



CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH

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Central Saanich United Church
United Church of Canada
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023

Scripture Reader: Barbara Erickson

Greeters: Barbara Erickson & Lionel Dobson

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **Come Touch Our Hearts**

MV 12 (v. 1,2,3,4)

Call To Worship:

God calls us:

to faith, to service,

to generosity, to life in all its fulness,

to joy and to thanksgiving.

As we gather this day,

may our hearts be open to receive that call

and to know that we are worthy to answer.

(by Heather McClure in Gathering Epiphany 2023 (Year A), p. 44)

We pray....

God of wisdom and blessing,

on this winter's day we come into the warmth of your presence.

Here we find shelter in the strength of your promises;

here we find welcome in your tender care.

Grateful for the protection you provide,

thankful for the comfort of your community,

we offer our praise to you.

For you give blessing when the world condemns;

you bring freedom when the culture confines.

Embrace us with your love in this hour of worship

as we offer you our love in return.

Commissioning & Benediction:

Let us go forth to be a blessing to others in Jesus' name!

We go to encourage the poor in spirit;

to comfort those who mourn; to honour the humble;

to recognize the faithful; to strive to be merciful;

to learn from the pure in heart; to follow the path of peace;

to follow the glorious way of Jesus Christ, always.

Go forth with the blessing of God's love, Christ's wisdom,

and the Holy Spirit's power so that your lives become God's presence in the world.

Amen.

Going Forth: **May the Love of the Lord**

MV 218

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGM Reports are now due. Please send them in to the Office.

Worship Committee, Thursday, February 2, 1:30 p.m.

Executive Council, Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (followed by Service), Central Saanich United Church Hall, Tuesday, February 21. **Time TBA.**

Please see next page for more announcements...

In 2022, our congregation raised **\$6,125.05**
(Our goal for 2022 was \$6,000).

Thank you to everyone who contributed!!

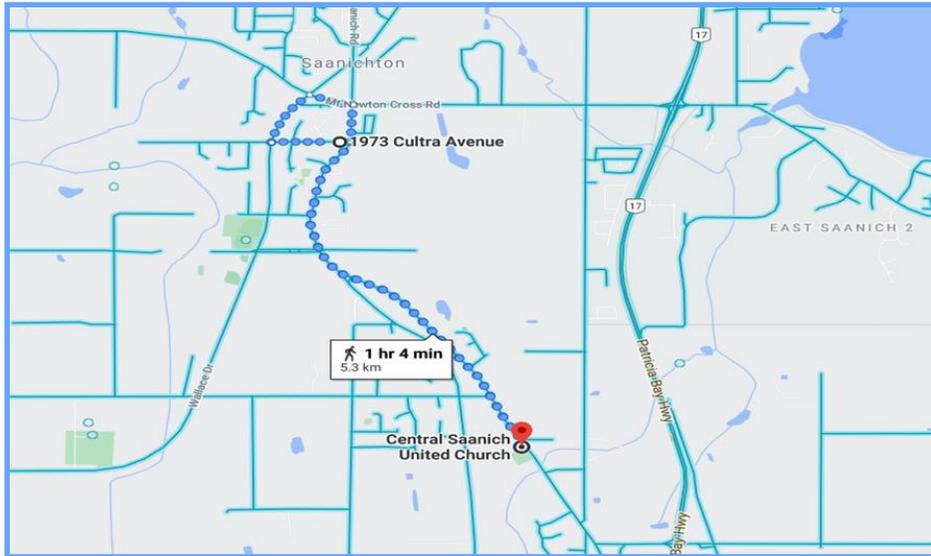
Our UCW contributed \$3,000 for a grand total of
\$9,125.05. Thank you United Church Women!!

Mission and Service is the national fund of the United Church of Canada providing support, through partner organizations, to those who need it most in Canada and around the world.

- ◇ Your gifts help people in need by supporting homeless shelters, food banks, soup kitchens and refugee programs.
- ◇ Your support means that people who are sick or at the end of life are cared for by providing addiction, mental health, and counselling services and hospice care.
- ◇ In the most dire circumstances, your gifts provide access to life-saving clean water, food, and medical care.
- ◇ Your generosity makes vital economic development, skills training, peace-making, advocacy, and disaster relief possible.

All this and so much more—through your generous gifts. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Coldest Night of the Year Walk February 25, 2023



The walk is a family friendly walk to raise money for **Our Place Society** to support people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness.

- ◆ Start location Central Saanich United Church
- ◆ Gather at the church at 3:45
- ◆ Start time of the walk 4 pm

The walk starts at Central Saanich United Church, and we walk along East Saanich Road to Saanichton, we then turn left and walk up Mount Newton to the Town Hall. We turn left again at the Town Hall and walk along the West side of Wallace until Cultra Ave. We turn left on Cultra Ave and stop at St. Mary's Anglican Church. Here we can stop for refreshments and a washroom break (courtesy of St. Mary's and Stelly's school) and listen to the greetings from various groups. From St. Mary's we then walk back along East Saanich Rd until we once again arrive at Central Saanich United Church.

How can you help out

Participate

You can walk or encourage others to walk on Feb 25th or on your own. In order to register you can go to <https://cnoy.org/home> You can select to join our Central Saanich United Church Team If you are able to raise over \$150.00 you are eligible for prizes

You can make a donation.

Donations can be made to <https://cnoy.org/home> and click on the donate button. You can select to donate to our team, or any person registered to do the walk.

Please refer to our Website for upcoming Events in our Community
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