



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

Your presence here makes a difference.

April 22nd, 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. Keltie van Binsbergen, Cathie Talbot and congregation of Comox United Church.

Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings:

April 24	Yoga class	10:30 am
	Tuesday Bible Study	2:30 pm
April 26	"Women in the Bible" Study	1:00 pm
	Boutique sale and wine & cheese	5:30 pm
April 29	Stewards/Trustees luncheon	after Worship

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

Directory: We are updating the congregation directory. 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

Please hand in your Church keys if you have them and don't use them on a regular basis. Thank you!

THANK YOU to all who made our Happy Times Tea a fun and successful event!

On 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 and will include guest speaker: Gail Miller. Please join us for food, fellowship and future planning! A simple lunch of Chili & Buns will be served by Council.

Stewardship Weekly Post

Both Envelope and PAR Offerings are UP!.

Payroll Total Jan. 1st to March 31st = \$28,398

Offerings for same period = \$24,484

Current Deficit Down! - \$4,550 to \$3,914 Keep the Momentum Going!

Stewards/Trustees Team Luncheon (by donation) - Sunday April 29th

Bread of Life needs: forks and spoons, eggs, steel-cut oatmeal, sugar.

Volunteers to serve lunch and sort food. Thank you!

Our "**Encore Boutique Fashion Boutique and Wine & Cheese**" will be held on Thursday, April 26th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from many of the ladies and also in the Church office. If you have any "fashion treasures" to donate, please bring them to the church. We will be here at 10:30 am Monday through Thursday organizing and pricing. Thanks for your support!

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



Heterosexuality: A sexual orientation in which a person feels physically and emotionally attracted to people of a gender other than their own.

More fabric for projects has arrived and is in the lounge!

What is the most meaningful part of AVUC Sunday Worship?

People say that it is:

- Just to be present and to hear the words of God and Jesus and I love the music.
- The sermon – to help refresh my purpose & challenge me again and again.

- The reminders that we are not alone, that our misdeeds are forgiven and that we still have time & skills to make a difference for each other & the world.
- To start my week [with] a good message to help me cope with the new week. The people that come to church and [to] hear their story. The people are so important to me.

Mark your calendar with the following important events:

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.

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

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!!**

ROTATIONS

	April 22	April 29	May 6
Greeters/ Ushers	Liz Parfitt & Karen Maschek	Kathy & Bill Allen	
Worship Asst.	Doreen Grant	Mary Heatherington	Carol Korven
Coffee	Pastoral Care 2	Stewards & Trustees	Council
Offering Counters	Carol Korven & Kathy Allen	Bill Irwin & Holly Judge	Audrie Poll & Dennis Andow
Ministry Minute	Music Ministry (Brenda & Mike)	Budget update	M & P (Angie Blake)

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
April 22nd, 2018
Earth Day

Gathering in Community

Welcome to Worship

Acknowledgment of Territories

Announcements and Celebrations

Call to Worship

We rise to sing: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU 291

Opening prayer

We rise to sing: "Each Blade of Grass" MV 37

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

Song with the Young: "God Made Flowers"

Prayer of Confession

We remain seated to sing: "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness" VU 260

We Listen for the Word of God

Scripture: Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10: 11-18

Sermon

We Rise to Sing: "In the Bulb There is a Flower" VU 703

We Respond

Prayers for people

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Sharing our Gifts

Presentation Hymn: "Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving" MV 185

Blessing the Gifts

We Go Forth

We rise to sing: "To Show by Touch and Word" VU 427

Blessing