



Never lose an opportunity for seeing anything that is beautiful; For beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, And thank God for it as a cup of His blessing.
RALPH WALDO EMERSON

VALOIS UNITED CHURCH

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7th Annual Community Yard Sale

This Saturday, May 27, 8:30 am to 2 pm

Enjoying the fellowship of our friends and neighbours in the beautifully green outdoors is a big part of this fundraiser event, and we hope you can take a few minutes of your day to stop by and say hello! Please let family and friends know: There will be tables of all kinds of items to poke

through, including some delicious baked goods, and a refreshment stand where you can enjoy a cup of coffee, soft drink, hot dogs, hamburgers and snacks. Do you have university-age students looking for furniture or kitchenware? Are you running out of glasses, knives or spoons in your kitchen cupboard? Need an extra lamp in the dark corner of your room? Looking for golf clubs or skis? You would be surprised at what we have!

Minister
Rev. Dr. Scott Hunter

Music Coordinator
Dr. Judy Hung

Sunday School
Heather Yorston

Sunday, June 4th After Service

Sunday School Picnic

Our Sunday School team and church members are assembling their annual picnic for everyone to enjoy: Indoors or outside, it is always a lot of fun to end the Sunday School class year with this get-together. A poster in Fellowship Hall shows which potluck items are welcome if you wish to make a contribution. Mark your calendar and join us!

Reverse Offering

This Sunday May 28, 2017

Not everyone knows this, but food banks grow very thin on supplies over summer months as donations drop off. This year the need has been even greater because of floods and damaged food banks. Our *Reverse Offering* is important; here is how it works:

During service, the collection plate is handed around containing slips of paper. Each person removes a slip and is asked to provide the food item listed. The next Sunday, we bring in our food to baskets at the back of the church. Church volunteers deliver the baskets to local food banks.

Even if you aren't in church to grab a slip, please consider **dropping a donation by our church for next Sunday's food collection (June 4)**, or make a donation to a local food bank in your area.

CALENDAR:

May 27, 8:30-2 pm
7th Annual Valois United Yard Sale

Sun May 28, 10:00
Reverse offering during Church

Sun June 4, 10:00 am
Food donations dropoff and Services

11:00 Sunday School
Congregational Picnic

Sun June 11, 10:00 am
Regular Services

Sun June 18, 10:00 am
Regular Services/ Father's Day

Sun June 25, 10:00 am
Regular Services

United Church Remit Proposals

The 42nd General Council of the United Church of Canada put forth a plan to reorganize its structure to stay current with changing needs of the church network. The plan can only proceed with approval from Pastoral Charges, which includes the Guidance Board of Valois United Church. Upon meeting with congregational members and listening to the concerns and questions raised, the Board submitted its vote of YES to Remits 1, 2 and 3, and will vote on Remit 4 in June. In February 2018 Remit #6 is due, and the congregation will be consulted again in Fall 2017. If you would like to know more about what is happening in the United Church of Canada, you can click [HERE](#) where you will be redirected to their official page.

Youth Upliftment

This year our church collected all kinds of much needed items for delivery to the school for displaced children in the Dominican Republic, run by Kate Bateman's Youth Upliftment. It hasn't been an easy year for them: Extensive flooding damaged many homes and brought a wave of new needs for the children. In addition to sleeping mats, school and sewing supplies, we collected rain boots, cleaning materials, cough medicine and towels. To support the sewing school, the next barrel we send may include second hand, working sewing machines. Do you have one laying around you don't use any more? Let us know! More details to come.



Chuckle for the Day

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late... But please don't shove me either!"

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