

Monthly Information

Camrose United Church
2004 July

Church Council

We began our July meeting by reflecting, together with the Christian Development Ctte, on Deuteronomy 6:4-9, the passage known as the Shema: holding the word of God close to our hearts and telling it to our children.

In reviewing the Christian Development mandate, we affirmed the many strengths on our programs with children and with adults, especially celebrating the new “generation” of members joining Youth at Church!, and the creative work that has begun during this past year among the Sunday School parents. We also identified challenges in the areas of adult education, programming for men (and boys), and redevelopment of our library.

The master copy of our Policy Handbook has now been assembled and is available in the Church office. The Council and some of the Committees are working on documenting general procedures and their own (committee or Council) procedures. We would ask that all of the committees (except MS&P) give Bonnie a copy of their minutes so far this year (if they have not already) for inclusion in the handbook.

The next Council meeting will be on Aug 18 at Pigeon Lake, hosted by the Andreassens. This meeting will not include a committee mandate review; rather we will use it to focus on long-range planning. The Sep 8 meeting will be held at the church as usual.

Membership

Our membership records software, *Membership Plus*, is to be upgraded this month; then with the new version in place, we will proceed with the next stage of developing the various “lists” of members required by the committees.

Worship

From now on the bread served at our communion services will be gluten-free bread. This, of course, arises from the fact that some people today are allergic to gluten, and we endeavour to keep our communion, as with our whole worship practice, as inclusive as possible. This will include our main quarterly communion services as well as the communion held monthly after worship.

Ministerial Support & Personnel

Helen Reed, our Youth Minister, has been recognized as an Inquirer. This means that she will be meeting with a Discernment Committee over the coming year to explore her sense of call to Ministry. The Discernment Ctte will include Kay Steblyk (appointed by Helen), Gordon Scott and Dawn Wigmore (appointed by the MS&P Ctte), and one or two representatives of Coronation Presbytery.