

Whitehorse United Church Weekly Newsletter



October 8, 2025



*... 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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www.whitehorseunitedchurch.ca

Church Office is open:

Monday-Friday, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Minister's Schedule

Rev. Frances has resumed her regular
work schedule (Wednesdays to Sundays).

COMING EVENTS

Announcement from Finance Committee:



As we roll into the final third of the 2025 budget year, Finance Committee provides this update on the financial position of the church based on activity to the end of August.

Members will recall a budget with a deficit of just less than \$38,000 was approved in February. In June we indicated that the vacancy in the Office Administrator position had reduced the projected deficit. Now, in September, our forecast deficit is about \$6,000. The biggest factor in our improved financial position is the rental income from the summer & fall daily occupancy of Lewis Hall by a local not-for-profit group. This has been a one-time infusion of funds for which we are very grateful. A \$2,000 grant from the Love2Thrift organization is also helping offset the costs of our outreach lunch bag program.

While this is fantastic news, we are cautious as the revenue side of the equation includes \$30,000 of donations at the end of the year and Christmas, based on historical donation levels. This amount is an educated guess, but could well vary.

The forecast deficit includes a projected shortfall in our givings to the Mission & Service fund. You will recall we confirmed our commitment to donate \$30,000 when the budget was approved. At this point in the year, the forecast M&S givings will be short by about \$2,000, which would be covered by operating funds.

We hope all of you will consider how your donation level can contribute to the life and work of our active congregation.

With thanks and gratitude,
Your Finance Committee team

Elders' Luncheon – Friday, October 24 @11am-2pm

We are looking for some items you may have in your cupboards for fun bingo prizes and door prizes. They can be anything from games, baking, jams or pickles, artwork or other items that our guests might enjoy. They do need to be in good shape/new or gently used. In addition, we are looking for country or fiddle music that could be played in the background during the event - CDs would be ok. Or if anyone has a good playlist that they could access and are willing to run that would also be great.



Plant Foster Home needed

I have several large house plants that need a home for about a year. I am moving to a temporary accommodations until my house is built and there is not room for my plants. Please contact Ruth Stebbing.



With Thanksgiving just around the corner, you are invited to take one of the special donation envelopes on Sunday, Oct. 5 or Sunday, Oct. 12 to make a contribution to the life and work of the church. The envelopes will be on the little table by the entrance to the Sanctuary



Secret Sister Supper Thursday October 9 - Lewis Hall (Whitehorse United)

Secret Sisters is an awesome ministry in our church family. Women of our congregation meet once a year to come together in community, to find out who was our Secret Sister last year and draw a new Secret Sister profile for the coming year. For the next year you will be a Secret Sister and remember your secret sister through prayer, cards, little gifts (if you want) all of which adds up to making someone else's day a little brighter.

If you are not able to attend but would like to share a parting gift with a current Secret Sister or be a Secret Sister for the upcoming year please contact Beth at 633-2710 or Sharon at 633-3775. We can send you the Secret Sister form via email and then enter you in the draw for a new Secret Sister.

If you simply want to join us for the potluck meal and share fellowship with other women of Whitehorse United Churchthat is absolutely fine; we welcome you to join us.

Thursday October 9

**Doors open, welcome and intro at 5:30pm
potluck supper at 6 pm.
Join us when you can....**

For more info: Beth 633-2710, Sharon 633-3775

"When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God's feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are

on both Sundays. If cash or cheque is not how you do business these days, an e-transfer to wuc@klondiker.com with a note indicating "Thanksgiving special offering" would be welcome. Thank you.

United Church Mission and Service Fund

The Mission and Service Fund:

Transform lives

Inspire meaning and purpose

Build a better world.

The Mission and Service Fund is the United Church's way to work towards a better world by sharing our resources. It enables the church to respond to human needs both in Canada and around the world with development work, medical aid, emergency relief and many kinds of community outreach and social programs. The fund partners with local organizations in other countries so that we get the best use for the money donated, as it is not spent on building duplicate administration within each country. Our church makes a commitment each year to Mission and Service Fund, currently around \$30,000 and all funds raised are sent directly to the National Church. If not enough funds are raised by individual donations, then we use money from local revenues so that we match our commitment. There are many stories of the varied projects etc. that M&S has

*asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator." ~ **St. Basil the Great***



Vancouver Chamber Choir
True North
Join the internationally acclaimed Vancouver Chamber Choir,

under the direction of Kari Turunen, for an inspiring evening of choral music. The program.

With special guest appearance by the Whitehorse Chamber Choir.

Saturday, October 18, 2025 – 7:30 PM

Whitehorse United Church, Tickets available at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca)

News from Yukon Climate Action

Most Yukoners love the land and are concerned about what climate heating is doing to the earth. Many of us feel overwhelmed by the climate crisis and other threats in the news.

Here's an invitation to a simple climate action: Share your thoughts with all three Yukon political parties, urging them to strengthen their climate plans and work together after this election. To make it easy: [click this link](#) and choose what you want to say.

The groups below are inviting hundreds of Yukoners to send these messages. Your participation helps make a difference.

Once you've sent your message, would you please forward this email to your family and friends and the groups in your circles? We would like people to send

[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.](#)

funded, and they can be found by searching United church mission and service on the Internet or on Facebook, or on our local website under “About – National and Regional United Church – General Council” – there is a link to Mission and Service Fund.

If you have any questions please contact Ruth Stebbing, through the office.

A favorite fundraiser from members of our congregation. If you have **extra lo-bush cranberries**, Donna would be happy to turn them into cranberry sauce. Please call her at 633-2256



Braeburn Lake Christian Camp Association AGM – November 6
Time and location TBD

their comments now (and please send before October 15). On behalf of the land, thank you.

Seniors for Climate, Council of Canadians Yukon Chapter, For their Future Yukon, and Whitehorse United Church Social Justice Committee.

Reach us through cofcyukon@gmail.com



Festival of Biblical Telling

NEXT EVENT:

SAT, Oct 25, 2025 Workshop 5: Julie Drew – Intergen Art and Scripture-by-heart 9-10am pst, \$35

See <https://www.nbscanada.org/festival-of-telling> for details,

Funding to attend may be available from WUC's [Wahl](#)

[Fund](#). Non-affiliated photos in this newsletter are licensed under [CC BY-SA-NC](#)–

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BRAEBURN ART AUCTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 5 - 7 PM

at

LINDA RAPP LANDING

located at

ROBERT SERVICE CAMPGROUND

**All funds raised will go to support
Braeburn Lake Christian Summer Camps**

**If you have Northern art to donate,
contact secretary@braeburncamp or
call/text Janet Clarke 332-2290 or Laura
Cabott 332-3100. Tax receipts for
donations will be issued.**

**If you are looking for art,
scan this code to see
the pieces which will be
at the auction (Cheque,
cash or etransfer only)**



YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



COME TO THE YUKON PRIZE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

**FRI
OCT 3**

4-8PM YUKON PRIZE AIR NORTH ART CRAWL

Various locations around downtown Whitehorse

4-8PM LONGLISTED ARTISTS EXHIBITION OPENING

Arts Underground

**SAT
OCT 4**

10-11AM JURORS' PANEL

Yukon University Cafeteria

11AM-12PM ARTISTS' PANEL

Yukon University Cafeteria

12:15-1:15PM FREE MEET & GREET LUNCH

Yukon University Cafeteria

1:30-2:30PM ARTIST-LED FINALIST EXHIBITION TOUR

Yukon Arts Centre

2:30-4PM ART AT THE ARCHIVES

Yukon Archives (beside Yukon Arts Centre)

6-9PM CELEBRATION EVENING & FEAST OF SMALL PLATES

*Yukon Arts Centre *ticketed event*

**SUN
OCT 5**

10AM-12PM YOUTH LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP

Arts Underground (Ages 12-18)

11AM-4PM OPEN ARTISTS' STUDIO (SELF-GUIDED)

Whitehorse, Goldenhorn, Carcross Rd & Haines Junction

1-4PM KIDS CREATE

Yukon Arts Centre (Ages 4-11)

for more details visit yukonprize.ca



ELDERS' LUNCHEON

**In our efforts to honour Truth and Reconciliation
Whitehorse United Church invites Elders of Ta'an
Kwäch'än Council and Kwanlin Dün First Nation**

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2025, 11AM to 2 PM

**Lewis Hall, Whitehorse United Church
601 Main St., Whitehorse**

Chili and Bannock, Music, Conversation, Fun Bingo, Door Prizes

Please sign up by Tuesday Oct. 14

and let us know if you need a ride

RSVP to Diane Emond at emond.diane@gmail.com

or phone (867) 335-7009

