

### **Minute for Mission: Taking Kids to School**

*Around the world, millions of children cannot attend school.*

*How do you make the world a better place?*

*You can start by taking kids to school.*

Around the world, 57 million children cannot attend school.\* They may never learn to read, to add or subtract, or to write. These are the skills they need to succeed. Even more importantly, they never learn about their basic human rights.

It's a complicated problem, says Patti Talbot, the United Church's Global Partnership Team Leader. "The work we do isn't going to lead to immediate societal change," she says, "but it will make a big difference down the road."

When children can't go to school, society suffers. And that is why Mission and Service is in partnership with 74 organizations that work to increase access to education across the globe.

Each partner has their own approach to education and skills training, each supported by your gifts to [Mission and Service](#).

Colombia's Center for Communication uses arts and media to teach children about their rights. Women for Change in Zambia creates educational groups where participants share agricultural knowledge and awareness of their rights. At Japan's Asian Rural Institute, local leaders gather to learn sustainable agriculture techniques they can take home and transform their communities.

"How can we make the world a better place?" asks Talbot before responding, "We can't do that by ourselves; our partners know best what the challenges are."

Talbot, a child of missionaries who was raised in Japan and Korea, knows that educational partnerships are critical. "In our partnerships, we learn from and teach each other," she says. "The United Church's focus is more than just sharing resources, but really sharing life together."

It's an approach that Talbot knows works, even if results take time. "Our partners are very grateful that the United Church of Canada has demonstrated over and over again that we are there for the long term," Talbot says.

"Partners say to us 'It makes such a difference to us to know that the United Church is with us, walking with us in prayer, supporting us, remembering us in their lives.'"

### **BEAVERLODGE-WEMBLEY-HYTHE**

#### **PASTORAL CHARGE**

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**February 25–Second Sunday in Lent**

**Scripture Readings for those who would like to read them in advance:**

**March 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Exodus 20:1–17**

The Ten Commandments.

**Psalms 19 (VU pp. 740–741)**

The heavens declare the glory of God.

**1 Corinthians 1:18–25**

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.

**John 2:13–22**

Jesus clears the temple.



#### **Minister information**

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#### **Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge**

**Bible Study:** Regular Bible Study, in Wembley, every Wednesday, 12:00 to 1:00, bring a bag lunch and a friend.

**Cold Weather Policy:** When the temperature and wind chill is -35 or lower or the temperature alone is -35 or lower, church services are cancelled for both churches.

**Black History Month:** February is Black History Month.

Theme for 2024: "Black Excellence: A heritage to celebrate; a future to build."

**Pastoral Charge Annual General Meeting:** Sunday, March 10, 2024, Beaverlodge United Church, Church **Service at 10:00 am, AGM at 11:00 am**, potluck lunch to follow. Beaverlodge brings for the main meal, Wembley for dessert.

**Confirmation Course:** Those interested in enrolling confirmation course are welcome to register with Neva as soon as possible. We will begin this February through Easter. Meeting date and venue will be confirmed after registration. Those that are willing to have their children baptized too may register as well.

**Tea on Tuesday is returning.** We are grateful to the Cultural Centre for holding our time and date space for us. Tea on Tuesday began in 2018 so this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of outreach. **Tuesday, March 5, 10:00 am** *All are welcome* to join an informal gathering of fellowship, tea, coffee, and art enjoyment at the Beaverlodge Cultural Centre from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Tuesday of each month. Feel free to bring a friend. (A small donation to the Cultural Centre is always appreciated.)

**Soup for the Soul at 12 noon on Thursday 29th:** The Soup is back and will be going on last Thursday of every Month to extend generosity to our community. It is an informal social gathering. Those who are gifted in playing music and singing are welcome to make it lovelier. Please invite someone new to join us.

**Lent: Lent is here!** Think about giving something up and instead give up 1 dollar or extra coins every day for 40 days, starting from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday then bring your savings on Easter Sunday for Blessings. The saving is meant for charitable domination and church needs.

**Prayer:** Those who need prayer and support may visit the Minister on Thursday at 1 pm or call for face time prayer.

### Wembley United Church

- Wembley Sunday Service 9:30am
- **Wembley Thrift store:** Thrift store hours - **Second**

**Saturday** of each month from 10:00am to 1:00 pm in the Church basement. Facebook Page is **Wembley Thrift Store**, check out our page for updates and specials.

- **Wembley Annual General Meeting:** Wednesday, **February 28, 2024, 2:00 pm**; following Bible Study

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### Beaverlodge United Church

- Beaverlodge Sunday Service 11:15 am
- All are welcome to come for refreshments downstairs after the worship service. Thank you to the Ushers for helping with the Ushering and kitchen duties. Much appreciated.
- **Potluck Lunch** – February 25
- **Beaverlodge Annual General Meeting:** Sunday, **February 25, 2024**, Following Church Service
- **Fabric Sale: March 2**, 10 am to 3 pm. Dispersal of Fabric, lace, buttons etc. Everyone welcome, invite crafters, sewers, friends.

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