

Whitehorse United Church Weekly Newsletter



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*... what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love
kindness, and to walk humbly with
your God.*



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Minister's Schedule

Rev. Frances' regular schedule is
Wednesdays to Sundays

COMING EVENTS

Invitation Workshop Jan 11

The Rev Scott Reynolds, Growth Animator for Pacific Mountain Region, will be in town the weekend of Jan 9-11 to work with our Strategic Planning Team. He will offer a 90 minute workshop (lunch included!) after worship, helping us get comfortable with inviting people to church. Please join us!

Welcome Sunday Jan 18

This will be a worship service focused on inviting and welcoming friends, family, and neighbours to church. It's also a great opportunity to invite people who haven't come in a long time. Take some time to think about who might enjoy our community and pray for them - and come to the Invitation Workshop on the 11th if you feel nervous about inviting others!



Annual Financial Meeting – Feb 8

The meeting will start after the service.
Light lunch will be served.



Hallelujah!

The December 14th Sing Along Messiah event at Whitehorse United Church was a great success! It

featured a core group of singers from various choirs, accompanied by a string quartet and Barry Kitchen on the organ. Audience members sang along to a number of Handel's well-known Messiah choruses and were treated to arias sung by several fine soloists. The conducting duties were shared between Rachel Grantham, CD Saint and Nick Turnbull.



Learning about Turn Debt Into Hope - Part 2

The idea of ecological debt speaks to you and you would like to get a better grasp of it, understand its interplay with the debt crisis and the role Canada could play?

KAIROS Canada has invited three experts, Beth Lorimer, Anjali Appadurai and Soomin Han to unpack the topic of ecological debt in a webinar called "The Global Debt Crisis: Restoring Justice: Ecological Debt and Canada's Fair Share". You can watch this 1-hour webinar on

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45TrE1sXMUE>.

If you haven't signed the petition, it is not too late. Know that your voice matters <https://kairoscanada.org/jubilee-2025-canada>

Thank you for your support!

Jubilee blog post about Marie-Alexis and Stephanie:

Acknowledging with humility and gratitude that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.



Rachel Grantham and Joan Stanton are very grateful to the Herb and Dorreene Wahl Music Fund for their generous support. The audience gave generously too, enabling Rachel and Joan to donate \$1000 to the Yukon Food Bank Society and \$1000 to the Early Music Society.



Sunday Nursery

We have been so fortunate to have Katharine Grenier looking after our littlest ones in the Nursery during time of the service. Heather MacFadgen is

also helping with this some Sundays. We also need a few more people to be spares for this so please let us know if you can help.

<https://kairoscanada.org/jubilee-momentum-builds-at-whitehorse-united-church>

Sunday Church School

Frances and Diane would like to thank the strong team of volunteers who have come forward to lead church school for the 5 to 12 year olds on Sunday mornings including Krista Tweed, Liz Laforme, Robyn Burns and Amy Sinclair.

We believe we need a second adult for these mornings that can assist the leader. This is not only for smoother operation but also safety. Please let Diane Emond emond.diane@gmail.com or 867-335-7009 or Frances know if you can be an adult helper once a month or once in a while.



Invitation to consider strategic planning

Between January and May of 2026, our church will put together a strategic plan to guide our work and ministry in the short- and medium-term. Would you be interested in taking part? The time commitment is three weekend workshops between January and May, plus some work in between. Please take some time to pray and discern if this is right for you. Questions? Interested? Please contact Frances!



Braeburn Fundraising link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/140249>



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