

St. Mary's Anglican United Church

Sorrento, BC

“Keeping in Touch” -- September 23, 2021



PRAYER LIST

Mary Husieff	Peter Grout
Karen Grout	Dave Nitsche
Michael Shapcott	Ted Strand
Valerie Sagman	Joan and Keith
Ida Webb	Len Lidkea
Mandy Gravells	Reuben Pauls
Janet Fleming	

This space will be for those in our community who we would especially like to remember in prayer. If you are requesting prayers for someone other than yourself please make sure that the person is comfortable with their name being sent out to others ... then email the information to Kathy (kwk4141@gmail.com).

A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. ALFRED MAIER

Religion and Politics

“When Jesus was in the house he asked the disciples, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.” *Mark 9:33-34*

I found hearing these words rather ironic, coming on the last day of our federal election campaign. Listening to the various leaders vying for our vote I dare say that they were not silent about - perhaps not about being the greatest - but sure being better than all the others.

Perhaps there is some wisdom in the saying that religion and politics don't mix, but that doesn't mean one doesn't have something valuable to bring to the other. To that point I propose the words of Jesus, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

I commend our local candidates for contributing to a forum that far outshone the one our national leaders abused. And I thank each of our local candidates for collectively having given voice to the fullness of need, of direction, of vision and of opportunity to serve.

“Then Jesus took a little child ... in his arms, and said ‘Whoever welcomes one such child’” Welcoming and holding the vulnerable, the ordinary, the little ones - not pandering to the powerful - is the mission of all the public servants we elect.

May they find such servant-hood a blessing, and thus be a blessing. Let us pray for them, that God's reign come also among us.

Alfred Maier

LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED!

to an outdoor lunch, **Saturday, Sept. 25 at 12 noon** at the park on Cambrai Rd.

Directions: 1 km west of Petro Can, turn right on Garroway Rd. then right on Cambrai Rd.

Parking: at 994 Cambrai Rd. (on the driveway at Marla Belsheim's home) or follow Cambrai Rd. down 100 meters to the park (limited parking available; ride share if possible).

What to bring: your own lunch, chair and mug
*** coffee and dessert will be provided

For further information call

Marla 1-403-815-1628 or Verna 250-675-4900.

THIS SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 26

Hoping for a sunny Sunday morning, you are invited to bring a chair (and a coffee, if you like) and we will sit in the sun for our worship service.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION SEPTEMBER 30

There will be a gathering around an honour fire in Kekuli on September 30th at 2:15pm. Wear orange, if you can.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

On Sunday, October 3rd you are invited to bring your pet or a photo of your pet. It is St. Francis Day and the service will be uilt to include the enjoyment of our animals. We will bless those animals that are present and those that are not.



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

We are planning to worship at St. Mary's on Thanksgiving Sunday at 10am; pending public health updates. Food Bank offerings will be received. The church will be decorated on Saturday at 10am (contact Ina Branson for more information on decorating).

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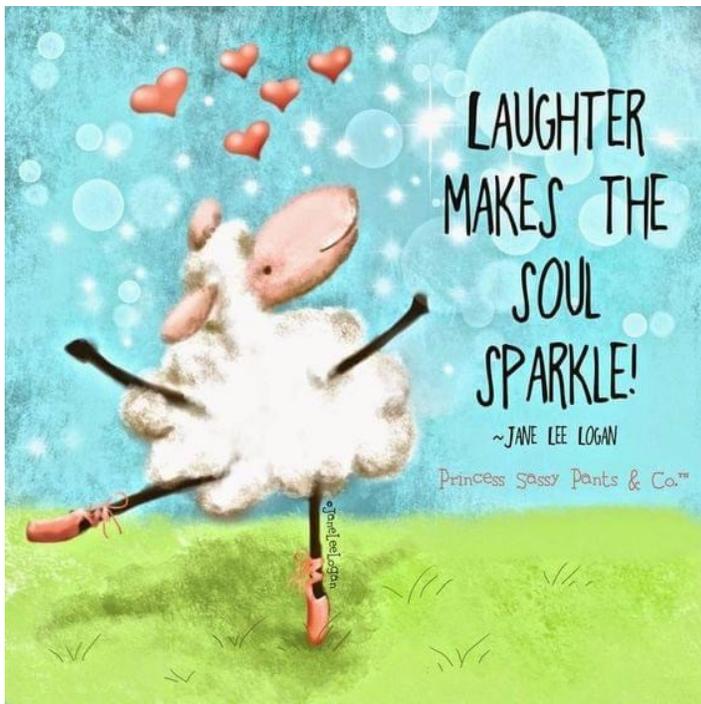
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Rev. Heather Hamlin-Gravells: 250-463-2852

Incumbent's Warden: Janice Cambruzzi: 250-675-3806



SIXTEEN RESPONDERS!

Thank you to everyone who responded to the "HELP" email and came to assist at our rental house on September 12th. The house has been cleaned and almost cleared thanks to sixteen very hard-working volunteers. There were several comments on how great it was to be working together again. Many joined together for a quick lunch at Steamers that day. Great amounts of work were done and we will have a garage sale in the spring. The house has been rented by some very nice tenants who are thrilled with it. Some more furniture has to be moved and we are hoping for a pick up by the Habitat for Humanity store in Salmon Arm. The tenants are busy cleaning and should be in the house soon. Special thanks to Janice Cambruzzi for organizing this work.

SORRENTO CENTRE

The Sorrento Centre is embracing the fall – with all the necessary public health protections in place! In addition to continuing to welcome St Mary's for Sunday worship, we have many other special events in the coming weeks:

- Oct 8 to 11: Thanksgiving and Nostalgia – Associates' Thanksgiving with Rev. Heather Hamlin Gravells.
- Oct. 13 and following: A new Men's Group to explore belonging and connecting, with Michael Cruickshanks.
- Oct. 22 to 24: All verdant greening – Archbishop Lynne McNaughton leads an exploration of the art and writings of Hildegard of Bingen.
- Oct. 24 at 1 pm: The October Sunday afternoon offering from Wild Church.
- Nov. 26 to 28: Finding hope in liminal times – Bishop Anna Greenwood Lee leads our entry into Advent.

More info at www.sorrentocentre.ca or by calling 250-675-2421.

SERVICES ON VIDEO

The video archive of the St Mary's on-line showcase can be browsed here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8252414>

The next "Keeping in Touch" newsy-letter will be emailed on Thursday, October 7th. Please send any news items to Kathy (kwk4141@gmail.com) no later than that morning to be included.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 26

[Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22](#)
[Psalm 124](#)

[James 5:13-20](#)
[Mark 9:38-50](#)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 3

[Job 1:1, 2:1-10](#)
[Psalm 26](#)

[Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12](#)
[Mark 10:2-16](#)

If you click on the blue links above, it will take you directly to the full scripture text.

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. 🔋. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C...compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light. 💖