



# FIRST QUARTERLY: News from the Chair

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## SOLAR PANELS FOR THE CHURCH ROOF

In partnership with the Shuswap Solar Energy Society, First United Church has agreed to the installation of a 12,000 watt, roof mounted solar array on the east side of the sanctuary.

- Solar Solutions and C.B. Electric will provide and install the equipment in conjunction with B C Hydro.
- 30 high efficiency 400 watt solar panels with micro-inverters will develop up to 11,208 Kwh of electricity each year (approximately 37% of the church's needs).



- Through the work of Anne Morris and Dave Wood the \$31,000.00 for the project has been funded by donations and the sale of repayable debentures.
- Work will commence in mid-June.

For additional information, please contact Dave Wood 250-832-3549, Anne Morris 250-833-5773, Emil Storos 778-489-5712 or Darryl Auten 250-832-5005.

## CARETAKING OF THE BUILDING

A team of floor cleaners spends two hours each Thursday evening from 10:00pm to midnight vacuuming and washing (where needed) all the floors in the building.



The company is called Steadfast Cleaning and consists of four to six workers. The company has been engaged to assist Gail Stoney in the cleaning and vacuuming that was difficult to achieve with all the events taking place during regular programming hours. Special thanks to Gail who has worked so hard to keep our facility very attractive. Recently, Hasan Alsalloum has been filling in for Gail while she has been on sick leave.

## ASKEW'S CARD SALES

Thankyou for supporting this fundraiser! From January 1 – May 31 we have raised \$2751. You are invited to purchase cards after the Sunday service in the hall.

## RELOCATING STORED TREASURES

Choir gowns, music file cabinets, drums and hymn books will need to find new homes for the summer while the above renovations take place. Other rooms in our building will be used for secure storage and allow programs to have access to the materials that have been moved. Watch for cabinets in motion!

## THE GREAT NEW PORTABLE STAGE!

Here is a photo of part of the stage that will be available for programs in the Village Hall and the Nexus when risers are needed.



The stage can be as small as 4 feet by 8 feet and as large as 16 feet by 24 feet on a single level or three levels. It has guard rails and steps to make it safe and is fully functional for programs.

## CHURCH FINANCES TO APRIL 30, 2019

Income for four months:	\$46,924.00
Other income: (Other group donations)	\$6341.00
Property Income:	\$16,869.00
Total Income:	\$70,134.00
Total Expenses:	\$74,613.00
Excess expense over income:	\$4479.00

## PARKING

We have a very busy parking lot, in part, because we rent parking spaces from Monday to Friday to Onsite Engineering, the Chu Dental Practice and to the Physiotherapy clinic but also because of the increasing number of user and partner groups! This has meant some competition to find spaces to park while attending First United programs and for our community partners like AA, Alanon, Probus and the Bridge Club.

We celebrate these partnerships and recognize the difficulty in finding space to park for church centred events. We ask for your patience and rejoice in the growing use of our facility!

## THE VILLAGE HALL

What's in a name? The hall has been renamed "The Village Hall"! We know it is difficult to fully define a village, but we do know is the oldest permanent community of people. Our hall has become home to a growing number of people who come together to meet, engage, vision, share and build the connections which we value in community. Traditional village halls were used for meetings, church events, local functions, productions, dances, music events, jumble sales, private parties and events such as birthdays, weddings and funerals. The First "Village Hall" continues to serve these purposes and is becoming home to a growing variety of other events. We welcome the exciting changes to our Village Hall and look forward to sharing them with our community.

The First United Church Board has approved renovations to the hall with the support of a gift of \$50,000.00 for that purpose. The work will include:

- New lighting and upgraded electrical wiring
- New drywall and paint
- The Great New Portable Stage
- Wainscoting to protect the lower wall from furniture damage

Work on the Village Hall will begin in early July to be completed by mid-September.

With a separate financial budget from the hall renovation, funds will be allocated to the repair of the support walls under the main floor of the hall. When the existing stage has been removed and easy access is available, the support posts and plates will be repaired. Ground water removal will be included in this under floor project.

## GREENSPACE PARTNERS

Our GreenSpace Partners include The Jazz Club, CKVS, The Solar Energy Society, The Rainbow Café, The Mirella Project, Wednesday Evening Alternative Worship, Guided Medication and Healing, Shuswap Food Action Society, Art Therapy, Labyrinth Walk, and Operation Smile.