

Hello U Hill!

I hope this finds you well. Apparently, we've had a record number of rainy days in Vancouver, this fall. That came as a bit of a surprise to me, as I was under the impression that all it ever did out here was rain! Nevertheless, the sun shone through this morning and the last brightly colored leaves were lit up on the hill behind our house, and it was beautiful. I love those moments that remind us of God's glory and goodness, especially when they come as a reprieve in what is otherwise a rather grey time. I find myself that much more grateful.

Below, you will find some news that is relevant to the life of our congregation. Please note especially that our Salt of the Earth 2016-17 calendars are in. We would certainly appreciate your purchasing one, and also helping us spread the word. This project is such a treasure. I also think that it's invaluable for those of us who are striving to shape our lives according to the will and way of Jesus. The Christian calendar is a real gift of the Church, and the Salt of the Earth calendar is a particularly beautiful way to organize our lives around Jesus' life.

As well, I want to remind folks that we will be having a worship leadership workshop, after church, this Sunday. This will not be an especially long session, but it will be helpful for anyone who would like to participate more actively in leading our worship, as both Worship Elders and Lectors. I'd also remind everyone that we are looking for people to do both jobs throughout Advent, and into the new year.

I would also like to add some prayer requests this week. I trust that you have all received the message from Pauline Buck, regarding the tragedy in the high school in Abbotsford. Please continue to pray for that community.

As well, our sister, Anne-Marie Menzies has asked us to pray for her work situation. Please join me in lifting her up, praying that some meaningful work would come her way.

May the peace and love of Christ surround you all,

Aaron