



# Zion Messenger



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Zion United Church

Box 370, Armstrong, BC

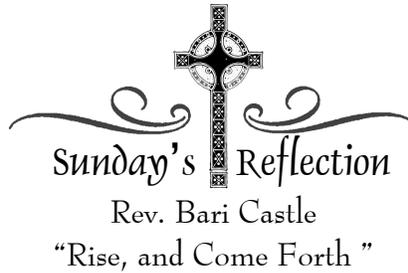
## Hospitality Ministry

**This Sunday, April 2 10:30am**

Greeter Jim Skinner  
Coffee: Suzanne Skinner, Mona Ball  
Scripture Reader: Wayne Kyle

**Next Sunday, April 9 10:30am**

Greeter Wayne Kiefer  
Coffee: Eleanor Kiefer, Christina Morin  
Scripture Reader: Eleanor Kiefer



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## Marj Bailey - our Presbytery Rep

I was born and raised in Chilliwack, Jersey cows and 4-H were a big part of my early years as well as Carman United Church in Sardis. My mom was very active in the church and I spent many hours working in the kitchen alongside the UCW ladies. Volunteering has been a way of life ever since whether it be Curling Club, Armstrong pre-school, Girl Guides, Camp Hurlburt, Camp MaKenzie, Health Care Auxiliary and maybe the odd bucket of coleslaw for the IPE.

After finishing school I moved to Oliver and worked for the BC Department of Agriculture before getting married and having my own two kids. In the mid-70's our family moved to Armstrong where my children attended school and by the early 80's I was working for the RCMP just across the street from Zion United Church. As Louise Burton once said, I did some renovations and went through a marriage breakup. Once the kids left home I became actively involved in the Public Service Alliance of Canada—Union of Solicitor General Employees. As a Regional Rep for our Union there were a lot of conferences and meetings to attend...if you hear me groan about meetings, trust me, I've been to more than my share!

Phil Copping and I have been together for 18 years and between us have eight grandchildren, two girls and six boys ranging in age from 24yrs. to 17 months—they help to keep us young! Phil's children are in Canada but his extended family is all in Australia which means we get to go visit them periodically. Love Australia, great country and people are very hospitable.

Change was a constant in my job, with the RCMP members transferring frequently there were many different personalities to work iwth, some great and some not so great. It taught me to embrace change, and to look for the positives change can bring. The United Church of Canada is going through a major transition as our members age and our numbers decline; Presbytery is giving me some insight into the challenges our church is facing. Our congregation can anticipate change—should be fun!

*Marj Bailey*

Ralph Milton's new book is now on sale...

### "This United Church of Ours"

It is an overview in story of our church and retails for \$20.00. As you read, jot down your questions and thoughts...we will gather together in the weeks to come to share our experiences, discuss issues surrounding the Church, and our faith, and also celebrate this United Church of ours! (We may even be having lunch with the Author!)

*Bari Castle*

## Socks for First United

### A Very Needy Lenten Project

During the season of Lent, we are now collecting socks to give to the ministry at First United Church in downtown Vancouver. We are hoping for new socks that are still labelled with size information. Bring 'em in! Fill up their sock drawers!



Next Week: Penny Kirk