



Good News from the Pews

Newsletter of Cassburn United Church

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Easter 2021 Edition



Cassburn Services - April to June 2021

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April 4 Easter Sunday	Valerie Allen
April 11	Gabrielle Becker
April 18	Rev. Phyllis
April 25	Luane Doyle
May 2	Carolyn Ruda
May 9	Merle Marjerrison
May 16	Mackie Robertson
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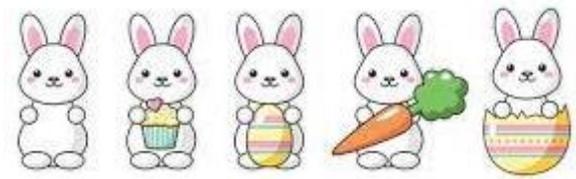
Worship Committee Report

Happy Easter everyone! It will be wonderful to return to the Sanctuary for worship on Easter Sunday.

As you all know, we held Zoom services led by Reverend Phyllis throughout January and most of February. Late in February, we began meeting in the hall for our regular Sunday services. Though we cannot eat, drink or sing, Bryan and Jordan Anderson are ensuring that we have beautiful music and music videos to enhance our services.

Thank you for wearing masks, hand sanitizing and spacing out around the room. We have been able to remain just under our attendance limits. It has been a joy to see everyone again in person.

~submitted by Stacia Turner~



Cassburn Mission Statement:

*We believe that our purpose is to Worship Christ;
love one another unconditionally;
serve God and nurture the sense of community.*



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Well, we got through this year of COVID...not that it's over yet, and not because we enjoyed isolating and staying away from each other; more because we had to, and it was important that we followed the rules. It's been a tough year for all of us.

The time for those early Christians was a rough time, too. It wasn't all Palm Sunday. For three years, the disciples and Jesus walked around the countryside, inviting people to walk the "new way". Some followed, but many stayed behind. We never hear much about them until after the triumphant Sunday that Jesus entered Jerusalem. They take over after that.

Within the week, we understand that the danger picked up quickly. Jesus is crucified and is thrown into a tomb. I've often wondered about the time of his isolation. We understand that he died on the cross, but was he alive? was he dead? did he feel the loss



during the time of aloneness? did he know what was going to happen to him? All these questions! No one knew what would happen next.

Sometimes isolation can be a wonderful tool for clearing our minds, and giving us a new perspective. It's surprising how isolation or quietness might cause a new way to spring forward, in times of great grief. Think

about the times where you've been in a loss that caused great pain, and the afterwards on the other side, where you have envisioned something new or thought differently about an idea where you might have been some opinionated.

A shift in ministry happened that Easter day for Jesus. It can also happen for you.

Happy Easter!

Another servant of Jesus,
Rev. Phyllis

The Right Teaching

Once, there was a renowned monk who lived in a beautiful monastery with many of his pupils. His teachings were known to be very effective and many of his students grew up to become great masters themselves.

One day, one of them was caught stealing from his fellow-students and they reported him to the monk. But he took no action against the boy.

A few days later the same boy was again caught stealing. And again the head monk did nothing to punish him.

This angered the other students who drew up a petition asking for the dismissal of the thief. They threatened to leave en masse if the boy was allowed to stay in the monastery.

The teacher called a meeting of the students. When they had assembled, he said to them: "You are good boys who know what is right and what is wrong. If you leave, you will have no trouble in joining some other school. But what about your brother who does not even know the difference between right and wrong? Who will teach him if I don't? No, I cannot ask him to go even if it means losing all of you."

Tears coursed down the cheeks of the boy who had stolen. He never stole again and in later life became renowned for his integrity.

~submitted by Bryan Anderson~

If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed.

You learn more from failure than from success.

Life is a mountain.
Your goal is to find your path,
not to reach the top.

Life can only be understood backwards;
but it must be lived forwards.

Life is like a box of chocolates.
You never know what you're going to get.

It always seems impossible until it's done.

Not how long,
but how well you have lived
is the main thing.

~submitted by Bryan Anderson~



From the Music Department

We have been doing our best to bring inspirational music to our services during this time of "no singing inside" because of the pandemic.

Many people have suggested a variety of pieces of music for us all to enjoy with most of them in the form of videos. This has become an important part of our overall worship time.

I have received many comments from people who enjoy some of the well-known hymns each week so I will be playing multiple verses and Jordan will be making the words available on the screen.

Please continue to make comments and suggestions so that our time of worship remains meaningful and uplifting over the weeks and months ahead.

~submitted by Bryan Anderson~

Cassburn Congregation Chairman's Report

We all know that the list of activities in our church community has been scant lately. So, in place of the usual Chairman's report, I would like to offer a series of quotations. I hope this list of inspirational and motivational messages provide hope for you and better times ahead. I hope you can find one quote below that resonates with you. I encourage you to commit at least one to memory to help you through the tougher days.

<i>"Stay positive. Better days are on their way."</i> Unknown	<i>"When it rains look for rainbows. When it's dark look for stars."</i> FionaChilds.com
<i>"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."</i> Samuel F. Jackson	<i>When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in...That's what this storm's all about."</i> Haruki Murakami
<i>"Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope."</i> Martin Luther King Jr.	<i>What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."</i> Ralph Marston
<i>"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."</i> Walt Disney	<i>"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."</i> Confucius
<i>"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."</i> C. S. Lewis	<i>"I know for sure what we dwell on is who we become."</i> Oprah Winfrey
<i>"Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation."</i> Bryan Tracy	<i>"The moral of my story is the sun always comes out after the storm. Being optimistic and surrounding yourself with the positive loving people is for me, living life on the sunny side of the street."</i> Janice Dean

In conclusion, thank you to everyone for remembering and supporting Cassburn United Church. Have a great Easter holiday as we look forward to our normal active life within our church.

~Kelley Allen
Cassburn Congregational Chair~

Why the Evergreen Trees Never Lose Their Leaves (continued from page 4)

"I can help, too," said a little juniper tree. "I can give you berries all winter long, and every bird knows that juniper berries are good."

So the spruce gave the lonely little bird a home; the pine kept the cold North Wind away from it; and the juniper gave it berries to eat. The other trees looked on and talked together wisely.

"I would not have strange birds on my boughs," said the birch.

"I shall not give my acorns away for any one," said the oak.

"I never have anything to do with strangers," said the willow, and the three trees drew their leaves closely about them.

In the morning all those shining, green leaves lay on the ground, for a cold North Wind had come in the night, and every leaf that it touched fell from the tree.

"May I touch every leaf in the forest?" asked the wind in its frolic.

"No," said the Frost King. "The trees that have been kind to the little bird with the broken wing may keep their leaves."

This is why the leaves of the spruce, the pine, and the juniper are always green.

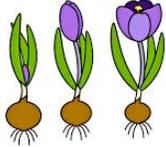
By Florence Holbrook
~submitted by Bryan Anderson~



Easter / Spring Wordfind

Circle each letter of the words listed, then with the letters that are left uncircled write down the hidden phrase. (Take the uncircled letters in order – reading across each line from left to right starting with the top line and working your way down to the bottom line.) Answer is in bottom corner of page.

- April
- Awakening
- Birth
- Bloom
- Blossom
- Born
- Bouquet
- Breeze
- Buds
- Bulb
- Bunny
- Butterfly
- Buzz
- Chick
- Chirping
- Chocolate
- Colourful



- Crocus
- Daffodil
- Eggs
- Energizing
- Flowers
- Fresh
- Green
- Grow
- Happy Easter
- Hatch
- Hope
- Joy
- Love
- Renewed
- Vivid
- Warm



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Why the Evergreen Trees Never Lose Their Leaves

Winter was coming, and the birds had flown far to the south, where the air was warm and they could find berries to eat. One little bird had broken its wing and could not fly with the others. It was alone in the cold world of frost and snow. The forest looked warm, and it made its way to the trees as well as it could, to ask for help.

First it came to a birch tree. "Beautiful birch tree," it said, "my wing is broken, and my friends have flown away. May I live among your branches till they come back to me?"

"No, indeed," answered the birch tree, drawing her fair green leaves away. "We of the great forest have our own birds to help. I can do nothing for you."

"The birch is not very strong," said the little bird to itself, "and it might be that she could not hold me easily. I will ask the oak." So the bird said: "Great oak tree, you are so strong, will you not let me live on your boughs till my friends come back in the springtime?"

"In the springtime!" cried the oak. "That is a long way off. How do I know what you might do in all that time? Birds are always looking for something to eat, and you might even eat up some of my acorns."

"It may be that the willow will be kind to me," thought the bird, and it said: "Gentle willow, my wing is

broken, and I could not fly to the south with the other birds. May I live on your branches till the springtime?"

The willow did not look gentle then, for she drew herself up proudly and said: "Indeed, I do not know you, and we willows never talk to people whom we do not know. Very likely there are trees somewhere that will take in strange birds. Leave me at once."

The poor little bird did not know what to do. Its wing was not yet strong, but it began to fly away as well as it could. Before it had gone far a voice was heard. "Little bird," it said, "where are you going?"

"Indeed, I do not know," answered the bird sadly. "I am very cold."

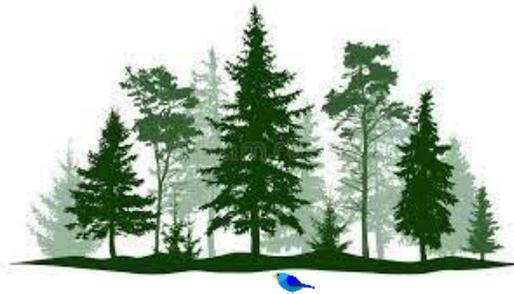
"Come right here, then," said the friendly spruce tree, for it was her voice that had called.

"You shall live on my warmest branch all winter if you choose."

"Will you really let me?" asked the little bird eagerly.

"Indeed, I will," answered the kind-hearted spruce tree. "If your friends have flown away, it is time for the trees to help you. Here is the branch where my leaves are thickest and softest."

"My branches are not very thick," said the friendly pine tree, "but I am big and strong, and I can keep the North Wind from you and the spruce."



Wordfind Answer: Spring is a time of renewal

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