

Fall Newsletter, Pincher Creek Pastoral Charge

It is a brutally hot week here in town as I write this, and I am thinking of the cooler weather of the fall. I'm not ready for snow yet, but a bit cooler would be welcome! I hope the crops are ripening properly and not burning up in the heat.

This summer we saw two gatherings of all three congregations for services: at Mountain Mill on July 15, with a picnic following, and at Cowley on July 29 with a barbeque following. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship among the people at both, and the food was fantastic! I hope we can make these yearly events! See the photos from these events in the basement at the church.

Plans for the fall are coming together, (in my mind at least) so I thought maybe I should give you a heads up so you mark your calendars!

- Labour Day weekend is September 1-3, and we will be starting into the Creation series of readings and sermons, with emphasis on caring for the earth. I have found some wonderful materials online that I will adapt to our context here.
- September 9 will be a welcome back service along with the creation material. Please invite your friends and neighbours (who used to attend but no longer do or are new in the community) to come that week!
- Council will meet on September 11th @ 7:00 pm.

I will be a way for a week beginning September 12.

- October 7 is the Thanksgiving service, and the final service of the Creation series, which I will combine with a blessing of the animals.
- On Saturday, November 3, there will be a workshop on "Flourishing Congregations" at McKillop United in Lethbridge. The presenter will be Dr. Joel Theisen who has done a great deal of research in this area. It would be wonderful to see a large group of people from all three churches attend.
- November 4 is the end of Daylight Saving Time, and the Annual Fall Supper will happen around this time!
- November 25 will be the Cowboy Christmas service. Yahoo!

December 2 is the beginning of Advent, which is our preparation to celebrate the rebirth of Jesus into our lives.

It's beginning to sound rather busy, isn't it? Most of the events will be during regular services, so not really, just a bit different.

Waterton United Church will host a concert with Dale Ketcheson, guitarist, playing classical, Latin and Jazz style music, and Mohsen Mahmoud on the Persian Zarb, which is a type of drum. August 25 @7:30 pm.

Also at Waterton UC, SEPTEMBER 8th: DAY CAMP AND FUNDRAISER FOR CANYON CHURCH CAMP, noon to 9 p.m. **CCC Festival Fundraiser** -

The **Canyon Church Camp Festival Fundraiser** happening at the **Waterton Park United Church** on **Saturday, September 8**. Registration and ongoing activities will begin at **Noon**. Afternoon Day Camp events will begin at 1:00 pm and evening campfire & vesper activities at 7:00 pm to be concluded by 8:30 pm. These activities are for ALL ages; come when you can and pay what you like though advanced registration will help us in preparing the program. A mystery **camp theme dinner** will be held in the church between **5:00 pm** and **7:00 pm** (*you won't want to put your elbows on the table!*). Advanced dinner tickets, \$5 for 12 years & younger and \$10 for everyone else, are required.

The online ticket sales website is now LIVE to sell tickets for our CCC Festival Fundraiser! Activity sign up and dinner tickets can be purchased online at Brown Paper Tickets:

<https://cccfestivalfundraiser.bpt.me>

I am also thinking about a book study. I have found a couple that might be interesting. One is by Phyllis Tickle (yes, that really is her name!) about the changes to our churches that will be necessary if we are to survive. The other one is to do with the book Revelation in our Bible, and how to interpret it. It has nothing to do with "end times" in the sense that some interpret it! Please let me know if you are interested and in which of these two.

Blessings, and peace!

Judith