada.

They are a delightful young family who are eager to meet their First United church friends.



LeaderShift

Guest Presenter Keith Howard

The New Reformation:

key trends your congregation must engage

You are encouraged to participate in this very important conversation.

*How has the world around us shifted?

*What needs must we address for the future church?

*What adaptive changes are required as we face transformation?

*How do we continue to be faithful to the gospel as we grow into the future?

FIRST UNITED CHURCH, SALMON ARM

Saturday, March 4 • 11:00am – 3:00pm • \$20

Join us for coffee at 10:30am. Light lunch included.

TO REGISTER Please call (250) 832-3860

or email firstunitedsalmonarm@shaw.ca

or online www.firstunitedsalmonarm.ca

Story Circle News

Our next story circle will be next week -

February 26!

Nan D will read her poem

"From where I sit..."

after announcements this Sunday, Feb 19

Thrift Store Notes:

AGM of the Thrift Store to be held on Monday, March 6,
at 1.30 p.m. upstairs at the Thrift Store.

Please try to attend so that our church may have some
say in the operation of the store.