



# Seeds of Faith

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**Squamish United Church** 38014 Fourth Avenue, Squamish, BC

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## **HOLY WEEK**

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 1<sup>st</sup> at Squamish United - 10:00am

Maundy Thursday – April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Anglican Church – 7:00pm

Good Friday – April 6<sup>th</sup> at Squamish United – 10:00am

Easter Sunday – April 8<sup>th</sup> at Squamish United – 10:00am

### **Cup of Blessing - Filling Our Lives with the Gifts of God.**

Lent is a season for discovering more of God and self as we journey towards the cross of Good Friday and the resurrection of Easter. This year at Squamish United we are using an image of God forming us “O Lord, you are the potter, we are the clay” Is. 64:8. With this we will use a resource from Joyce Rupp “The Cup of our Life” to lead us on our way. Please pick up a Spiritual Practice guide for the Lenten season from the church foyer or you can find it on the website. For a more extensive daily practice you can join us on the daily blog at <http://squamishunited.blogspot.com/>



### **Remit Study: Our Words of Faith**

At the 40th general Council in Kelowna, B.C. in August of 2009 a motion was approved to add to the Doctrine section currently in the Basis of Union. The statements that are being considered are the three statements of faith that have been approved by the United Church of Canada since 1925. These statements of faith are the Statements of Faith (1940); A New Creed (1968, rev. 1980, 1994); A Song of Faith (2006).

To approve this change however the referral needs to go to presbyteries and boards of pastoral charges for a vote which is called a remit. If a majority of the presbyteries and a majority of the boards vote in favour of the proposed change, then the next meeting of General Council must also vote one more time in favour of the proposed change in order for it to take effect.

The remit process asks whether other statements of faith and creeds can be added to our understanding of faith, not as alternative to scripture and doctrine but as a more contemporary expression of members of the United Church living as activist, people of faith, and one small branch of a larger faith community rooted in scripture. Presbyteries and Boards will be invited to vote separately on each of these expressions of faith that are widely separated by time, style and content.

The board has requested that there be a study group set up to review the statements of faith and the remits. If you would like to be a part of this study please join us on **Wednesday March 7th at 7:00pm**. There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary. Please sign up and review the statements of faith found on the United Church Website, or we will provide paper copies if you request. (This will be a lot of paper however so if you are comfortable reading online please do so).

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### **BC Conference UCW**

**“Celebration of 50 Years” to be held in Princeton**

Cost of registration is \$225. Registration forms can be picked up in the church foyer. Registration is due before **April 11, 2012**. Please note that all women in the United Church are welcome to attend. We will be carpooling; let us (UCW members) know if you are interested.



**World Day of Prayer  
will take place on Friday,  
March 2nd, 2012 - 2:00pm at  
St. John the Divine  
Anglican Church**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

The motto of the World Day of Prayer movement is ***Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action***. Through our participation in the World Day of Prayer, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world. This years theme is "*Let Justice Prevail*" was chosen prayerfully by a committee of Malaysian lay women.



**Canadian Cancer Society** **Société canadienne du cancer**

**Squamish Relay for Life  
Friday, June 22 - 7pm to 7am**

We will be entering a team in the Squamish Relay for Life in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. Sue will do the official registration, and then it is up to you to join the team! For more details ask Sue, and let's get involved in this worthwhile community event.

There is a display and sign up sheet in the front foyer for more information.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

A development application has been submitted to the District of Squamish for property located at **38014 Fourth Avenue at Victoria Street**

And you are invited to join;

**Squamish United Church (and Sea to Sky Community Services)** - The Applicant at a meeting to discuss the application and proposed development.

Date: **February 29, 2012**

Time: **6:00pm**

Location of the Meeting: **Squamish United Church 38014 Fourth Avenue** (4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Victoria St.)

A formal presentation by the Applicant will begin at: **7:00 pm**



**Linnea Good Concert!**

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Squamish United Church**  
**Adult ticket \$15, Seniors and Students \$10, Children under 6 are free**

We are looking forward to an evening of music with Canada's Linnea Good and David Jonsson. A gifted singer-songwriter celebrated for her spirited performance with all ages, Linnea gives a show with David that is an extraordinary event of musicianship, story, shared song & Christian ministry. We have sung Linnea's songs in Church and Sunday school for many years. Her music is in our latest hymnbook (pop quiz: how many?) What a great opportunity for us to reach out and share this gift with others in the Community. If you know you will be unable to attend, please consider buying a ticket that we can distribute through Community Services, the Open Door Society or the Women's Center. Adult ticket \$15, Seniors and Students \$10, children under 6 free.