

**Welcome to Worship at Alberni Valley United,
an Affirming Congregation.**

Your presence here makes a difference.

January 21st, 2018

Worship is the heart of community at Alberni Valley United Church. We're a caring community eager to share God's hospitality ~ a hospitality that embraces you regardless of age, culture, gender, marital status or orientation, the state of your bank book, or the state of your faith.

Prayer Cycle: Padre Chris Donnelly at Comox, and Canada's Military worldwide.

Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings:

Jan. 21	Affirm Café	11:30 am
Jan. 22	Worship team meeting	4:30pm
Jan. 25	The Prophets Bible Study	1:00 pm
Jan. 30	Yoga class	10:30 am

Affirm Cafe is an opportunity for people to gather and learn about an Affirming Church after the church service on January 21st. The topic of discussion is the Gender Unicorn and LGBTQ2+ terminology. The Affirm team looks forward to working with you.

Bread of Life needs: Broth, muffin tins, oven mitts, an anti-fatigue matt. Thank you!

The 12 minor **Prophets** are dynamic little books in the Bible. Come read and discuss them starting Thursday, January 25, 1-2:30 pm.

Yoga Classes with Mary Heatherington start **January 30** at 10:30 am. Cost: by donation. Please note the date change. Come and Give it a try!

And, if anyone has a yoga mat which they are not using and wish to donate to the AVUC Yoga program, talk to Mary Heatherington.

AEROBICS with Julie – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:45pm, Come and give it a try! Cost is by donation!



Affirming Ministries provide information, acceptance, support, and justice-making for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and for people exploring their place on the spectrum of human sexuality.

These ministries declare, in words and actions, that God loves and celebrates all people. And they call upon the rest of the church and society to do the same.

BC Poverty Reductions Community Meetings being held around the province. The Ministry is wanting to gather as much information as possible.

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/bcpovertyreduction/>

The community event for Port Alberni is Tuesday, Jan 23 from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM

BC Conference's LeaderShift and Highlands United are hosting author, philosopher and storyteller Peter Rollins on March 2-3 2018 for a unique event filled with music, parables, and thought-provoking conversation.

When: Pints and Parables featuring live music with West My Friend Friday March 2, 7-10pm and Uncommon Transformation workshop Saturday March 3 9:30-4:30

Where: Highlands United Church, North Vancouver. Cost: \$150 per person, \$900 for groups of 7 or more. Registration and more info: Visit <https://leadershiftbcc.ca/> or call the BC Conference office at (604) 431-0434

ROTATIONS

	January 21	January 28	February 4
Greeters/ Ushers	Diane Martin & Dawne Mallon		
Worship Asst.	Ann McMillen	Ann McMillen	Diane Martin
Coffee	M&P & Affirm	Stewards & Trustees	Choir & Worship
Offering Counters	Carol Korven & Kathy Allen	Bill Irwin & Doreen Grant	Anne Gray & Dennis Andow
Ministry Minute	---	Bible Study (Jim Phillips)	Trustees (Dennis Andow)

Minister: Rev. Minnie Hornidge

Church Accompanist: Ellen Vander Putten;

Choir director: Brenda West; *HandBells Director:* Mike Villette;

Children's Worship: Dana Walter, Katherine Lloyd, Christel Fong & Linda Porter;

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Church Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm

Alberni Valley United Church
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WE GATHER

Acknowledgment of Territories

Welcome to Worship, Ministry Minute and Celebrations

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: We rise to sing: We Are the Singers

Opening Prayer

Time with the young and the young at heart: Making Waves

We rise to sing: What Does the Lord Require of You VU 701

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

We rise to sing: Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV 150

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture:

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Psalm 62

VU pg. 779

Mark 1: 14-20

Sermon: Called Outside the Box

We rise to sing: Like a Healing Steam MV 144

WE RESPOND

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer / The Prayer of Jesus VU 959

Sharing our Gifts

Presentation Hymn: We rise to sing: What Can I Do MV 191

Blessing the gifts

WE GO FORTH

We rise to sing: Jesus, You have come to the lakeshore VU 563

Blessing

Sung Benediction : Ameni MV 219

