

AVCRC exists to reach people, bringing them to a loving relationship with Jesus

***and membership in the Christian Community;
helping them to grow in their faith,
guiding them to serve in their gifted ministry,
and honouring God with their lives.***



Sunday February 24, 2019

Welcome to this time of worship. May God bless us today with deeper faith and brighter hope!

Prayer and Greeting

Songs of Praise: "The Lion and the Lamb"
"Step by Step"
"Cornerstone"

Confession and Promise of Mercy

Song: "Take My Life"

Prayer

Offering: (Social Justice)

Song: "Give me Faith"

Scripture Readings: **Genesis 45: 1-15** (pg. 47)
Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 (pg. 547; 548)
Luke 6:27-38 (pg. 999)
1 Corinthians 15:35-50 (pg. 1117)

Message: "God meant it for Good"

Song: "Everlasting God"

Blessing

Song: "Not be Shaken"

Ponder this... Can you think of a time in life that was difficult, even extremely so? What did you learn through it? What do you think God was doing in the midst of that time?

Please Keep These Matters in your Prayers:

- Pray for the crew of the M.V. Olive Bay; the voyage from China to our port was extremely difficult and two crew members were hospitalized upon arrival.
- Pray for council members; the church in North America faces challenging times. Pray that leaders will have Holy Spirit inspired imaginations to proclaim the story of Jesus.
- Pray that churches everywhere will be safe place, free from any kind of abuse and even more, places where people encounter the deep love of God.

SPILLED INK

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Lent is a time of preparation for the high, holy days of Good Friday and Easter. By faith, we walk with Jesus to death so that we can truly live.

To do that, we need to clear away some of the clutter that distracts and consumes our time. Lent is a good time for fasting. We take a break from the things that give us comfort, things that allow us the illusion that we have life under control. We need not suffer terribly, rather, we create an empty spot in life that reminds us that we do not live on bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (*Deuteronomy 8:3*).

What will you give up? Perhaps it can be bread. Or coffee. Or Facebook or Sports Center each night. Give up something that will leave an empty spot, a measure of restlessness. Create some space to listen for God who can fill that spot.



Safe Church

We expect that our church will be a safe place. We know our volunteers and we have good policies in place. We will also be ever vigilant, ensuring that we take every step we can to ensure that the church remains safe.

*On **March 10**, right after church in the youth room, there will be a mandatory meeting for all who work with children and youth.*

This is not a hoop through which we must jump, this is an act of service to God and to all who are vulnerable.

Weekly calendar: (**Check the website for updates**)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Coffee Break/Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:45 - 8:00pm Youth Bible Study

Advance Notice:

Sunday, March 10 after the morning worship, Safe Church meeting for all who work with children and youth.

The Alberni Valley's Community Action Team will screen the film *Painkiller: Inside the Opioid Crisis* in a casual community event

Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Char's Landing, followed by questions and conversation.

The team's newest persons with lived experience will also be on hand to speak with members of the public.

Stop by from **7 to 9 p.m.**



World Day of Prayer: *Friday March 1st, 1:00pm at Trinity Church*

The service this year is written by the women of Slovenia.

Everyone welcome, tea and goodies following the service.

Canada Food Grains Bank:

The offering next week, March 3, 2019, is for the Canada Food Grains Bank. This is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger by:

- supporting international programs to meet immediate food needs, reduce malnutrition and achieve sustainable food security.
- influencing improvements in national and international policies that contribute to ending global hunger
- increasing and deepening engagement of Canadians in efforts to end global hunger.

Donations are matched by the federal government by a ratio of up to 1:4, that is, for every dollar we give, the federal government contributes 4.





Denominational Survey: If you are unable to complete the survey online, paper copies are available on the back table in the foyer.
Our participation is important.

A lot of prayer and the data gathered helps the CRC in North America understand and the needs and opportunities before us then helps us determine where our resources can be most effective.

To complete the survey online, visit www.crcna.org/survey.

“Hello Albern Valley CRC.....I personally want to say thank you for your support, this is something immensely special for me, my family and the Association Alcance...” Heidi (Mimi) Moran



Please see our various Bulletin Boards for the full newsletter from Mimi in Guatemala...



Save the Date - Church Camp at the Rathrevor Group site this year will be on **July 28 - August 5, 2019.**

Hope to see you there. Any questions - ask **Helle C**

Do you have Children? ...

Nursery ... is provided during the Service for your babies and toddlers. Feel free to drop your children off before the Service starts.



Sunday School ... Pastor Curtis will let you know during the Service when the children can leave.

All our Volunteers are genuinely caring; have passed RCMP Background Checks; and, are well known by our Leadership.

Is this your first time Worshipping with us?

Welcome! Please join us for Coffee (downstairs) following the Service. We would love to get to know you 😊

There is an Info Card found in your pew seat. Feel free to fill it out and drop it in the Collection Bag. This will help us to keep in touch with you.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

COUNTER

HELPERS

February 24 – Social Justice	John R	John K & Elaine V
March 3 – Food Grains	Patty T	Kim M & Lois L
March 10 – Budget	Pete B	Rinnie H & Roy K
March 17 – Calvin Seminary	Erin K	Art & Alsie S
March 24 – Budget	John R	Bert & Pat B
March 31 – Guatemala	Patty T	Renger D & Margrit D
April 7 – Bread of Life	Pete B	John K & Elaine V
April 14 – Budget	Erin K	Kim M & Lois L
April 21 – Umrans	John R	Rinnie H & Roy K
April 28 – Budget	Patty T	Art & Alsie S

GREETERS**NURSERY**

February 24	Bert & Pat B	Erin K, Yvonne C, Sarah V
March 3	Bert & Pat B	Eileen D, Helle C, Levi M
March 10 (time change)	Bev & Brian H	Jill V, Roy K, Megan V
March 17	Bev & Brian H	Pam S, Pat B, Ezra M
March 24	Alice & Theo V	Carol D, Anita B, Sarah V
March 31	Alice & Theo V	Jessica O, Erin K, Curtis G
April 7	Alice C & Jane D	
April 14	Alice C & Jane D	
April 21 (Easter Sunday)	Bert & Pat B	
April 28	Bert & Pat	

COFFEE MAKERS**LIBRARIAN****SECURITY**

February 24	Roy & Joanne K	Margrit D	Jake C
March 3	Johan & Annemarie S	Bev H	Pete B
March 10	Harry & Marjie A	Joan W	Pete B
March 17	Jake & Mitzie C	Anita B	Pete B
March 24	Colin & Aliza B	Alice V	Pete B
March 31	Izak & Ezit N	Margrit D	Pete B
April 7	Pete & Anita B	Bev H	Al V
April 14	Willem & Helle C	Joan W	Al V
April 21	John & Margrit D	Anita B	Al V
April 28	John & Erin K	Alice V	Al V

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