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BULLETIN - OCTOBER 9, 2022

FOOD BANK GARDEN - Saturdays 9:30am: You're welcome to help harvest the produce

Everyone is invited to bring items for a THANKSGIVING DISPLAY this Sunday.

Let's create a montage of items representing the bounty of the earth (flowers, fruit/vegetables, grains/nuts, preserves) as well as inanimate objects that invoke thanksgiving to God for you personally, and/or the community - items symbolic of relationships, hobbies, occupation, service (art, photography, book, toy/tool).



SUNDAY

Note that Coffee-time will take place <u>AFTER</u> today's service Children's Class is postponed today, resuming next week.

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 - Noon: If you have a prayer request you wish shared during the service, please email the person hosting (link below)

THANKSGIVING and SCC 50th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Those on Zoom may join from 10:30 onward via this ongoing link: <u>Sunday Worship</u> In light of God's faithfulness through SCC's almost 51 years, we anticipate a celebratory service, led by Dale W and the worship team, including photo-reflections, a quilt initiative, congregational sharing, and a message by guest speaker, Ken Esau.

REFRESHMENTS: Everyone is welcome to visit in the lower hall following the service.

Ken Esau (M.Div., Th.M.) is on leave from teaching at Columbia Bible College, responding to the call to be interim Director of the National Faith & Life Team for the Canadian Conference of MB Churches.

SCC FAMILY

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – **Tuesdays** 9:30am: All women are welcome! Weekly Bible study & fellowship, gathering in the lower hall and via Zoom. Contact: Bev.

WALTER WIEBE: Here is a link to the obituary for Walter.

A service will be held on **Friday, Oct. 14th at 1:30pm in the Sequoia Centre** at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive. The family invites those unable to attend and those unvaccinated for COVID to join the service through the Zoom link provided in the obituary link above.

On **Wed., Oct. 12**th **8:00 am - 9:00**: The **BCMB** Conference encourages you to **PRAY TOGETHER** for **UKRAINE** over Zoom. Please register via the link above, and BCMB will send you a Zoom link on the day before (Oct. 11).

STEVE BELL CONCERT – Oct. 16th 7:00pm at Lambrick Park Church, 1780 Feltham Rd. Tickets \$25 available via www.stevebell.com/events or at Pacific Christian School

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FINANCIAL DONATIONS for Saanich Community Church ministries & mission.

Ways you can donate ...

- ☑ mail cheques to the church office (post-dated cheques also welcome)
- ☑ eTransfer: discuss a security word with Asst. Treasurer, Allan R finance@saanichcommunity.ca
- ☑ via Canada Helps (note that they deduct 4% and provide charitable receipts).

BROADER COMMUNITY - Local & Global

Beacon Community Services is looking for volunteers to provide a warm meal for **Out of the Rain Youth Shelter** once-a-month (Oct-April). If you and/or a couple friends are willing to cook a meal for about 20 youth ... Please contact cedey@beaconcs.ca or 250-415-9469.

Mennonite Disaster Service Canada is calling for volunteers to assist with clean up in Nova Scotia after Hurricane Fiona! Volunteers are asked to commit to 1-week at a time. Interested? Checkout the link above, and contact Clara at cflores@mds.org or 204-261-1274.

Canadian Mennonite University **CONTINUING EDUCATION:** CMU is offering some great courses for a very reasonable price to church folks many of them are **available online**. All the details are in this link: <u>Xplore: Keep Thinking | CMU</u> or see a printout in our SCC foyer.

50th ANNIVERSARY

COMMUNITY QUILT ... Celebrations & Memories

In honouring the over 50 years of worship and service SCC has enjoyed and in honouring our Mennonite roots and artistic expressions, we wish to create a community quilt. The SCC quilting ladies have been asked to create a plan for a work of art that honours the elements of our community that individuals and small groups want to celebrate. We have a basic plan ... a center "panel" pieced from fabric in the colours of the creation that surrounds us.

Symbols of the church, the congregation (past & present), and our missions in the local community and beyond will be included in quilt blocks of all kinds created by individuals or groups within the church family - which will surround the center. There will also be opportunity later for hands-on input during a quilting event, to suggest layouts/suggestions for sashing and borders.

As an example, or for brainstorming, we hope to honour the ...

- food bank garden ministry,
- sponsoring of refugees,
- our native-plant garden,
- our Mennonite heritage,
- the art and music that have been a wonderful thread of our worship,
- and ... well, what else has SCC meant to you?

If you have ideas and want help "translating" ideas into fiber, resources can be provided. Representations can be very literal or more symbolic. For example – did SCC provide a home to you as a "snow bird" – there is a block design known as "flying geese" or a "house" block that could tell that story. At the Thanksgiving celebration service, we hope the beginnings of the center-panel will be on display. There will be an opportunity for conversation with those who wish to participate.

Please celebrate with us!