#### **WELCOMING, SHARING, CARING**

# Thank you for being part of our worshipping community today.

We welcome you wherever you are on life's journey, no matter how young or old you are, whatever your marital or economic status, sexual orientation, ethnic or cultural heritage. Whether you've joined us for the day or will be joining us in the future, please know we are glad you are here.

#### What to expect during worship

- Our worship service is about one hour.
- The service is projected on the screen.
- There is a guest book you may wish to sign.
   You may add contact information if you'd like a follow up phone call.
- Sit in any of the pews. Some people tend to sit in the same spot, but they won't get upset if you sit in it.
- There is no dress code... come as you are or dress in your "Sunday best".

# We gather in many ways

During worship, we have prayers of the people. You may wish to **light a candle** for someone or something on your mind.

We have a **Communion** service on the first Sunday of the month, September to June. Gluten-free bread and grape juice are used. All are welcome to participate.

**Hymns** we sing come from **Voices United** and **More Voices** which you will find in front of where you are sitting. The words to the hymns are projected on the screen at the front of the church.

Children are welcome to stay with their families. Activity bags are available for them to use during the service. They are in the hall near the washrooms. Ask one of our greeters to get one for you. The Circle Room at the back of the sanctuary has speakers to listen to worship and toys for children.

# We host and support advocates for positive social change and environmental

stewardship. Our faith community cherishes the connection to our past and its values. We invite you to join with us in searching the Christian tradition for meaning and depth for today's living. We are open for questions, seeking, learning and serving as we walk our faith journey.

# We support

- Agassiz -Harrison Community Services
- United Church Mission and Service
- First United Downtown Eastside

We are grateful that the ministry of the church both locally and in the wider world is supported by your financial offering. We are a registered charity and offer tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more. For a receipt, please include your name and address on an envelope found in front of you.

#### **Weekly Events**

- Wednesday 10 -11:00 am Coffee drop-in
- Thursday 7 pm Choir practice
- Sunday Social after worship

# **Monthly Events**

- UCW: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 4:00 pm United
   Church Women meet in the church hall
- Men's Breakfast: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 8:00 am at Horn of Plenty Café in Agassiz

## **Outreach Events**

- Community Awareness Sessions once a month October - June (check website)
- Blue Christmas Service December
- Outreach meetings
- Olive Branch serving free meals to the community

# **Special Events**

- Fall Dinner
- Robbie Burns Dinner in January
- Garage Sales
- Advent Book Study
- Lenten Study
- Summer parking lot jams
- Musical groups/Concerts
- Old-time dances

To learn more about these events and upcoming programs, check the announcement sheet or our website: agassizunitedchurch.ca. Check out our Facebook page Agassiz United Church for news, photos and inspirational quotes.

## **Fun Facts about Agassiz United Church**

- Every Sunday after worship, we gather for fellowship, coffee and treats in the church hall. On the first Sunday of the month, we offer wholesome sandwiches in addition to coffee, tea and treats.
- There are two memorial benches in the church garden with one that used to live at Minter Gardens.
- The church has been in the community for over one hundred years. The church hall is the original (Presbyterian) church that was built in 1903.
- Check out the display cases in the foyer where you'll see creative theme displays for the seasons.
- Some of our members participate in the Annual Christmas Carol Festival in Agassiz.

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To request prayer or pastoral care, please contact our minister, Rev. Lynn McGrath at 604-796-2680, or pastorlynnagassiz@gmail.com

You may leave a confidential message.

Questions or comments about how we might serve the wider community, please let us know by calling: 604-796-2680 or

email agassizunited@shaw.ca

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# Welcome to Agassiz United Church



As disciples of Jesus Christ, we integrate care, friendship, support and compassion to all ages. We nurture our traditions by living as people of God through faith, caring and service. Our actions express our longing to make a difference in our community and the world.

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