



The Morning Messenger

October 21, 2018

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Deadline to have information included in Morning Messenger is Wednesday Noon

Worship Team - Team work helps to make each Sunday run smoothly. If you would like to be part of the team, please call the church office at 780-463-2202.

October 21

Welcome Team: Lyndon Ahlskog, Brian Sampson, Brian Hudson, Celia Conway

Projectionist: Gordon Langford

Announcements: Lindy Mair

Scripture Reader: Barbara Kitagawa

Offering Counters: Dave Borynec, Terry Staley

This is Us: Brian Sampson

October 28

Welcome Team: Lindy Mair, John Mair, Pat Semrok, Darlene Hayward

Projectionist: Brian Sampson

Announcements: Brian Sampson

Scripture Reader: Lindy Mair

Offering Counters: Carol Hickman, Kathy Crawford

This is Us: Carla Janzen

Next Sunday

On October 28, we will hear about a blind person given sight (*Mark 10:46-52*). My reflection will ask if there is any downside to enlightenment. The choir will sing "Peace" – Ian



When: October 21, Sunday at 12 noon

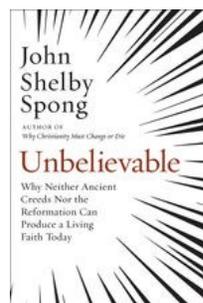
Where: The Lounge

This is a reminder to people new this year to Mill Woods United to come and share food and stories after the October 21st spiritual gathering.

Activities for Oct 21 –27

Sun	10:30 am	Worship	Entire Church
	12:30 pm	Worship ZUMC	Entire Church
	12:00 pm	Newcomers Lunch	Lounge/Kitchen
Mon	10:00 am	AI-Anon	Lounge
	6:30 pm	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	6:00 pm	M/P Meeting	Lounge
Tues	9:15 am	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	5:30 pm	Collective Kitchen	Kitchen
	5:30 pm	Food Bank	Main Floor
	5:30 pm	Clothing Bank	East Loft Room
	5:30 pm	Outreach Program	Lounge
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Facing the Future	Lounge
Wed	2:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting	Lounge
	5:30 pm	Yoga Class	Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thurs	12:15 pm	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	5:30 pm	Food Bank	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
Fri	10:15 am	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
Sat	8:30 am	Bread Run	Sanctuary
	8:30 am	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	9:45 am	Weight Watchers	Lower Hall
	1:00 pm	ZUMC Singing	Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	ZUMC (Zumba)	Sanctuary

Book Study Group



"Unbelievable," Nov 1-Dec 6

When: November 1 (10:30 am and 7 pm), and the five following Thursdays.

Where: The Lounge

Clothing Bank

With the early onset of the colder weather, we are in need of warm winter coats and outerwear for men, women and children.

If you were thinking of getting a new coat for yourself or a family member, we could really use your old ones.

Please bring any clean, in good condition jackets, snow pants, snowsuits etc. to the church any time during office hours or on Sunday morning.

We will make sure they go to some deserving and grateful people. We have lots of regular clothing – hence the notice on the front door asking for no donations at this time. We still want/need the coats.

Thank you for your help!

Unbelievable! Unbelievable!

Everyone

Once in awhile I read a book that makes me stop and consider what I believe and question what is really important to me. This summer I read John Shelby Spong's latest book **Unbelievable**.

Through twelve short and easy to read chapters, Spong opened me up to many new and interesting possibilities.

Spong challenges us to be part of a radically new kind of Christianity — one where we update our faith in light of huge advancements in knowledge and understanding.

One that is based upon connections and inclusion of all people, instead of outdated dogma.

Ian Kellogg and your Facing the Future groups are sponsoring a set of six discussions focussed on this book.

For more information see What's the Buzz

I encourage each of you to consider reading this book and taking part in these discussions. I cannot think of anything more exciting and rewarding than us coming together to share and learn from Spong and from each other.

Talk to Ian if you wish to learn more about this opportunity. I promise that once you read this book you will question like you've never questioned before. You will also feel a sense of excitement as together we challenge ideas and create a relevant future where our Christianity is truly open and available to all in the 21st century.

Let me know if you'd like to learn more, either by email at rwmcphee@icloud.com or by phone at 780-974-4167.

Thank you. Rob McPhee

Upcoming social events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! and join us in these fun-filled activities!!

- **Friday November 16:** Crib and Crumpets: 7:00 to 9:30 pm: Church Sanctuary, cost \$5.00 a person for food. **Sign-up to begin** Sunday November 4, 2018
- **Friday December 07:** Canadian Wines for the Holiday Season: 7:00 to 9:30 pm: Vines (23 Avenue and Rabbit Hill Road) Cost: \$60.00 with whatever amount is left after costs becoming a charitable donation **sign-up to begin** Sunday November 4, 2018 LIMIT of 31 people
- **Friday December 21:** Family Christmas Singsong and Trivia Evening: 7:00 to 9:00 pm Church Sanctuary, no cost, everyone asked to bring a food item to share
- **Saturday January 19:** See you at the Movies: Movie and Dessert Party: about 7:00 pm: Theatre and home, cost \$10-\$12 a person to cover cost of movie and some people asked to bring a dessert item
- **Saturday May 25:** The Great Western Barbecue, 6:30— 10:00 pm, A home to be determined, no cost, everyone brings their own food to barbecue and drinks, and then one shared food item

BISSELL CENTRE "White Gift" - Dec 2 & 9

Bissell will once again be hosting our Festive Giveaway on December 19, 20 and 21.

At Mill Woods United Church, we will gather gifts on December 2 and 9.

Similar to the last few years, we are asking for toys for children and teens 0-18 as well as stockings for adult men and women. These items will be given away to families who access our services at our Festive Giveaway event. Parents will have the opportunity to come shop for gifts for their children as well as get a stocking for themselves.

Please note that we can not give away hand sanitizer, perfume, mouthwash or knives.

The Giving Sunday drop-off system we have used in the past will remain the same, with two Sundays designated as our Donation Drop-Off dates. This year, those Sunday's are **December 2 and 9, 2018 from 11:00 to 4:00**. We will be at Bissell Centre East (10527 96 Street) with volunteers to help unload your generous donations.

We hope you will join us this year in spreading the warmth and happiness of the Holiday Season by donating gifts for children and adults in need on December 2 and 9.