

Lenten Speakers Series – 7 pm

You're invited!! This year during the season of Lent – a season where we gather to take some time to think a bit deeper about many things – we here at St. Andrew's United Church are offering a Speakers Series whereby members of this community will gather and present something they are passionate and knowledgeable about, in order to spur our thoughts and our discussions. Each Tuesday during Lent we will gather at 7 pm in the Library of St. Andrew's where a guest presenter will invite us into a time of thought and exploration built around a particular theme that they have chosen. Each session will be divided into two parts – beginning with a presentation and finishing with a round table discussion.

The Schedule is:

February 28th Working in Africa: Both an adventure and serving the Lord. What is mission work?"

Presenter: Lynn Blatchford

Lynn writes, "As a nurse, I had the privilege of being sent by the United Church of Canada to work in Kenya, east Africa, for three years during the 1970's. Then in 1994, I worked for five weeks in Senegal, West Africa for the Mercy Ships."

Come listen to her stories, thoughts and adventures!

March 6th "The Early Years of Williams Lake"

Presenter: Barry Sale

Barry Sale is a retired school administrator who is, at heart, a natural born historian. Come and listen as Barry shares the history of Williams Lake as he explores our beginnings through rich story telling.

March 13th "The Healing Journey"

Presenters: Sharon Gruenwald
Maureen Margetts
Brenda Smith

Moe, Brenda and Sharon invite you to come hear the stories of our healing journey. You could be energized!"

Sharon's first step onto the healing path was in 1994 when she purchased 2 books of herbal healing. In 2001 it was a Level 1

Healing Pathway course offered by St. Andrew's, Quesnel, then starting in 2008 with a repeat Level 1 here at our own St. Andrew's, Williams Lake, and culminating on November 15th, 2011, where she completed her Level 3 in Healing Pathways.

Maureen (Moe) came to Williams Lake in 1975 to teach school, and taught grade 1 for 32 years. She completed Healing Touch level 1 in 2003, level 2 in 2007. Moe completed Reiki Level 1 in 2003, level 2 in 2005, level 3 in 2006. She also possesses a level 1 in E.F.T. (Emotional Freedom Techniques), and complete 8 month handwriting analysis course in June of 2007.

Brenda is a retired Registered Nurse who has been able to fulfill a life-long search for healing through the United Church Healing Pathways movement. Through Naramata's Healing Pathways programs, she has now earned Level 3 in Healing Touch.

March 20th

“Life After Death: A Multi Faith Exploration”

Presenter: Barry Fleming

Barry is a life long learner with a keen interest in faith, existentialism, and all things pertinent to the human condition.

March 27th

“In Our Common Interest: How do we regain democracy for the majority?”

Presenter: Bernie Littlejohn

Bernie writes: “We, the people, gradually developed a fair system of government and commerce for the majority during centuries of conflict, and have recently seen it diminished within years.”

Bernie Littlejohn is an 84 year old who got his primary education in a Christian School (C of E) in London, and survived many bombs and missile attacks of World War 2. He went on to serve in the postwar occupation forces in Germany, and learned to care for the former enemy.