

THE FRONT PEW

A seasonal newsletter celebrating the life and work of
Riverbend United Church

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Valerie's Reveries

*And forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet
and the winds long to play with your hair.*

-Kahlil Gibran

*Consider the lilies of the field; they neither toil nor spin
yet even Solomon in all his glory is not clothed as one of these.*

--Jesus

In these five years with you, I have grown to love you. I find this church filled with amazing lay people-- both quiet disciples who greet the people beside them in the pews, hold others in prayer or do countless invisible service actions behind the scenes, AND incredibly capable and committed lay leaders who keep the ship moving forward with purpose.

Because of the strength and commitment of our laity, RUC has weathered the pandemic in good stead. Thank you for your faithfulness, for your ongoing gifts of time, talent and treasure, and for tuning in on YouTube or being in the room with your presence.

As I head out for a 3-month sabbatical, I am confident that with the help of our excellent staff, with the additional pastoral care of Rev. Tom Sawyer and Dr. Joanne Olson and with the solid slate of Sunday worship leaders, this church will remain strong and grow stronger as the people step up to tend the sails in my absence.

I will be renewing spirit, mind and body through the spiritual gifts embedded in God's creation. I believe our current environmental situation and our global tension is ultimately a spiritual crisis due to a lack of connection with the earth and with one another. I will be tending these roots in my own journey of renewal through various streams.

One stream of the sabbatical will occur in connection with the Institute for Contemplative Ecology, a very new non-profit land-based centre for education and retreat. The Institute has land on the Pembina River and I will be camping out there from time to time, volunteering and in retreat. The Institute is the spirit child of Dr. Christopher Peet, a lay leader of St. Paul's United Church and a professor at Kings University. *(continued on page 2)*



Valerie's Reveries *(continued from page 1)*

For another stream of the sabbatical, I'll be working on an alpaca farm west of Edmonton, returning to my roots on the farm. (I was once a shepherd --of the wooly, 4-legged kind of sheep.) Part of it will be spent at our family cabin in the southwest Colorado mountains. And for part of it, I'll be taking an online course offered by Richard Rohr of the Centre for Action and Contemplation.

These various sabbatical streams will provide a full, rich time of renewal, education, and connection, and I am grateful to the congregation for supporting this time.

I pray you have a blessed Summer and Fall. I will hold you in my heart and I look forward to seeing you again in November.

In Peace,
Valerie

Summer Worship

In July and August, we will be uniting in worship with St. Paul's United (11526 76 Ave NW), with both congregations worshipping together. During this time each church will provide the building for a month with the other creating the services and supplying the leadership.

JULY

July worship will be hosted by St. Paul's United ([11526 76 Ave NW](#)) with RUC providing the leadership.

There will be no Sunday service in our church building.

AUGUST

August worship will be hosted by RUC with St. Paul's United providing the leadership.

We hope that you will be able to attend some, or all, of these services. It is an opportunity to hear some different perspectives and meet new people. The worship will continue to be live-streamed.



Outreach Committee

We are again providing Father's Day lunch at the Bissell Centre on Sunday, June 19. We hope to buy and deliver designated pre-purchased foods in about 300 lunch bags. This is 100 more than last year as Hope Mission and the Mustard Seed no longer serve Sunday lunches in the inner city. We need at least \$1200 in donations. We are hoping that next year, we can revert to providing home-made sandwiches and desserts and can again take volunteers to serve the lunch.

Please consider making a donation prior to June 12 in one of three ways:

1. Drop off a cheque or cash at the church. Please call first to ensure that the church is open (780.430.7275). If the office is closed, you can put a cheque under the door in an envelope marked "Outreach Committee".
2. Send an e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org. Please designate your donation to the Outreach Committee.
3. Mail a cheque to the church and indicate that it is for the Outreach Committee.

You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for a minimum \$20 donation.

Thank you so much from your Outreach Committee. For further information please contact the church office (780.430.7275).

Help Wanted

There are several volunteer opportunities here at RUC that we are hoping to fill.

- On page 6, you can read about the count room opportunities,
- on page 8, learn about our archivist requirements,
- and finally, on page 10 you will read about our need for someone to look after gift card sales.

We hope you will consider giving some of your time and talents to RUC.

Message from Chair of the Official Board

My two years as board chair are up at the end of June but you are in good hands as Dr. Joan Robinson will be taking over as chair (with assistance from Jill Spaner). It has been an interesting two years, to say the least! My full tenure as chair was during the pandemic. This required some extra board meetings with challenging decisions through each wave to decide whether worship should be offered in-person or recorded. Through it all, the church remained in a good financial position and we are very fortunate that we should exit the pandemic in pretty good shape.

There have been many changes over the past two years. I will highlight a few of them.

Livestreaming and recording our services – When the pandemic forced us to suspend live worship, we had to pivot and start producing recorded services for uploading to YouTube. A number of people helped to make this happen, but Ray Hawrelak led the effort figuring out how to get our services recorded and available for viewing at home. Then, when we resumed live worship again, Ray was instrumental in livestreaming our services so that people could participate in person or at home. Ray now leads a small team of people that run the Audio/Visual for our services.

A new accompanist – Shortly after the pandemic started, our accompanist, Andrew, moved to BC. Initially, while we were recording our services, he was able to provide accompaniment remotely but once we resumed live services, we needed to find a new accompanist. We went through a few different musicians before we found Sherry Steele. Sherry has been a fantastic addition to our music ministry, and we are very fortunate to now have her on staff! She is also an accomplished soprano which comes in handy when we are asked to provide special music for weddings and funerals.

Youth leaders – It is not easy to find a qualified youth leader, but we were fortunate enough to find two! Luke and Madison have been leading the youth for almost a year now and thankfully they are going to continue next year as well. A highlight for the youth this year was performing the Cantata “The Prodigal Son” on the last Sunday in May.

AV Team – as mentioned, live streaming of our services has added a lot of work for our technical team volunteers. In order to lessen the load for our volunteers, we hired Tea and Nathan to do our AV work each Sunday. Craig Miller also helps out on occasion.

Facility Handy-Person – speaking of overworked volunteers, over the years our facility volunteers have been working countless hours, so the board decided to hire a handy-person to help out for a few hours per week. Taun has been working for a few months now under the direction of our Facilities Manager, Don Trenn.

New doors and concrete – speaking of Don Trenn, he was instrumental in getting our front doors replaced and some new concrete poured along with many other projects over the past 2 years. And coming soon will be parking lot paving on the west side of the church.

Solar panels – and last but not least we are in the final stages of our solar panel installation. Matthew Schoenhardt found a vendor that would install on our unique roof and applied for a \$30k grant from the United Church of Canada. We then had a very successful fundraising campaign led by George Irwin, raising more than required, allowing us to add additional panels. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make this project so successful!

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Message from Chair of the Official Board *(continued from page 3)*

I could go on and on as there were many other highlights, and a few lowlights, mostly pandemic related. Hopefully, the worst of the pandemic is behind us now and we can continue to slowly get back to normal.

I will be staying on the board as past chair. The board is in good shape with the very capable Joan as the new chair and an experienced slate of board members. However, we are always looking for people to join the board, either as a member at large or as chair-elect.

And, as of this writing, we are also looking for volunteers to help in the count room, to replace our givings steward, to run the gift card program, and to look after our archives. If you are willing to volunteer for any of these roles or anything else, please contact me or Jackie at the church office.

Have a great summer!
Marv Severson

Don't Forget....

You can stay in touch with the life of the church by signing up for the weekly Friday email. Contained in the email is a link to that Sunday's service which is livestreamed (or pre-recorded) via YouTube, a message from Valerie, and announcements. All you need to do is to contact the Church office by either calling 780.430.7275 or emailing contactus@riverbendunited.org to be added to the mailing list.

Church Website

Last summer the decision was taken to refresh RUC's website. After some stops and starts the project got into high gear at the beginning of January this year. The Communications Team, working with Active Computers and Technology Services, put their heads together to create a website that would provide information to our church family and also allow those people looking for a church home to get "a flavour of RUC".

Hopefully, the new website will be easier to navigate with the use of the photographic icons. Under the headings:

- Get to Know Us
- Worship With Us
- Get Active and Engaged
- News and Events

should be everything you need to find out what goes on behind the doors (and beyond) of Riverbend United Church. We have added information on what to expect on a Sunday morning for newcomers, we have highlighted what an Affirming Ministry means to RUC, and, at a glance, you should be able to see what is going on in the church in any given week using the calendar of events. In addition, on our home page, there is an information box for special events (currently showing the solar panel project.)

Whilst the new website is up and running, it is still a work in progress as more information is provided by various groups and staff members. The call went out looking for photographs showing events in and around the church, and we would still love to add more to our website library, so that photos can be rotated into the website. Moving forward, as more activities are happening in the church, you are encouraged to send any photos you take to Jackie at the church office.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the hard work of the Communications Team and we want to thank them for all their hard work. In particular, special thanks must be given to Jackie Hunt, our office manager and church member, for the countless hours she has spent on this project. From producing a website content tree (a starting point to group information together under the correct icon) and a huge undertaking, to being the liaison with Active Computers and Technology Services, providing them with feedback and required changes, and everything in between we really couldn't have done it without her. Thank you, Jackie.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to visit the new website at www.riverbendunited.org and let us know what you think.

Affirming News



As you know June is designated Pride month when events take place throughout the world, including Edmonton, to celebrate diversity and support the 2SLGBTQ+ community. The last two years have been tough with several events cancelled or held online due to the COVID pandemic. However, this year there is, even more, to celebrate as in-person events return to our city. By the time of reading this, the Pride month kick-off and proclamation, along with the Pride Reunited street fair will have already taken place but there are still some wonderful events taking place, details of which you can find at <https://capitalprideyeg.ca/>.

This June, around the church building, you will see several Pride garden flags, as well as a rainbow of knitted flowers at our front doors, as we show our support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and celebrate Pride month.

Another important event in June is National Indigenous Peoples Day which takes place on June 21st; and gives an opportunity to celebrate First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples' values, customs, languages, and culture. The Sunday preceding that date, which this year is June 19th in the United Church of Canada is Indigenous Day of Prayer.

And finally, some exciting news to share regarding accessibility in our church building, which is one of the main goals of RUC. Two portable ramps have recently been purchased which will allow wheelchair users to access the chancel at the front of the church. Good news indeed.



Sabbatical for Reverend Valerie

In accordance with United Church of Canada policy, Reverend Valerie will be on sabbatical in August, September and October, following her designated holiday time in July. Valerie has many interesting plans for spiritual development and renewal, and I have no doubt that as a congregation, we will also benefit from her time of exploration.

In order to meet the needs of the congregation in Valerie's absence, a planning committee was struck including Christine Ens, Charles Hitschfeld, Peggy Robinson and Valerie Oden.

The committee has considered the following matters:

- **Summer Shared Worship Plan with St. Paul's** - this summer we will enter into an arrangement with St. Paul's United Church (11526 76 Avenue) to share in worship leadership. In July RUC will lead worship at St. Paul's with members from both churches in attendance. In August, St. Paul's will provide worship at our church, and their members will join us.
- Leadership of RUC worship in September and October has been coordinated and will be led by a variety of clergy and RUC lay-leaders. We will continue to enjoy Whole Community Worship on the last Sunday of the month.
- Proactive ongoing pastoral care will be provided by Reverend Tom Sawyer and Dr Joanne Olson. We are pleased to have two people with deep roots in the congregation to manage this important role.
- Emergency Pastoral Care will be provided by a few ministers on call – they will react to unanticipated needs. Members in need will call the office, and your request will be forwarded to a minister.

We will welcome Valerie back at the beginning of November. If you have any questions regarding these plans, please contact the church office to be referred to a committee member.

Count Room Volunteer Opportunities

RUC is in the fortunate position to have a congregation whose generous financial contributions enable us to retain the wonderful staff we have and to offer varied programming. A vital part is the counting and recording of the offering and we currently have some volunteer opportunities in the count room which we hope you will consider.

Counters

As a counter, you would typically spend about 30 minutes after services, once a month, recording donations that were received during the service or in the week since the last service. There will always be two individuals, one who does the counting and one who supports the primary counter. The activities performed by the counter include:

- Recording the donations
- Total up the donations on the form and match the amount to the cash and cheques
- Place the cash and cheques in the deposit bag
- Put away count supplies

Count Room Coordinator

The count room coordinator schedules the counters and the count dates, as well as ensuring the paperwork is available for the counters. You will likely spend a couple hours each month ensuring everything is running smoothly for the counting.

- Set dates for counting the givings
- Schedule counters

- Ensure counting packages (bundles of the necessary paperwork) are available for the count
- Coordinate training of new counters (other counters may do the training)
- Communicate any changes to the counting process to the counters.

Giving Steward

The giving steward is responsible for recording donations that are tax receiptable in the ICON CMO system used for issuing the tax receipts. Each count is recorded in the system, usually on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Time commitment is approximately 6 to 10 hours a month on your own schedule. Once at year end, there is some additional time required due to the issuing and reconciling of tax receipts.

- Enter all donations that qualify for a tax receipt into the ICON CMO system used for tax receipts.
 - Giving Count
 - PAR Remittances
 - eTransfers
- Issue tax receipts for qualifying donations.
- Communicate any changes to the information requirements that need to be recorded to the Count Room Coordinator

If you have any questions about any of these positions or would like to come forward, please contact Kristen Michalko at givingsteward@riverbendunited.org or 780-887-3373.

Youth Group Cantata

The congregation enjoyed an enthusiastic and joyful production of the Youth Cantata, the Prodigal Son during worship on May 29th. Written several years ago by Ben Severson, it was wonderful to see our youth (along with Krystal and Adeline from the Children's Ministry) perform it once again. Thank you to everyone involved. *(don't forget, if you missed seeing it you will be able to view the service on our YouTube channel.)* You will find more photos on page 10.

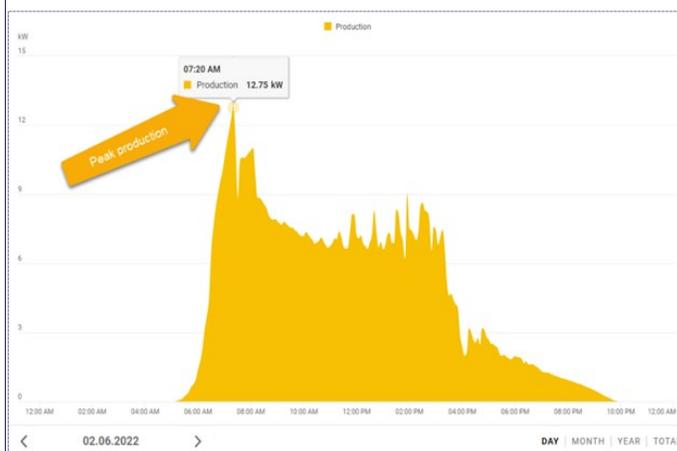


Solar Panels

A few years ago, the board looked into getting solar panels on the church. At the time, we were told that because of our metal roof, there was no way to fasten the panels. So that was that. However, things change. Earlier this year the board decided to try again. Matthew Schoenardt researched and found a vendor that would install on our unique roof. He also discovered that we qualified for a \$30,000 grant from the United Church of Canada. The board decided to proceed with a \$70,000 solar panel project and we were hopeful that the congregation would support this financially. We then had a very successful fundraising campaign led by George Irwin and raised more than we needed, so were able to add more panels. Thanks to everyone who contributed and made this project so successful.

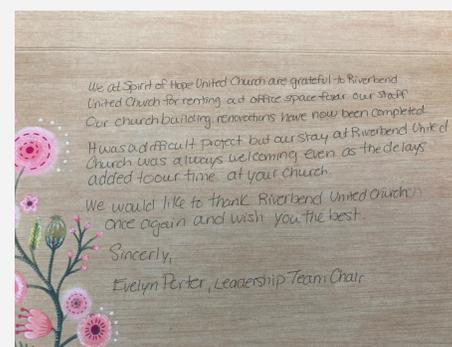
Solar Panel Update as of June 2:

The panels were officially energized on Thursday June 2, with a final sign off from the wire provider Epcor. Below is a graph showing production that day. With our panels on the more easterly side of the building, we get most of our production earlier in the day. The sun rose sometime around 5 am and so did our power production! Sundown was close to 10 pm and that was when production effectively stopped. Compared to our June 2021 daily consumption, we produced roughly 44% of the energy we consumed on Thursday. Commercial hand-over of the system will happen this week, and no doubt there will still be a few tweaks to be made, one of which will be to show our net consumption, not just our power production.



A Thank You from Spirit of Hope United Church

As you may know, Spirit of Hope United Church recently undertook a major renovation to their sacred space, with their first worship service taking place in February 2022. (you can check out the beautiful new space at <https://www.spiritofhope.ca/renovations-update>) During renovations, which lasted for many months, the Spirit of Hope office staff relocated to RUC and space was made available for other staff members as required. We recently received this lovely thank you note from them.



Summer Health Corner

Greetings all. Welcome to the summer edition of Health Corner. To announce the arrival of the new summer season, the Summer Solstice greets us this year in Edmonton on Tuesday, June 21 at 3:12am. The word "solstice" comes from Latin solstitium - from sol (Sun) and stitium (still or stopped). During that day, the sun reaches its highest position in the sky, and we receive the longest amount of daylight of the entire year; 17 hours, 2 minutes, and 55 seconds this year. After that Tuesday, our days become shorter, losing a few seconds of daylight daily until the Winter Solstice in late December.

The summer months bring the least amount of summer health events but perhaps the most depressing ones... anxiety, elder abuse, glioblastoma, hepatitis, and overdose. Doesn't sound too much fun, does it?

However, not all events occurring in the summer are disheartening. For example, July is national ice cream month. According to statistics, Canadians prefer Chocolate ice cream over Vanilla in regard to flavour, but Vanilla is always the perennial best seller. These two favourites are followed in popularity by the flavours of Mint, Butterscotch, Strawberry, Pistachio, and Neopolitan.

A health event we can celebrate and be thankful for is seeing the back end of the COVID-19 pandemic and for the readily available vaccines that can help us eradicate this nasty virus. I encourage everyone to get their eligible number of COVID-19 vaccines as per AHS guidelines so our world and our lives can perhaps not quite "get back to normal", but maybe move on to a new normal. Time will tell...

A list of health events recognized this summer are...

June:

Pride Month
Men's Health Month

Thyroid Month

World Environment Day: June 5
National Health and Fitness Day: June 5
Action Anxiety Day: June 10
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: June 15
World Sickle Cell Day: June 19
PTSD Awareness Day: June 27
World Scleroderma Day: June 29

July:

National Ice Cream Month
National Injury Prevention Day: July 5
Glioblastoma Awareness Day: July 17
International Self-Care Day: July 24
World Hepatitis Day: July 28

August:

National Dog Month
Gastroparesis Awareness Month
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
International Youth Day: August 12
World Humanitarian Day: August 19
International Overdose Awareness Day: August 31

The dog days of summer refer to weeks between July 3 and August 11. These are usually the hottest days of summer. They are called dog days not because the temperature can make you pant like a dog, but because these days were named after the Dog Star Sirius, which rises around this time. Sirius is the brightest star in the night sky. The name means "glowing" in Greek, a fitting description as only a few planets, the full moon, and the International Space Station outshine this star.

I hope you all continue to shine throughout the summer, and that I will see everyone back here in the fall.

Peace,
Dawn

Archives Volunteer Opportunity

RUC Archives seeks a new steward. Do you have a pulse on the people and events at Riverbend United Church? Keeping track of the life of the church matters as we are currently living through future generations' "history". Perhaps you have an hour or two to help occasionally - you could bring a friend or two, it's more fun to share the "remember when" moments. Please call or send a note to the church office if this resonates with you.

Our Garage Sale is Back!

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we're resuming our fall garage sale! This year's date is Saturday, August 27. The garage sale provides a significant boost to our church finances. As well, it provides a real service to members of our community who have looked forward to stocking up at this pivotal time of year. We have always been able to count on the many volunteers who help during the week before the sale, and on the sale day itself. Here's a list of our volunteer needs. If you're able to commit to any of them, please let Holly Ruryk (780-983-9864; hruryk@hotmail.com) or Bev Sawyer (780-435-5314; bevsawyer@telusplanet.net) know.



Sale Week Sunday, August 21 – Saturday, August 27

- Sunday: help needed downstairs after church to set up tables
- Monday – Friday 10:00 – 3:00: help needed to receive goods, sort, price, and place on designated tables
- Tuesday and Thursday August 23 & 25, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.: help needed on two evenings for receiving goods
- Friday evening: sign placement (signs and map provided)
- Dollies: we can use several dollies to help move items and boxes

Sale Day Saturday, August 27

- Assistants to help shoppers
- Co-ordinator for upstairs display (mainly clothing and books)
- Cashier for upstairs sales
- Cash counters/verifiers (3 times during the day, plus at the end of sales, cashiers will bring proceeds to the office to count and store in safe – we want to have a second person at each of these countings)
- Kitchen duty – someone to keep the kitchen in order and the coffee going for the volunteers
- Office duty – Jackie is one of our garage sale “experts”, so it would be very helpful to have someone who could fill in for her in the office from time to time during the week.
- Packers - 3:00: It would be very helpful to have fresh helpers to help pack up everything that's left, to get it ready for the pick-up on Monday, and also to get the tables back in place so we don't have to do it on the Sunday.

Thank you for stepping up. Holly and Bev have heard from several volunteers, and hope to hear from many more!

Did You Know?

How many of us really look around the Sanctuary when we attend worship? There are so many little details included in the design of the space which you may not have noticed. For example, have you spotted that the shape the cross at the front of the Sanctuary sits on is, in fact, a grain elevator? This was done very deliberately as a nod to our prairie location, where agriculture is a major industry. We wonder what else we will find if we look around....stay tuned.



Volunteer Opportunity– Gift Card Sales

We are looking for someone to take over the running of the Safeway gift card fundraising scheme. Sales of the gift cards raise funds for RUC year-round.

Gift card sales involve three duties, scheduling the sale of gift cards, selling the gift cards and ordering replenishment stock of gift cards.

- Scheduling

This involves determining on which dates you will be available after the service to sell gift cards, then sending an email to the office staff asking them to put a note in the church bulletin indicating these dates

- Gift Card Sales

Gift card sales duties include staying approximately 30 minutes after the service during which time you will disperse gift cards, receive cash and cheques, and record information such as name, amount of gift cards received, and amount of funds received. If a member has done an e-transfer of funds you will disperse the appropriate gift card for this too. Once sales are complete you would go into the count room and record the deposit information and place the cheques in the deposit bag.

- Ordering

The final duty of gift card sales is to order gift cards. As the stock of gift cards is reduced additional gift cards need to be ordered. The procedure for this is to review sales from previous periods and determine quantities of each denomination to order. Then an email is sent to the church board for approval. Once this is approved an order is submitted to Safeway/Sobeys and when it arrives, it is picked up from Riverbend Safeway. Cards are counted at Riverbend Safeway to ensure the order is accurate.

Please contact the church office at 780.430.7275 or email contactus@riverbendunited.org if you are interested in being involved.



Travelling to Churches- Carolyn Miller

Through spring and into summer peoples' thoughts start to turn to travel, especially after the last two years of COVID restrictions. I am no exception, and this year have been lucky enough to travel to Stockholm with my sisters with a further, longer trip planned back home to Scotland in September. Wherever I travel I like to visit churches, be it my sisters' local church, St Michaels Parish in Linlithgow (in existence since at least 1138), the major tourist attractions like the magnificent Sacre Coeur in Paris and Westminster Abbey in London or much smaller ones, and a bit off the beaten track, such as the beautiful Italian Chapel on Orkney, built from two Nissen huts by Italian prisoners of war during World War Two. I had the good fortune to visit the truly wonderful Stockholm Cathedral on my most recent travels. The pulpit is spectacular (*pictured*), can you imagine Valerie preaching from it? Yet, at the same time, there was a simple wooden display depicting Holy Week, (beautifully carved but without an ounce of gold leaf in sight). So why do I like to visit churches so much? I find it soothing, amongst the hustle and bustle of sightseeing, to take some time to just sit and absorb the atmosphere and feel both God's presence and all those who have worshipped through the eons. Each church building is as unique as those who have worshipped and continue to worship there. Some of the churches (particularly the older ones) have magnificent organs, emphasizing the importance of music in worship, whilst in others, the walls are lined with stained glass windows depicting Bible stories or in the case of Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, B.C., spectacular abstract stained glass. Some of the sacred spaces are awash in gold leaf and ornate carvings, whilst others are simplicity itself. One of my very favourite places is the Italian Chapel, mentioned previously in this article, on Orkney. The Fresca on the walls is beautiful and you can imagine these men, in the most difficult of circumstances, still holding tight to their faith and wanting to honour God by building a space to worship. I hope that wherever you may roam this summer you will feel God's presence with you, be it in visiting churches, camping, or spending time with friends and relatives.



Stockholm Cathedral



Italian Chapel



Heads Up- Next Issue Deadline!

In order to accommodate various holiday plans, and to distribute the next issue in early September, we will have an early deadline. We'll be looking for material by **Friday, August 19**. Our focus will be on fall re-opening as well as on events that have happened over the summer. Regular contributors will receive a reminder several days before the deadline. Thanks to all for your work in keeping our church community informed.

Graduates 2022

Isaac Shoenhardt



Isaac has been a familiar face around Riverbend United for many years, as an enthusiastic participant in both Sunday School and Youth Group. In the last few years Isaac's beekeeping skills have been greatly appreciated by members of the congregation as we have enjoyed jars of *Isaac's Honey*, with proceeds generously donated back to the church. This fall Isaac will begin his engineering studies at the University of Alberta. Enjoy the university experience Isaac!



We offer congratulations to everyone in the church who is graduating . Know that we, as your faith family, will continue to support you, as you move on to life's next adventure.

Nathan Mills



Nathan was confirmed here at Riverbend United and for the past year has been an integral part of our Audio Visual Team, helping to stream the services each Sunday morning (*check out our Spring 2022 issue, in which, Nathan shares a bit more about himself*). In the fall Nathan will be heading off to McEwan University to continue his studies and we wish him continued success in his endeavours.



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