

Grace and Peace to you this week,

I want to remind you that our Annual General Meeting is on February 19th after worship.

We'll share lunch in the Dr. GM Young Hall as usual and then begin our meeting. One of the new matters this year is a motion concerning any future property development of our land here at Carleton and King Streets.

On February 21st we are going to Pine Grove to have a communion service for the residents and I am looking for a musician who can come that morning to accompany the hymn singing. Can you help?

This Sunday's readings are from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Matthew 5:21-37. These are not the easiest readings. Please have a look at these two texts and tell me what you think about them.

Stewardship & Finance meet this evening.

Last month Council voted yes to United Church of Canada Remit 2 which proposes the Elimination of Transfer and Settlement and remit 3 which proposes the establishment of an Office of Vocation.

Blessings to you all. I hope to see you in church this Sunday.

The real business of the Church is not just what is sometimes called 'surplice work.' Its business is to bind us together—the learned and simple, the strong and the weak—in a great social act of love and worship; to provide a home for the nurturing of the spiritual life. For we cannot get on alone, in religion or anything else. Our spiritual life must be a social life too. We can each only manage a bit of it—it is far too big and various in its richness for any one soul.... Wonder and love are caught, not taught; and to catch them we must be in an atmosphere where we are sure to find the germs. A living Church ought to be full of the germs of wonder and love.

Source: Evelyn Underhill "The Inside of Life" in Collected Papers

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