

## Agassiz United Church Communication and Outreach Committee

### What we do:

To celebrate the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada**, our **Communication and Outreach Committee** is organizing a **“POSTCARDS UNITING CANADA”** project to connect people in United Churches across Canada. Participating churches will receive postcards from churches all across Canada in return for writing one postcard to each church on the list. Contact Cynthia at [AUC.Outreach@shaw.ca](mailto:AUC.Outreach@shaw.ca) for more information or to register (before Jan. 31) in this exciting project.



Our **Communication and Outreach Committee** coordinates and organizes **Fundraisers** such as the January Robbie Burns Dinner, Spring Fiddle Dance and Fall Music Concerts. Funds go to helping the church, the local community and the world community through the **United Church of Canada Missions and Services**. In 2024, these fundraisers raised \$3,287, most of which went to M&S.

Our church holds **garage sales** that have been very popular for over 30 years in Agassiz. These sales bring comradery with the local people. Some people come from other parts of the lower mainland to connect and visit with old neighbours and friends. Raised funds go to operating costs.

We organize, cook for and serve **dinners at no cost** for the community along with seven other community groups know collectively as **“Olive Branch”**.

We organize free **Information and Awareness Sessions** with guest speakers that are open to the congregation and the wider community. Some of these Information and Awareness Sessions have included “Estate Planning”, “Emergency Preparedness”, “Planning Your Celebration of Life”, “Tour of the local Earthwise Ecological Farm, Forest and Wetland Site”, and a “Death Doula workshop.”

We collect and distribute **Food Bank Donations** for the **Agassiz Harrison Community Services**.

We help with **special church services** such as the “Christmas in July” service.

We **communicate** with our congregation and new people visiting our church through **Welcome Pamphlets** and **Welcome Postcards**. We communicate with the wider community through our [AgassizUnitedChurch.ca](http://AgassizUnitedChurch.ca) website and Facebook.

We promote the **Broadview Magazine** which features award-winning articles on **spirituality, social justice** and **ethical living**.

In the summer, we organize and run **“Neighborhood Music in the Parking Lot”** jams every other week. This attracts people from the church community and passersby in the neighbourhood. People play along, sing, dance or just listen to the old-time favourites. (See photos page)