

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 September 1, 2019

Welcome to this time of worship on Labor Day weekend; today we consider the holiness of our work. There is no such thing as secular, all of our work before God is sacred.

Next week is Church in the Park at Blair Park (we made the move because this is more accessible from parking and the street). Please bring a dish for the cold potluck to follow. Please also bring your lawn chair, plate, cup & cutlery.

Scripture reading for that Sunday is the parable of the prodigal son found in Luke 15.

Today, our Worship Service will proceed as announced.

Offering: Budget

Keep these matters in your prayers:

- Pray for students and teachers and staff who begin another school year this week; may schools be safe places of respect and learning.

- We are advertising for a part time worship coordinator. Pray that God will lead us to the right person. Pray that God will sustain those who faithfully and ably volunteer week after week.

- Back To God Ministries International announces that Our Spanish ministry team entered a long-term partnership with the National Presbyterian Church in Mexico, with plans to move our Spanish ministry to Tabasco State in Mexico. Praise God for this partnership, asking that it will be bring new opportunities to share the gospel with Spanish speakers worldwide.

Faith Formation: Near the core of the church is the call to make disciples. Watch this corner each week for ideas and encouragement.

At-home Faith Formation Tip: Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How might you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, send a card. And pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts.

Youth News: We're ready to roll again! Our first Wednesday meeting is *September 11, 6:45-8:00pm.*

The first city wide youth event is *"Pig Roast and Mud Fest!" on Friday, September 20, 6:00-8:30* at Dave and Robin K's on Granville Road.

Safe Church Training: On *Saturday, September 21* Faye Martin, of the classis Safe Church Team will hold a training workshop on how to respond should allegations of abuse arise. We pray that there will never be a need for allegations to arise. We strive to follow our safe church policy. But we want to be prepared.

Council members will attend and all other ministry volunteers and leaders are urged to attend as well.

Coming this fall: Four Wednesdays For Supper!

On four Wednesdays, October 23, 30, November 6 and 13, all are invited for supper at church at 6:00pm. After supper, you will have the opportunity to choose from three four-week classes to attend. We're still sorting out details but the classes are shaping up like this:

1. *The Drama of Scripture:* The Bible is a single book, with a single author telling a single story. We'll learn to read the Bible as a story, not a piecemeal collection of chapters and verses.
2. *The Nine Arts of Spiritual Conversation:* When you look at the life and ministry of Jesus, you'll see many ways that he engaged with people. With Holy Spirit help, we can learn and use these ways and deepen our connections with others.
3. *To be determined*

To the congregation of Alberni Valley CRC, Port Alberni: We are grateful for your donations of \$4,405.55 for World Renew programs received from April to June 2019. Your gifts are making a difference through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Free a Family. Every day, World Renew bears witness to God's love at work among people who live in poverty, as hope and grace overcome fear and despair. Thank you for your commitment to the ongoing work of transformation, to which we are all called. To learn more about how you can continue to partner with World Renew to change the story, visit worldrenew.net, and please get and use our latest prayer updates at worldrenew.net/pray.



OFFERING SCHEDULE	COUNTER	HELPERS
September 1 – Budget	Pete B	Rinnie H & Roy K
September 8 – Calvin	Janay G	Alsie S & Mitzie C
September 15 – Umrans		Bert & Pat B
September 22 – Safe Church Ministry	Patty	Renger & Margrit

	GREETERS	NURSERY
September 1	Bev & Brian H	Erin K, Pat B, Ezra
September 8	Alice & Theo V	Roy K, Anita B, Sarah
September 15	Alice & Theo V	Pam S, Jessica O, Megan
September 22	Jane & Cara D	Eileen D, Jill V, Curtis

COFFEE MAKERS	LIBRARIAN	SECURITY	
September 1	Izak & Ezit N	Joan W	Al V
September 8	Pete & Anita B	Anita B	Al V
September 15	Willem & Helle C	Alice V	Al V
September 22	John & Margrit D	Margrit D	Al V

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