

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 8, 2019

Welcome to this time of worship in Blair Park!

Offering: Calvin Seminary

Keep these matters in your prayers:

- Pray for those affected by Hurricane Dorian. Pray for God's protection in natural disasters.
- The denomination's Centre for Public Dialogue asks for prayers for underfunded First Nations schools. The grade 12 graduation rate for Indigenous students is 24 percent, compared to a national average around 90 percent (2017 data). Please pray for the Education Together campaign of the Center for Public Dialogue as we advocate for structural changes to resolve this issue. Give thanks for the local RCMP's Indigenous Policing program that has worked with youth and are steadily increasing graduation rates here in the valley.
- Pray for the Toy Run, for safety for all riders and that many children will be blessed through this effort.

What your prayers and contributions do: Here's a story about radio ministry in Russia that we support with our offerings. Matvei is a 13 year old Russian who often responded to the invitation to call in with questions. Except Matvei would often rant and swear. Producers would hang up on him, but they began to sense this young man wanted some help but didn't know how to express it. They prayed. And prayed. And after not hearing from him for months, he left a message at the station. Producers returned the call and after a long conversation, Matvei asked for forgiveness and thanked the team for the Christian message they brought. The conversation continues!

At-home Faith Formation Tip: *It's Grandparents' Day today* (it's a thing: www.grandparentsday.org)! Invite the Christian grandparents in your life (both official and honorary) to share stories of how God has worked in their lives. Making space for these stories honors the elders in your family and encourages younger family members in their walk with Jesus.

Disciples who make disciples who make disciples who make disciples who make disciples...

This is what the church does.

We join God's work of making disciples - fully devoted followers of Jesus.
We long for people to know the truth and beauty of God
and to know the joy, reward, challenge and wonder of following Jesus.

Here are some of the things we will do to get there:

Sunday worship

To get the most out of it, remember that it's not a spectator sport: get involved!
Engage in sermon study questions, join a worship team, help with sound or media
projection, be a greeter or help make coffee.

Youth Group: Sundays (yes, Sundays this year) from 6 – 7:15pm, **starting
September 22.**

Other Events:

Sunday, Sept. 15: Lunch right after church at K's and litter clean up service project

Friday, Sept. 20: 6:00-8:30 City Wide Youth Event, Redneck BBQ at K's (Granville Rd)

Friday, Oct 4: 7:00-9:00pm, Iron Chef at our church

Friday, Oct 18: 7:00-9:00pm, City Wide Youth Event at AVCRC

Friday, Nov 8: City Wide Youth Event

Friday, Nov 22: All Church Games Night at AVCRC

Coffee Break Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesdays: 10:00am at AVCRC, **beginning September 11**

Four Sundays for Supper

(We admit it, we had trouble settling on dates. We mean it this time)

Sunday October 20, 27, November 3, 10 - 5:30-7:30pm

Come for supper, stay for one of three study groups

- o The Drama of Scripture: Reading the Bible as one single story
- o Arts of Spiritual Conversations
- o Nuu Chah Nulth Language and Culture

Small group Bible studies

Ongoing in group members' homes. *Speak with Curtis if you want to get connected!*

Weekly Calendar

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

Thursday: Hymn sing at Echo Village (3:00pm) and Fir Park (3:45pm)
Friday: Wedding of Brent M and Tanya S (at the home of Sean and Marnie C)
Next Sunday: Youth lunch at the K's and road side clean up (after church until 2:30pm)

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.

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
September 15 – Umrans		Bert & Pat B
September 22 – Safe Church Ministry	Patty	Renger & Margrit

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
September 15	Alice & Theo V	Pam S, Jessica O, Megan
September 22	Jane & Cara D	Eileen D, Jill V, Curtis

<u>COFFEE MAKERS</u>	<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
September 15 Willem & Helle C	Alice V	Al V
September 22 John & Margrit D	Margrit D	Al V

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