



# Zion Messenger



October 4, 2017

Zion United Church

Box 370, Armstrong, BC

## Hospitality Ministry

**This Sunday October 8 10:30am**  
 Greeter Jim Skinner  
 Coffee: Geri Provonost, Suzanne Skinner  
 Scripture Reader: Greg Milne

**Next Sunday October 15 10:30am**  
 Greeter Wayne Kiefer  
 Coffee: Dawn Southern, Sue Kovacs  
 Scripture Reader: Greg Milne

## IPE News From Rod:

Sent directly to you upon receipt.  
 Your Editor

## Co-Op Gas Station is Friend to Zion

If you are filling up your gas tank at the Co-op gas station in Armstrong, mention the number **#20521**, and Zion United Church will reap the benefits. Each time #20521 is mentioned with a purchase, our church will receive a percentage back in the form of a cheque at the end of the year.

**Askew's** provides Zion United with a **7% bonus** when you purchase your grocery cards here at the church. **Just contact Jean Miskiman.** Askew's is thrilled to not be paying bank card or credit card fees on our purchases. It's a Win/Win!

## Suzanne's Corner...

✓ **Healing Touch** is now offered in the Zion Sanctuary...call Judith for appt.  
 250-306-0300

✓ **Greeter** needed for Oct. 22.

✓ **UCW** is meeting Wednesday Oct. 11th in the Church Hall at 1:30pm—may have results of IPE concession efforts then.  
 New members most welcome!



## Sunday's Reflection

Rev. Bari Castle

Sermon: "Now think...  
 what are YOU thankful for?"



**Just a note—who has more fun than our Choir members?**  
 Good news is that they are starting again. Contact **Lana O'Brien** and she'll save you a seat! 250-308-4821

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**Wayne Kiefer** reminds all the men that our popular **"Men's Breakfast"** is **Saturday, October 14th**. Hot Coffee is ready at 8am. Come to share in the cooking and the eating!

## Camp Mac's clean-up-shut-down on Sept. 30th was well attended!



Picture courtesy of Eleanor Kiefer

Thanks to all who came out to help cleanup and shut down Camp MacKenzie last Saturday. About 30 folks came from at least 5 churches to work together and enjoy a great lunch and fellowship.

Wayne and Eleanor

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**From:** From Carmen at First United [<mailto:carmen@firstunited.ca>]

**Sent:** October 5, 2017 7:04 AM

**To:** [baricastle@shaw.ca](mailto:baricastle@shaw.ca)

**Subject:** Please vote for us online to help us win \$50,000!

Dear Bari,

I'm writing to ask you a very important favour.

Would you please take a few minutes to **vote for First United** in an online contest that runs between **October 10th and 19th?**

We are entering a contest where, if we get enough support from voters, we will be eligible for up to **\$50,000** in funding. We will use the money to buy a vehicle to take folks out of the urban core and into nature. We have entered twice before, and both times **WE WON** with the amazing support of people like you! If the answer is 'YES', please click here and sign up to receive reminders to vote. Once the voting starts, we will send you the weblink and instructions: <https://firstunited.ca/get-involved/aviva-2018/>

The folks we work with are deeply-entrenched in the street life of Vancouver, and seldom have the resources or opportunity to enjoy nature. When we are able to bring them into a natural setting – a beach, community and indigenous herbal medicine gardens, a park – the transformation is remarkable. Tremendous healing takes place when folk connect – or in many instances, re-connect – with the natural world.

Here is the place to get a link and a lovely reminder: <https://firstunited.ca/get-involved/aviva-2018/>. If you have any problems, please email me at [carmen@firstunited.ca](mailto:carmen@firstunited.ca), or respond to this email. **THANK YOU.**

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

PS – Click for a sneak peek of our video about how a win in this competition will enhance our important ministry! <https://youtu.be/KCHwhHN8SHM>