



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

Your presence here makes a difference.

May 6th, 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: Mimi Smienk, candidate, and the congregation of Quadra Island United Church.

Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings:

May 6	Congregational Meeting	11:30am-1:30pm
May 8	Yoga class	10:30 am
	Tuesday Bible Study	2:30 pm
May 10	"Women in the Bible" Study	1:00 pm
May 11-12	AVUC Garage Sale	
May 13	Congregational Meeting	11:00 am - Noon

TODAY, MAY 6TH THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE. THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE NEW DIRECTION THAT THE ALBERNI VALLEY UNITED CHURCH IS EXPLORING FOR THE COMING YEAR. PRESENTERS: REV. MINNIE HORNIDGE, REV. GAIL MILLER, COMOX-NANAIMO PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE MINISTER. PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUTURE PLANNING! A SIMPLE LUNCH OF CHILI & BUNS WILL BE SERVED BY COUNCIL. CHILD-MINDING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

MAY 13 – WORSHIP STARTS AT **10 AM**; A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **11 AM**. PURPOSE: TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSALS PRESENTED AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF MAY 6TH.

Directory: Last Chance! Printing of the new directory starts next week. If you are new to the Church or your contact information has changed, please fill out a contact card and return it to the office. Or you can call or email the office with your information. Thank you! 250-723-8332; avunitedchurch@shaw.ca

The deadline for the **AVUC Bursary** applications is May 15th. Applications available in the Narthex.

Thank you, Thank You, Thank you!

To the ticket sellers, sorters, ironers, hangers, clothing donators, attendees - To all of you who helped to make our third Encore Fashion Boutique such a success. We made a total of \$3,132 from the sale of tickets, clothing and jewellery. There will be more to come as we continue to sell up to and including during the Garage Sale on May 11 & 12.

A Fun and Informative Bible Study starts soon! Have you ever wanted a simple overview of the Old Testament? This this new Bible Study discussion group is for you. May 8 to June 12 at 2:30 pm. Each week features an 8-10 minute video introduction to one book of the Old Testament. No preparation required!

June 3 – Shared Worship Service with Trinity at AVUC beginning at 10 am.

Bread of Life needs: forks and spoons, eggs, steel-cut oatmeal, sugar. Volunteers to serve lunch and sort food. Thank you!

AVUC Garage Sale! Friday May 11: 3-7pm & Saturday May 12: 9am-Noon



Queer: This can include, but is not limited to, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and asexual people. This term has different meanings to different people. Some still find it offensive, while others reclaim it to encompass the broader sense of history of the gay rights movement. Can also be used as an umbrella term like LGBT, as in "the queer community."

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!

ROTATIONS

	May 6	May 13	May 20
Greeters/ Ushers	Kathy & Bill Allen		
Worship Asst.	Carol Korven	Doug Havard	Doreen Grant
Coffee	Council	Choir & Worship	Property & Maint.
Offering Counters	Audrie Poll & Dennis Andow	Anne Gray & Lillian Robinson	Doreen Grant & Des Irwin
Ministry Minute	M & P (Angie Blake)	New Project	Bible Study

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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Gathering in Community

Welcome to Worship
 Acknowledgment of Territories
 Community News and Celebrations
 Call to Gather
 We Rise to Sing: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Invitation to Listen

Song: "Storymaking God" by Jan Berry 2x *Tune* VU 260

Prayer

We rise to Sing: Be Thou my Vision vs 1,2 VU 642

Deep in our hearts vs 1,2,3 MV 154

Time with the Young and Young at Heart: Jacob's Dream

We Listen for the Word of God

Scripture: Genesis 28: 10-19

Reflection: Surely God is in this

SURELY! GOD IS IN THIS.

(1) RECALL A PLACE WHEN YOU FELT CLOSE TO GOD OR MOST WHOLE WITHIN YOURSELF?

SURELY GOD IS IN THIS?

(2) RECALL A CHALLENGING TIME IN YOUR LIFE. AS YOU LOOK BACK IS THERE A GIFT YOU DIDN'T SEE AT THE TIME?

SURELY GOD IS IN THIS!

(3) RECALL A SIGNIFICANT DREAM OR INSIGHT. WHAT ROLE DOES IT PLAY IN YOUR JOURNEY WITH GOD?

Kindling our Prayers

Sung Response: A Light is Gleaming, Refrain & v.4 VU 82

Prayers of Gratitude

Sung Response: A Light is Gleaming, Refrain & v.1 VU 82

Prayers for Others & Our World

Sung Response: A Light is Gleaming, Refrain & v.2 VU 82

Prayers for Our Journey

Sung Response A Light is Gleaming, Refrain only VU 82

We Respond

Offering

Offering Song: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

Blessing the Gifts

We Go Forth

Song: As a Fire is Meant for Burning VU 578

A Blessing for Honouring The Sacred in Our Lives