



Happy Spring!

I know on the calendar Spring began a while ago, but now it feels like it. Things are starting to look green in my neighborhood, and this week I saw my first actual red-headed woodpecker! The earth is alive with beauty and hope.

Services continue to be offered online, through links on our website, westminsteruc.com and our Facebook page, Westminster UC Medicine Hat. Facebook also has photos and snippets of information and stories related to our church that continues to work even in these times of isolation. As always, if you have questions you can call the office during regular hours at 403-526-5247, and if you have a pastoral need you can call Rev. Lynn at 403-866-4045.

Along with regular church giving, there are a couple of fund raisers happening now and in the near future. As you can imagine, not meeting together, not having coffee after church, etc. has impacted our finances and so we have been thinking creatively for ways to supplement our funds. You will hear about one further

down this newsletter, and another next week. This is not meant to replace regular offering; just to raise some extra while also doing some good.

If you are out and about in the church neighborhood, take a look at our windows. Each week we are adding another encouraging message for those in the community, to give hope and remind people that we are here. You might even be inspired to do the same at home!

Until we meet again, I remain yours in Christ's service,

Lynn

A message from your Treasurer:

We all miss getting together for worship on Sunday morning, but we are also missing some of your weekly envelopes. As you know our only source of income is your weekly giving and our expenses continue as ever. I'd like to really thank all the people on PAR and the people who have dropped off cheques at the office.

We really need more people to continue their usual gifts. You can drop cheques off at the office, join PAR or even contact me, and I'll pick up your donations!

As the saying goes "we are all in this together" and together we will be OK as long as we work together.

Stay Safe and God's Blessings on everyone.

Al Olson-Treasurer

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A Message from Arlea Harper:

I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together.

We've come up with an interesting project to provide a necessary product, raise a little money, and involve a few people. Let's make and sell/buy facemasks.

The facemasks are a full mask made of two sides of fabric, each with interfacing and four ties. They are washable and reusable. They will sell for \$8 each, with most of the money going to Westminster UC.

We are looking for donations of any color of bias tape, cotton fabric, iron on interfacing, and plenty of enthusiasm.

We are looking for volunteers;

- 1) Iron and apply interfacing.
- 2) Cut the fabric
- 3) Sew the long face edge and press the seam open
- 4) Make the strapping....sewing bias tape or making straps using a bias tape maker with straight pieces of fabric. These may be joined with diagonal stitching.
- 5) Turn in to the church, deliver to Arlea at 96 Cairney Cres. SW. Arlea will complete them.

For more information phone Arlea at #403-504-0609.