



Zion Messenger



June 14, 2017

Zion United Church

Box 370, Armstrong, BC

Hospitality Ministry

This Sunday, June 18 **10:30am**
 Greeter David Henn
 Coffee: Eleanor Henn, Judith Howard
 Scripture Reader: Louise Burton

Next Sunday, June 25 **10:30am**
 Greeter Jim Skinner
 Coffee: Suzanne Skinner, Anja Langstraat
 Scripture Reader: Mona Ball

Mackenzie Camp Open House
Sunday, June 24
10am to 3:30pm
Behold the Power of Camp!



*Psst...please talk with
 Suzanne if you can give her a
 hand with the lawn or garden...*

Valerie (Val) Prouty - Worship Committee Service

I was born at Salmon Arm—just down the road. Both Mum and Dad's family were from this area. Our little family moved to Armstrong in 1943. Most of my growing up years took place at the L&A ranch aka Buckerfield Ranch just situated at the North end of Swan Lake. I had a very happy childhood and attended the Armstrong Elementary school. Being an offspring of Scottish families it made sense that I became a member of the McIntosh Girls Pipe Band, playing the bag pipes and of course, highland dancing. It was a lot of fun and I experienced travel to many celebrations in Canada and the USA.

On completing High School I attended Nurses Training at Kamloops, graduating in 1963. With 3 other girls we travelled to Toronto to work at the Humber Memorial Hospital. While there, I met a Herdsman for the B.C. Hereford Assoc. by the name of Barry Prouty (also from Armstrong—we did not know each other!) But a good relationship came about and we were wed. From there we had our daughter Jacquie. Then we went to ranching at Chase Creek—a beautiful part of the world—for 18 years. Our daughter Sarah was born while there.

We returned to Armstrong in 1988. This is where I really felt I wanted to be part of our Zion United Church. We felt very welcome and accepted by so many people. It feels like family when we walk through the door. I enjoy being part of the Worship Committee—I never knew the commitment it requires of so many of the congregation to manage all the necessary behind the scenes operations. Coffee Time is a great visit after church! I am also enjoying the book by Ralph Milton. It explains our United Church so well. I am happy to be part of our church. *Val Prouty*

♥ Please remember that, due to allergies, Zion United strives to be a scent-free zone



Sunday's Reflection

Rev. Bari Castle
 "Children of God"

THIS SUNDAY

Reception of New Members:

Diann Boyd
 Madeline Kutrieb
 Ernest Kutrieb
 Bernice Brough

Confirmation as New Members:

Shirley Allen
 David Henn

Contact Information

Minister	Rev. Bari Castle
Home Phone (yes!)	250-558-5647
Email:	Zionchurch@shaw.ca
Church Phone	250-546-9384
	www.unitedchurcharmstrong.com
Editor:	Alice Warnes akwarnes@gmail.com

Book Discussion This Sunday!

"This United Church of Ours" this Sunday, June 18th at 1:30pm. Come and share your thoughts on the book and this United Church.

Healing Touch is once again offered in the Zion Sanctuary. Call Judith for appointments. 250-306-0300

What is ASREP?

Well, that is short for the **Armstrong-Spallumcheen Refugee Project!** **Kathryn Saul-fowler** reports that they/we are committed to continue support for the **Algiasenas** for this coming year, to make sure that they are well and truly settled and secure here. That said, there is an intent to be of assistance to other refugees. Both Bari Castle and James Cowan have had requests to help relatives of families who have recently come to the North Okanagan/Shuswap. No decisions have yet been made. This seems a good time to ask those of you who have been supportive of ASREP for your thoughts on this. This is also an opportunity for those who may wish to be more involved with ASREP to come forward as we will be needing "new blood" on the steering committee. Please contact me at kathysaulfowler@telus.net and let me know if you wish to volunteer or if you have thoughts about the future of this worthy community endeavour. Thank you in advance.....*Kathy*

Armstrong-Spallumcheen Refugee Project

Reported by Kathryn Saul-fowler

Greetings Friends of ASREP. A long overdue update on our family follows but , first, you need to know that they are thriving and would like to permanently stay in the Armstrong area. Omar and Marwah have said on a number of occasions that they can hardly believe they are here in Canada where their family is safe and has a future!

Omar...Continues to follow up leads for work in his area in the oil patch. He is upgrading his English to a grad 12 level and will challenge that exam in the near future. When oil patch work appears he will fly in and out and the family will stay in our area. - in the meantime he is planning to begin a 2 year Masters of Engineering programme. His educational qualifications from Iraq have been vetted and fully accepted by UBC.

Marwah...she has her drivers license...freedom! The boys will be in kindergarten in the fall so, for the first time in 7 years she will have some "non children" time to herself. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in computers and would like to find work in that field. In the meantime she plans to volunteer in the school in the fall and is also considering taking the Teacher Assistant course so she can work in the school system.

Rahaf— enjoys school very much and does very well in math, track and field and spelling...although the word "friend" is causing her some problems. Her drawing skills are very good and Omar and Marwah are impressed with her growing maturity and confidence.

Mohammed and Laith...The boys are progressing very well in their English and often use full sentences. When they get excited, which is often, they slide into Arabic and then can't understand why I have no idea what they are saying! Laith loves drawing and did an interesting sketch of Pat with an exceptionally long neck... The children have made a "bird house" on the lawn in the backyard. It consists of a large circle of cut grass with twigs and grass in the centre. They are patiently waiting for the birds to nest in this newly built home.



Omar has secured another year at the house so the family will possibly remain there until August 2018. They plan to apply for their Canadian citizenship in 2 years (an applicant must have a permanent residence card and live in Canada for 3 consecutive years before applying for citizenship) and as of August 9 they will have been her 1 full year. Omar said that he and Marwah dream of that day...we will have a party, won't we!

Ramadan ends on June 24 and until then Marwah and Omar don't eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. The children, of course, continue with their normal eating schedule. This fasting is meant to remind participants of the bountiful life they lead and to be grateful to God for what he has provided for them. When the fast is over neighbours share food with each other and provide for the less fortunate.

Family activities...canoeing at Gardom Lake; Omar caught a beautiful 1.5 lb rainbow trout in the lake but his loyal netman failed to scoop up the fish before it spat the fly out! Good help is very hard to find; enjoying the "bird walk" in Salmon Arm; hiking around Kalview Park in Vernon.; drove to Calgary 6 weeks ago and "whiteknuckled" it through the Rogers Pass.; Pat and the children have been digging for buried treasure in their backyard, no luck so far but the search continues.

Time To Get Together..to celebrate: the end of Ramadan on June 24, Canada Day July 1, Mohammed and Laith's 5th birthday on July 5, Omar and Marwah's wedding anniversary on July 8 and their arrival at the Kelowna airport on August 9...that day marks their first year in Canada! In order to celebrate all of these important dates we've rolled them into 1 gathering...meet in **Armstrong's Memorial Park on Saturday, July 8**...the gazebo is reserved for ASREP from 3 PM to 8 PM...bring your dinner and some to share...bbq's will be provided but if you have a small one, to be on the safe side, please bring it We will eat, socialize and celebrate with our wonderful family and this exceptional community!

Special Attraction...Chris will be demonstrating his Irish jig and will offer free lessons! Other talented people are very welcome to support Chris's brave offer!



Guests are very welcome at the Algiasea home. The best visiting time is on the weekend and if you plan to drop by please contact the family at...oalijzani@gmail.com...