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Communities of faith may be experiencing a significant increase in their insurance premiums. To assist with this unanticipated increase in expenses, your Covenant Commission has approved the use of funds, restricted by presbytery or regional council, to pay insurance premiums for 2020 if needed. Please report this on the same form being used to report the use of restricted funds for payroll from March through August. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Download Reporting Form**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/498462e3-38ec-4f36-9388-00a1b809798a/Use_of_Restricted_Funds.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Dedicated to Support Communities of Faith (CoFs)** The Covenant Commission supports CoFs by gathering information to learn how you're doing to determine if there is a need for training or support. Documents that help us help you are your Annual Report and Annual Self-Assessment (required annually). The Annual Self assessment is found in the [Congregational Support Toolkit #7](https://arwrcucc.ca/congregational-support-mission/congregational-support-toolkits/). Please send digital copies to your Minister of Congregational Support and Mission, [Lynne Alllin](mailto:lallin@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Download Self-Assessment Form**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/f0dc82f9-28e8-4137-9e95-42696b530436/CoF_Self_Assessment_Checklist_v2.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **We Can Re-Open our Church! (But Are We Ready?)** As communities of faith consider re-opening it can be difficult to know where to begin. Various sources of information on the internet vary in accuracy and can be overwhelming. We advise that you consult with your [local health unit](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/system/services/phu/locations.aspx). This is particularly important as restrictions and requirements may vary between communities. This checklist is intended to help get you started by identifying some general things to consider as you create your own re-opening policy and procedures. It is not an official or exhaustive list, and it is based on the information available as of July 2020. There are several links included, but again your own local health unit and the [Ontario government resources](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/) are your best sources of information. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Download Re-Opening Checklist**](https://arwrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Checklist-for-Reopening.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **CEBA Loans** Churches are eligible for the Federal government CEBA loans of up to $40,000 providing you meet the criteria. This has been pre-approved by the Covenant Commission, and only requires approval by your own governing body. Please let us know if you receive this loan and the amount you qualify for, by completing the form available on the regional website under [Covid-19 Pandemic Resources](https://arwrcucc.ca/covid-19-pandemic-resources/). Please send a copy to your Minister of Congregational Support and Mission, [Lynne Alllin](mailto:lallin@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Download CEBA Reporting Form**](https://arwrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CEBA-Reporting-Form.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Save the Dates for the Fall Regional Meeting**                    **\*ONLINE\*** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/4035122e-1fcc-4922-92a0-b558fd030c8a.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Check [Regional Meeting](https://arwrcucc.ca/events1/regional-meeting/) page for updated information. **Thursday, October 29**    6 - 7:30 pm **Friday, October 30**         4 - 5:30 pm **Saturday, October 31**     9:30 - 11 am & 1 - 2:30 pm **Sunday, November 1**    10 am LIVE STREAM                                       Celebration of Ministry Service | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **2021 Mission Support Grants** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Mission and Discipleship Commission welcomes applications for the 2021 Mission Support Grants!  Mission Support grants are intended for ministries and communities of faith that are living out regional priorities:   * social justice and outreach, * camps/youth, and * living into Right Relations.   As The United Church of Canada lives into a difficult financial reality, cuts have been made, including to the amount made available to Regional Councils for Mission Support Grants. The Commission asks that you prayerfully consider tailoring your request to reflect that the Regional Council has fewer resources than at this time last year.  The deadline for submitting an application is 11:59 pm Tuesday September 8, 2020. Please be advised that applications received after the deadline or that are incomplete will not be considered. The Mission and Discipleship Commission thanks you in advance for completing the application in full.  For assistance, please contact [Diane Matheson-Jimenez](mailto:dmatheson@united-church.ca) or [Kathy Douglas](mailto:kdouglas@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Mission Support Grants Application**](https://arwrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MSGApp2021.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hello** |  |  | | --- | | **Goodbye** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Hello to **Sharon Rayment Campbell**, candidate, accepted an SME appointment with **Trinity, Wallaceburg** in February.  **Dundas Street, Woodstock** welcomes **Rev. Sherpherd Munikwa**, OM, coming from Newfoundland.  **Rev. Susan Cole** will be joining **Embro United Church** in September, coming from the Kitchener Community Ministry.  **Dan Leaver**, candidate for diaconal ministry, is moving from Dunlop United, Sarnia to **Wesley-Knox**, London in the fall. |  |  | | --- | | **Rev. Bonnie Pilkey** retires from **Dundas Street, Woodstock** on June 30.  **Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes** says good-bye to **Emmanuel United, Windsor** and our region at the end of June to accept a new positon in Scarborough.  After 25 years of ministry with **St Paul’s, Aylmer, Rev. Don Graham** retires at the end of June.  **Rev. Michelle Down** completes her ministry with **First-St Andrew’s, London** at the end of the summer to take a call to Edith Rankin United Church in Kingston. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **MISSION & SERVICE** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Thanking you for your Ministry** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The financial viability of our beloved churches is of utmost concern. We hope that we are able to be there for those who are suffering even more now because of COVID-19. Thank you again for faithfully supporting your congregation’s ministry, and our ministry together through Mission & Service. Call your Stewardship and Gifts Officer [Dave Jagger](mailto:DJagger@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Mission & Service Thank You**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/5cb60fbd-784d-440b-9d7d-6ee7a00f4911/M_S_Thank_You.docx) | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/video_thumbnails_new/96345bc3146e0453095f834ac4b81649.png](https://youtu.be/ChdB3UJHm_I) | | **The Mission & Service Music Video!** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE NEWS** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Vocational Life of Ministry Personnel** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This updated video shows the division of roles and responsibilities of Regional Councils and The Office of Vocation at various points in a minister’s journey.  I hope it is a helpful resource! Please share this widely - you never know who it will speak to. For more information email [Bronwyn Corlett](mailto:BCorlett@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/video_thumbnails_new/6a3a884c0d06a1bd98fbdf267a24aee9.png](https://youtu.be/Yf_qZogCucM) | | Vocational Life of Ministry Personnel White Board Video | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Ministers Working For You**  To those reading this message: You may know that your pastor or pastor and the staff working in your faith community have been working hard since the beginning of the pandemic.  Many pastors and pastors had to acquire new skills so that the community could continue to gather for worship. Others have expanded their pastoral network. The number of phone and electronic communications has increased. Many have had to create a workspace at home, which has some benefits, while finding out what it means to have your office at home rather than being at home in the office.  Many of these pastors and pastors have young children, some of whom have needs when they are home. Others have adult children (young and older) who stay far away.  Many of these pastors and pastors are responsible for communities of faith that some members died during lockdown. Some have died of COVID-19, others, other causes. In all these situations, ministerial staff had to find ways to be present, without being physically.  More than ever, the Departmental staff (and sometimes the team around it) work without being seen. People can't even come see them at their office (even though sometimes their role is little known). So some people think pastors and pastors and parish staff have been inactive these past few months.  I invite you to trust me on this matter. They worked, even more than usual. For you. For the whole community. For God.  As with many people, their sleep has been disturbed, their stress level has skyrocketed and they are exhausted.  What do they need at this stage?  Well, a little word of thanks would surely do them good.  If you're not part of your faith community elected governance team, you could contact your parish, pastor or other parish staff, and ask them how you can support ministry in these times. (Many of you are part of faith communities celebrating online worship. So offer to animate a cult, either as an individual or as a team! You will be in front of your computer rather than in front of your coparishians, and I promise you God's word will be easily manifested through your experience and faith.  Staff Committees could help by offering to replace pastors, pastors and staff who take time off in the week or even wish to take a vacation, if necessary.  Recognizing that we will have to deal with this long-term situation, that there may be other waves of COVID-19 coming, force us to be physically away from our communities of faith, and that pastors, the Pastors and staff need to take time off, will greatly contribute to nurturing pastoral ties.  Pastors, pastors and parish staff deploy treasures of initiatives to support you, in your life as well as in your faith. I invite you to offer them your support as well.  From [*Moderator Richard Bott's Facebook*](https://www.facebook.com/ModeratorRichardBott/). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Get Your Own United Church News!**  Sign up for one or all [United Church newsletters](https://united-church.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=53a49c9e28) and don't miss an issue:   * E-ssentials * Note from Nora * God's Mission, Our Gifts * Philanthropy e-News * United Action for Justice * Faith in Action * Living into Right Relations * Embracing the Spirit | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **General Council Office Reorganization** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Responding to the changing needs of the church, while continuing toward the goal of reducing GCO expenditures, a number of positions have been eliminated at the General Council Office. Read the [letter from Nora Sanders](https://www.united-church.ca/news/general-council-office-reorganization-july-2020). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **RESOURCES** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Rural Connect** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Rural Connect](http://ruralconnectucc.ca/) has been established to support rural congregations through the use of technology. Using the model of a hub church partnering with satellite churches, a cluster of congregations are joined together for a fully interactive, live worship service with participation from all of the partner churches.  Rural congregations are facing enormous challenges. Many of them exist in communities where the social fabric is unravelling and being re-woven. This is a critical time in which our culture is re-shaping the ways it is organized.  The rural church has gifts to offer; The United Church of Canada in particular, as our rural communities negotiate how “the neighbour” and “the stranger/the other” will be included in the new shape of our communities. The United Church has a long tradition and practice of ensuring that those who have been marginalized are given a voice and a place. It operates out of the conviction that concern for and care of the neighbour (especially the most vulnerable) are foundational elements to thriving communities, abundant life.  The rural church also has gifts to offer to those who are seeking to connect with God. We witness to a God who is worthy of one’s trust and commitment; a God who enters into our pain and suffering with redemptive, transformative power. The re-shaping of our culture needs these gifts desperately. Enormous strength, courage, and leadership is being required of our congregations as they respond to the challenges of our day. We need each other. We need to be connected with each other. Rural Connect works to provide an infrastructure that is appropriate and adequate for the challenge.  In response to a resolution passed at the 43rd General Council, Rural Connect has been established to support rural congregations through the use of technology. Using the model of a hub church partnering with satellite churches, a cluster of congregations are joined together for a fully interactive, live worship service with participation from all of the partner churches. All the technology is controlled by the hub/host church, and the satellite/partner churches receive a box with all the equipment fully configured and ready to go – they don’t even need internet.  Check out the [website](http://ruralconnectucc.ca/). Read the brochure. Apply! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Rural Connect Brochure**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/8590ffba-49f6-4b7a-90f5-bd53d0848b86/Rural_Connect.pdf) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Grand River Bookstore** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Grand River Bookstore](https://www.grandriverbooks.ca/) continues to be open to serve you. Please call us at 519-442-3366 or 1-888-668-0871. You can also [email](mailto:sales@grandriverbooks.com) us for any of your book inquiries. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Buying United** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Buying United** has a relationship with Staples that provides cleaning products, hand sanitizer, etc. They also have plastic barriers and face shields. Go [online](https://buyingunited.net/covid-19) to find out what you can get to protect your community of faith! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **CHILDREN & YOUTH & CAMPS** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Children & Youth Ministry Webinars** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Register for any of these webinars, email [Kathy Douglas](mailto:kdouglas@united-church.ca) to receive the Zoom link. For information call Kathy at 519-441-0656 or 1-833-236-0280 ext. 5.  **Sharing: Unpacking ‘In-Person Day Camp’** Norval United Church, Georgetown, has run all summer weekly day camps… IN PERSON. How did they do it and what did they learn? Tuesday, August 4 at 7 - 8:15 pm or Wednesday, August 5 at 10 - 11:15 am  **Sharing: What have we learned from Pandemic Programming** How have some summer programs worked? What to hold and what to drop? What do we want to start up? Monday, August 17 at 7 - 8:30 pm or Tuesday, August 18 at 10 - 11:30 am  **Sharing: Using a lens of Antiracism in our programming** Antiracism & White Privilege training for Christian Education Leaders: Basic & Essential Wednesday, August 19 at 1 - 2:30 pm or Saturday, August 22 at 9:30 – 11 am  Download the [pamphlet](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/9e28c6d2-dfbd-4f59-80e2-b522275eaa3f/Children_and_Youth_Ministry_Webinars.pdf) to share. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **What is Summer Camping Like in 2020?** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We knew that summer camp wasn't going to be the same this year. What we didn’t know was what it was going to look like!  Summer camp is a **critical ministry** of The United Church of Canada; it's a time of **growth** for the campers and building **new relationships** that last a lifetime. It's a place where it's okay to be 'me.' With COVID-19, summer camps have been concerned that this life changing opportunity was going to be lost for so many children and youth.  Some summer camps have decided to close; some have taken this as an opportunity to do renovations and capital improvements, while others have decided to explore what camp can look like online. [Camp Menesetung](https://www.campmenesetung.ca/) discerned that the heart of their camp was relationships, so it become imperative that they continued to build those relationships. In the spring they **created Club Connect** to experiment and explore what was possible online. They ran this for seven weeks doing approximately two activities a day. The best part of this was that the alumni were actively involved, and this created community for the youth and young adult staff (and former staff) while connecting with children.  This was a great trial and put Camp Menesetung in a good spot to decide to do summer programming. Watch the whole story to find out what they have planned and what they're already doing. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/video_thumbnails_new/014c83a0f1336941e8d88774c8178cfb.png](https://youtu.be/VWj928eZUrM) | | **Online at Camp Menesetung** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Your United Church Summer Camps are busy in NEW ways! Check them out, Tell your families about the great programs they are offering at low cost or donation. Support your camps with PRAYERS & DONATIONS. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Video Project for Youth** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/2c2fced7-8fb0-4cf4-91ba-a83379e6544f.jpg](mailto:jstevenson@united-church.ca) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | There's no denying that COVID-19 has changed our day-to-day lives; we want to know what that looks like for you! Perhaps your church moved worship online. Maybe you picked up a new hobby, learned to cook a new meal, or had to change how you get ready for work. To participate, film a video—being as creative as you want—answering the following questions:  •    What is one thing you've learned during this time? •    How have you stayed connected with friends and family? •    What do you miss the most? •    How are you participating in church? •    What does a typical day look like?  Send questions and submissions to [Jessica](mailto:jstevenson@united-church.ca). Happy filming! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **LOCAL NEWS** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Oxford Connections** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/d681a337-fca3-4d88-9a38-67765961f282.jpeg |  |  | | --- | | The July edition of the [Oxford Connections](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/6f320df1-a2ef-4bc2-8428-b382b92f836f/Oxford_Connections.pdf) offers local news. Twelve pages of stories and tidbits to sit with over a coffee. This should give you a few more days in your hammock.  Make it a lemonade or an iced tea. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **SOCIAL JUSTICE** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **August 1: End of Slavery in Canada** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | August 1, 1834 is the day the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect, ending slavery throughout most of the British Empire - including in the colonies that would become Canada.  There is a grassroots movement happening in the United Church and beyond to commemorate August 1 as a day to support the fair treatment of all humans and affirm that all persons are made in the image of God. The commemoration of August 1 reminds us that the battle is not over and that now is the time to renew our work for the creation of a more just society. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/video_thumbnails_new/85c94ecf3f67c6d9f906b1884babf230.png](https://vimeo.com/436947385) | | **Moderator Richard Bott: The Importance of Commemorating August 1** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Palestinian "Cry for Hope"** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Kairos Global for Justice, shares info about the [**Cry for Hope**](https://www.cryforhope.org/) campaign. On the [UNJPPI](https://www.unjppi.org/cry-for-hope.html) website there are links to the Kairos Global for Justice website. There is an Ecumenical Response from Canada which The United Church of Canada, Anglican and Lutheran churches and Kairos Canada have signed.  There is an accompanying signature campaign asking people to sign the letter. It has been endorsed by UNJPPI, CFOS (Canadian Friends of Sabeel) and many other global organizations and we are encouraging individuals to add their signatures also.  We are anxious to share this urgent call from the Palestinian Christians, especially at this time, when Israel is threatening annexation. Please check out [this newsletter](https://mailchi.mp/2b748430cad4/network-news-july?e=479bbcebce), your help is needed. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Brave Spaces Workshops: Palestinian Children's Rights** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Brave Spaces for Hard Conversations**](https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/brave-spaces-talking-about-palestinian-childrens-rights?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=033b75974d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_27_03_32_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-033b75974d-188942713&mc_cid=033b75974d&mc_eid=1807891ded) are new workshop resources available online that can be used by activists, educators, and advocates who wish to work in support of Palestinian children and their families living under occupation, championing the [No Way to Treat a Child Campaign](https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/israeli-military-detention-no-way-treat-child?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=033b75974d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_27_03_32_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-033b75974d-188942713&mc_cid=033b75974d&mc_eid=1807891ded) of United Church partner Defence for Children International–Palestine. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **EVENTS** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **New Wine: Western Intercultural Gathering** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We can’t gather in Calgary as originally planned, but we can come together online, even bigger than before! Join us for part 2 of last year’s cross-Canada gathering of people committed to the United Church’s intercultural vision. Rev. Dr. Eric Law and Tony Snow will be our lead resource people.  The events will be held Fridays on September 25: Missional Ministries; October 2: Sustainable Ministries; October 9: Intercultural Ministries; and are 3-hour sessions with presentations and small group discussion beginning at 9:00 am Pacific. Sessions are free but registration is still required. [Here’s the form](https://form.jotform.com/201737339170252). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/2d91dd94-23ec-45bb-b527-4f99348d08f2.jpg](https://bit.ly/2CqFRjt) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Thank you to the Regional Councils that support our network through their budgets, and to the people of The United Church of Canada, who support this ministry through your Mission and Service givings. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Preaching from the Old Testament** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Queen’s Annual Theology Conference will be live-streamed online   * Monday, October 19: Surprised by Historiography & Testifying, Evangelism and the Preacher * Tuesday, October 20 - Surprised by the Latter Prophets & The Prophetic Spirit and the Power of Preaching * Wednesday, October 21 - Surprised by the Covenant   Registration and payment at [United-in-Learning](https://www.united-in-learning.com/annualconference). Find out more at [www.annualconference.ca](http://annualconference.ca/) or [download the pamphlet](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/3cac3023-bb6a-4171-9b94-edbc0f77a0e6/Preaching_from_the_Old_Testament.pdf).  Sponsored by The Buttars Fund, Hiliker Preaching Lectureship Fund. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Church Women Fall Event Cancelled** **:(** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The [UCW of Antler River Watershed](https://arwrcucc.ca/united-church-women/) **Fall Event** which would have been held on September 26 from 9:00 am to noon at White Oaks United Church, London is being cancelled. To support your UCW, contact [Linda Britton](mailto:slbritton@rogers.com). | | | |
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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Antler River Watershed Regional Council newsletter welcomes submissions of upcoming events, regional news and educational opportunities. This is also the place to keep up-to-date on information from the regional office.** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith  Antler River Watershed Regional Council The United Church of Canada | | | |
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