



Annual General Council Meeting

Please mark your Calendar's as we have scheduled our Annual General Council Meeting on

Sunday, January 27th 2019 after worship

Please make an effort to attend this special meeting.

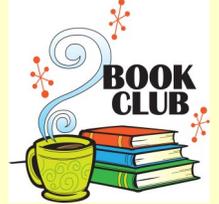


Joint Board

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 8th** in the Board Room at **7:00pm**

Book Club

The selection for our January Book Club reading is "Becoming" by Michelle Obama. Our meeting date is January 23, 2019 in the Fellowship Room. Happy Reading
Ethel



Shepherd Group

The next Shepherd meeting will meet on Wednesday January 16 at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Rm.

Men's Fellowship January 19, 9:30 AM



Looking for a New Year's resolution. Make Men's Fellowship a regular part of your faith experience. As we enter a new year, let's share our hopes and dreams for the coming year. Join your brothers for a time of heart-warming friendship.



Senior Social at Good Shepherd Friday, January 18th at 1pm



Entertainment by
Michael and Gary Callander



For further information contact: Church Office @ 403-274-4888

Mission & Outreach



A big thank you to everyone who supported the M&O Christmas project for the homeless @ the DIC. A special thank you to the GSC knitters, (Merlyn Alexon, Ethel McLeod, Pat Lim and Winnie Golbourn) who knit during their spare time throughout the year. 51 Christmas packages with toques, scarves, mitts/gloves along with 30 personal care kits and 51 Oral Hygiene kits were donated to the DIC. **Our** thanks to Patterson Dental for their continued support of donating toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss and lip balm.

From the Ecumenical Officer

January 2019

Recently I attended an anniversary service of a nearby Moravian congregation, which led to some reflections on ecumenical relations.

The pastor of the congregation did not grow up with Moravian connections or any other church connection. He came to Christian faith as an adult and joined a Moravian congregation in his community.

The preacher at the anniversary service was a daughter of the congregation who had thought, as she was growing up, "If I were a boy, I would become a pastor." When she was in high school and college, the Northern Province of the Moravian Church was not yet ordaining women. She was eventually ordained in another denomination, one with which we are now in full communion.

It is good to be reminded that not only lay members of Moravian congregations, but our ordained leaders as well, have a great variety of denominational backgrounds; some had no church contacts at all early in life.

My own family connection with the Moravian Church came about because my immigrant Roman Catholic grandfather was working as a farmhand for North Dakota Moravian farmers and was so impressed with the faith and life of the people he worked for that he joined the Moravian Church at age twenty-two.

The anniversary service was on the weekend of the attack on a United States synagogue in which eleven persons were killed. The preacher of the morning dealt with this in her sermon, reminding me that "ecumenical" means "relating to the whole inhabited world" and that we as the church of Jesus are called to have concern for the welfare of the whole world. That does not mean that every individual has to be concerned about everything, but that the church as a whole is called to work everywhere for God's will.

The anniversary service at two points invited personal stories from the congregation. First, we were asked, When has the good news of Jesus touched us, especially through the life of this congregation? Later, we were asked, When did the church offer us forgiveness or comfort in a difficult situation?

When we deal regularly with questions like this, when we can in this way look for and find God at work where we are, we are more likely to be of service to God and interested in working with other people of faith in the service of others, that is, to be truly ecumenical.

Lord Jesus, help us to look for and be aware of your work in our world and how we may work alongside you wherever we are. Amen

Hermann Weinlick
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