

## This Week's Sunday Service

May 19, 2019  
Worship Time 10:30 a.m.



### THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 11: 1-18  
Psalm 148  
John 13: 31-35

### Hope Under The Rainbow

From 2013 to 2015, Rachel Hearn was a camp counsellor at Welcome Friends' Rainbow Camp for LGBTQ Two-Spirit and allied youth ages 12 to 17. To say the least, it was a life-altering experience.

Every August there existed a tiny, week-long place of sanctuary that said, "We do see you, and you are welcome here." That is exactly what Rainbow Camp is all about.

"Rainbow Camp is a place of radical resistance against the oppressive forces of hetero-normativity and cis-normativity that exist across the world today," says Rachel. It is like other summer camps, but the learning is focused around sexual health, healthy relationships, understanding our identities, and figuring out how to work around a society that is not designed to enable queer people to thrive. Even though there is no marching or petitions, the world is still changed for every camper who finds a friend or feels like themselves for the first time.

"At Rainbow Camp, we changed the world for young people by giving them the tools and skills they needed to flourish. If you create a space where people can be open about who they are and accept others doing the same, you will learn what it means to love and to

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Wed May 15	9:00 am	Set up for Garage Sale
Thu May 16	9:00 am	Set up for Garage Sale - Minto congregation preview and shop
	9 am – 5 pm	<b>Deadline to submit flower orders to Janice in the office</b>
Fri May 17	9 am – 8 pm	Garage Sale open to the public
Sat May 18	9 am – 3 pm	Garage Sale open to the public
Sun May 19	9:30 am – 10:00 am	Choir Practice
Mon May 20	9:00 am	Garage Sale, pack up and clean up
Tue May 21	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Grief Share - Rooms C & D



Annual Spring Plant  
Fundraiser

trust.”

Rainbow Camp’s ministry is made possible because of Mission & Service.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.



May 19	➤ Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 26	➤ Rural Life (Rogation Sunday) ➤ Blessing of Seeds & Soil
Jun 2	➤ Seventh Sunday of Easter, Baptism, Environmental Sunday ➤ Food Bank
Jun 9	➤ Pentecost Sunday ➤ Communion
Jun 16	➤ Trinity Sunday (3 in 1), Aboriginal Sunday, Father’s Day
Jun 23	➤ Second Sunday after Pentecost, ➤ Pot luck lunch
Jun 30	➤ Third Sunday after Pentecost
July	➤ <b>MINTO CLOSED</b>

**LETTER FROM REV. ALEX LAWSON**

Don and Dot Swenson have asked to share this email regarding Rev. Alex Lawson.

Rev. Lawson visited a clinic recently as he was not

Last chance to order:  
Thursday, May 16

Plants will be delivered  
and ready for pickup on May 29.



**MINTO UNITED ANNUAL  
GARAGE SALE**

May 15, 9 am set up  
May 16, 9 am, Minto shoppers  
May 17, 9 am – 8 pm Public  
May 18, 9 am – 3 pm Public

Donations are gratefully accepted  
as are more **Volunteers!!**

Contact the office for more information  
or speak to any Board Member.



**CARD MINISTRY**

Do you know of anyone in need of a sympathy card, get well card, birthday over 90 years or an encouragement card? If so, please call Florence Forsythe at 306-691-0407 or leave a message at the church office and they will ensure Florence is informed.

***Thank you.***



**OUTSIDE SIGN**

feeling well and was diagnosed with severe pneumonia, and upon the return of test results received a very grim diagnosis of leukemia.

He decided to write what he calls "My Last Blether" with the assistance of his grandson.

Don and Dot would like this shared with people that knew Alex.

The following is the introduction from Rev. Alex Lawson's grandson to the attached letter ....

*"As my grandfather lay in his hospital bed he gave me some last instructions to do with his computer and contacts. I mentioned if I should bring my laptop and perhaps he could speak to me a final Blether that I could type for him. He thought this was a wonderful idea and so I have here his last Blether."*

My dear friends, this will be my last Blether. It will be dictated by Alex and will be typed his grandson Young Alex.

On Saturday morning I was feeling poorly so I went into a walk-in clinic, where the doctor treated me for pneumonia, whom also ordered up a series of blood tests and x-rays. I returned home to relax for a while. Then I was called at home to say that an ambulance was coming to pick me up and I was to go to the hospital immediately. I started to feel worse and worse as the day went on. I met a team of doctors, every one of them whom I admired. They shared the news to me that my White blood cell count was very high, that the average is 10 but mine were 100. They sent the results to Vancouver where the specialist said that this was a very aggressive form of leukemia, which there was no form of treatment available.

So, they told me I could anticipate anytime from 48 hours to a week to live. The doctors had made me comfortable for the night which was a great blessing. I am now on my second day and reaching out to you my friends to inform you of my condition and to say goodbye. I've had a very rich day since yesterday afternoon where they got my symptoms under control, and I was able to meet with my family close by, which has been a rich, rich time doing so.

I imagined what a shock this has been to all the family as well as you folks. What I have been able to share with them is that when I left Minto they have asked me back to be a guest speaker, and

This sign is an important opportunity to promote Minto events, and spread messages of Christian faith in our community. Please contact Krystal Chow if you have an event that you wish to see advertised on the sign. She can be reached at 306-692-3431, or email [chowiew@yahoo.com](mailto:chowiew@yahoo.com)



Prayer requests can be placed into the prayer box in the lobby or you can contact Rev. Linda at the church 306-693-6148 regarding Minto's prayer chain.



**THE CELEBRATIONS BOX**  
"Life should not only be lived, it should be Celebrated"

**For the April and May, 2019, proceeds collected are yet to be determined.**

Those wishing a tax receipt need to submit their gifts in a labelled or offering envelope or by cheque.



Please See Linda  
At her Table in the Lobby  
We are need of:

**USHERS & ELEVATOR OPERATORS**

Thanks!

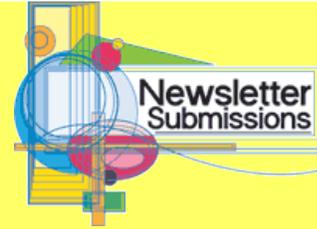
while sitting at the head table the woman sitting next to me said "it must be wonderful to see a dream come to fruition." And I replied to her that "It wasn't my dream; it was God's dream. I simply took the opportunities as they presented themselves and played my part and watched God's dream come to fruition." Because the dream was far beyond the scope of my imagination to conceive. It was God's dream and I did my part.

I've spoken with the family here, and we are going to have a celebration of life here in Victoria with my local minister, Alanna Menu, and my very good friend, Bill Cantalon, as well as my good friend, Ross White, who will participate in my service. My Piper friend, Wendell Mclean, who came into my life in 1951 as a teenager and who was under my leadership in the 401-squadron pipe band, will also play the pipes at my service. The pipe tune he will play, "lochaver no more". And this service will be at Centennial United Church.

There will also be another service in Lethbridge at Martin brothers' funeral home. The service there will be conducted by my Friends and Family. After the service, my ashes will be brought to Waterton United Church where my family will have a private gathering, a Rocky Mountain High.

I'm having this last blether with so many of my loved ones, and now I am sharing this Blether with you, and I would like you to know that each one of you has a place in my heart, and I want to let you know that I love you, each one of you.

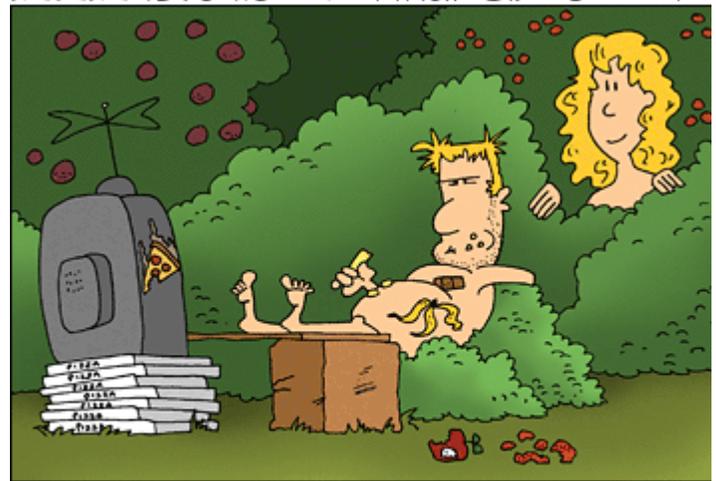
Yours Aye, with all my love,  
Alex



### **SUBMISSIONS FOR MINTO NEWSLETTER**

The deadline day for submissionsto the Minto Newsletter is **Wednesday @ 9:00 a.m.**  
*If you have any comments regarding this newsletter, phone Minto United Church @ 306-693-6148 or e-mail [mintounited@sasktel.net](mailto:mintounited@sasktel.net)*

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(See Genesis 1:1-2:3)

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**IT WASN'T SO MUCH THAT THE RULES  
WERE ABOUT TO CHANGE, IT WAS MORE  
THAT THE RULES WERE ABOUT TO EXIST**

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