

Council News February 2020

From Worship and Education:

Plans are underway for a **“Service for All Ages”** on a Sunday when Sunday School is not in session. We will be more intentional in planning creative ways to engage the children and the Congregation on those Sundays (like long weekends and school breaks) when Sunday school takes a break.

Adult Study during Lent will take place on Wednesday evenings.

Added to Rev. Mervin’s ongoing meetings to explore what it means to be a good neighbour, Rev. Deborah will facilitate a three session **“Death Café”**. Watch for details!

St. Albert United will be introducing **Tenebrae** to our Lenten and Easter services. Tenebrae includes candles which will be extinguished each week as we move towards the darkness of Good Friday. Watch your Grapevine for a more detailed explanation from Rev. Deborah.

From Finance:

Council and Finance have agreed that we need more education and consultation before introducing the three month trial of the **“Plateless Offering”**. Details will be shared before we move forward.

From UCW

UCW are delighted with the response from the congregation to their Jessica Martel luncheon. \$3200. was raised for this worthwhile cause.

World Day of Prayer 2020 is March 6. The service will be an afternoon one this year.

Spring Bake Sale is planned for April 4.

From Northern Spirit Region;

A copy of the letter written by our Moderator Richard Bott to Prime Minister Trudeau on behalf of United Church of Canada (that’s us) concerning the recent events on Wet’sewet’en territory was received from NSRC. A copy of the letter will be posted on our website. Some hard copies are available at the welcome table.

St Patrick’s Dinner:

Mike has our annual St. Patrick’s dinner well in hand. The date is Sunday evening March 15, time 5 p.m. We have even managed to keep the ticket price the same as last year, \$30. per person. Look for tickets to go on sale (and sell out quickly) soon.

Photo Directory:

Council has accepted a proposal from IPC to provide us with a Photo Directory. We have requested a Spring 2020 date. This is a long overdue and greatly requested project for our church family. Keep your smile on!

Council has received the donation of a framed drawing of the outside of our building. We gratefully accepted this gift from Gail Macdonald and her family and will look for an appropriate place to display it prominently.

Mark your Calendar:

February 25: 5 p.m. “Pancakes”

February 26; 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

March 6: World Day of Prayer

March 15, following service: PIE day. Pie provided by Affirm Team

March 15,5.p.m. St. Patrick’s Dinner

March 22: Service for All Ages

April 4: UCW Bake Sale

