



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

Your presence here makes a difference.

May 27th, 2018

Making a life giving difference is the heart of community at Alberni Valley United Church. We ask you to bring your culture, your whole self---we want to engage in truly mutual relationships. Accept Connect Emerge.

Prayer Cycle: Rev. Minnie Hornidge and the congregation of Alberni Valley United Church.

Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings:

May 29	Yoga class	10:00 am
	Tuesday Bible Study	2:30 pm
May 31	"Uppity Women in the Bible" Study	1:00 pm
June 7	Pastoral Care mtg.	10:00 am
	Affirm mtg.	5:00 pm

Property and Maintenance Team is hosting a Hot Dog Lunch after church today. Lunch is by donation for fundraising.

Stewards Weekly Post:- Weekly Givings for March/April up 5% from January/February. Still moving towards our 10% increase and have Our Offering Meet Monthly Payroll.

June 3rd Shared Worship Service with Trinity Anglican + Lutheran Church beginning with a Hymn Sing @ 10 AM and the Kairos Blanket Exercise Worship Service at 10:15 AM. Followed by a finger food potluck in the hall.

On June 10th, The Alberni Valley United Church and Trinity Anglican + Lutheran Church are co-hosting a showing of the film "We Were Children" at Chars Landing

Bread of Life needs Coffee and Brown Sugar. Thank you!
And Minnie is looking for Bread of Life Tag Days volunteers for June 22, 23.
Please sign up!

Tell Your MP: Support Bill C-262 at Third Reading

Bill C-262 returns to the House of Commons for third reading on May 29.
Remind your MP how important it is that this bill to implement the UN
Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples passes third reading!

The AVUC Congregational Meeting May 13, 2018 voted in yes to the motion: "Are you in favour of transitioning to become a new community centre of faith, dialogue, connection and learning?"

The motion mover, Isabel Parker provided this rationale:

There has been a lot of praying going on for me this week, as I am sure there has for many of you. This is not an easy question to answer for some of us and we have all been trying to discern what God wants us to do in this time and place.

I believe that He does not want us to grow stagnant and become compost. I believe that He still has plans for the Alberni Valley United Church and I believe that the answer is in our name - Alberni Valley.

We cannot be all things to all people but we can become more relevant in the 21st century. We need to meet the need of the current congregation while removing the obstacles for those people who are not connected to the church. We can become a relevant force in this valley.

When you examine our Vision Statement you will see that it states that we want to create a caring community. And that We pray for God's spirit to guide us as we work for peaceful reconciliation and justice for all persons in both church and society.

That is what this vote is about.

Now, many people have a problem with the term reconciliation. They believe that it only has one, very political, meaning. But that is not true. According to the dictionary it means to bring back together or a reunion. We need to remove the politics from that word and admit that we could all use a little reconciliation in our lives.

Finally, from the 1st Metropolitan church in Victoria's Vision Statement we get: **"To reach out with compassion and respect, seeking justice and healing within our church, community and beyond"** And **"To be a centre for spiritual growth and community engagement"**

What a wonderful idea! And I think that we, at Alberni Valley United Church, can get there together. I ask you to please support the Council's vision of our future. Thank you.

Alberni Valley United Church Worship Services are live-streamed on Facebook Live and saved to YouTube. Please LIKE us on Facebook every week, it helps!!

Alberni Valley United Church is a Scent-Free facility. Please do not wear perfume, cologne or any scented products. Thank You!

Port Alberni Christian Women's Club presents:

Summer Style! Lunch and Fashion Show

Tuesday May 29, Noon to 2 pm at The Best Western Barclay

Tickets: \$20 at the door. For reservations please contact Sylvia (250-724-7309) or by email – dabra@telus.net .

ROTATIONS

	May 27	June 3	June 10
Greeters/ Ushers	Mary Heatherington & Marilyn Downey		
Worship Asst.	Carol Korven	George Geddes	Diane Martin
Coffee	Outreach	Pastoral Care 1	Pastoral Care 2
Offering Counters	Dawne Mallon & Sandra Simpson	Holly Judge & Ann Tatoosh	Audrie Poll

Minister: Rev. Minnie Hornidge

Church Accompanist: Ellen Vander Putten;

Choir director: Brenda West; *Hand Bells Director:* Mike Villette;

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

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Alberni Valley United Church
May 27th, 2018
Gathering in Community

Welcome to Worship

Acknowledgment of Territories

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: Come in, Come in and Sit Down VU 395

Invitation to Gather

Responsive Prayer

Hymn: Story Making God

Story with the Young and the Young at Heart

Song: Tell Me Your Story

We Listen for the Word of God

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1: 2-7

Reflection

SONG: It Only Takes a Spark VU 289

QUIET REFLECTION

- Who helped kindle faith in you and how is it helping you live your life more fully?

Response: Sing: "Those Hearts that We Have Treasured" vs.3 VU 494 (Tune 343)

- What story or words do you want to pass on to someone younger in your life? (*"I say it now."*)

Response: Sing: "Those Hearts that We Have Treasured" vs.3 VU 494 (Tune 343)

PRAYER: Praying Psalm 139

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

We Respond

Sharing Our Gifts

Offering Song: Spirit, Open My Heart - Refrain & vs.2 MV 79

Blessing the Gifts

We Go Forth

SONG: I Love to Hear the Stories (Scott Kearns, 2008) Tune: VU 343

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