### **Sunday School Newsletter March 20, 2021**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.

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To our wonderful First Met children, youth, young adults, families, & community!



# What's more fun than a basket of Easter eggs? (well okay, a basket of baby chicks maybe....)

We're gearing up for our Easter Celebration April 3rd!

Some of you won't be there and we'll miss you, but you will be in our hearts ♥

and we'll look forward to Easter 2022! More on this below, but first....

Have you *heard*?? It's s'mores\* time!!



Grab your flashlight, marshmallows and life jacket -



Our Pacific Mountain Regional Council has cooked up an amazing Family Camp for United Church families.

#### Join us on the May long weekend May 21st to 24th

for our second annual 'distanced' family camp!

COVID safety protocols in place, and all activities in household groups.

Meals and activities included, but please bring your own PFD (life jacket) for safety reasons.

- \* "S'mores" yummy camp treats made from graham wafers, chocolate, and marshmallows toasted over a campfire!
  - Adults \$150
  - Child/Youth (ages 4-18) \$120
  - Child (3 and under) Free

There are bursaries available for families to participate - please don't let the cost be the reason you aren't coming.

When you register, you will be able to choose what type of bursary (100, 75, 50, or 25% off) you will need so that your household can attend.

https://www.pmrfirstthirdresources.ca/family-retreats-2021.html#/



Family Retreats 2021 - PACIFIC MOUNTAIN FIRST THIRD MINISTRY

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Please email or call Micia with any questions, concerns or requests.

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**New at First Met** - our families will read the scripture for some of our livestreamed worship services,

because we've missed their smiling faces! ⊕

Tune in this Sunday for Brendan Tuey's reading of a very meaningful scripture

for these times ♥

### **Easter Celebration Invitation**

Hello First Met Families!

You are invited to an Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 3rd!

The event takes place in 5 different locations around Gordon Head, each with a special guest host and fun activity, and will take about 2 hours to complete in total.

Each household group will start at a different, assigned time in order to make distancing easier and keep everyone safe.

Starting location and times for family groups to be announced.

Pizza for your family and tasty Easter treats will be provided at the final station! (individually packaged for safety).

**To register** please email Micia at <a href="mailto:children@firstmetvictoria.com">children@firstmetvictoria.com</a> by March 25th.

Let us know how many will be in your group, what kind of pizza your family would like, and any dietary restrictions you have.

A fun team name can also be included!

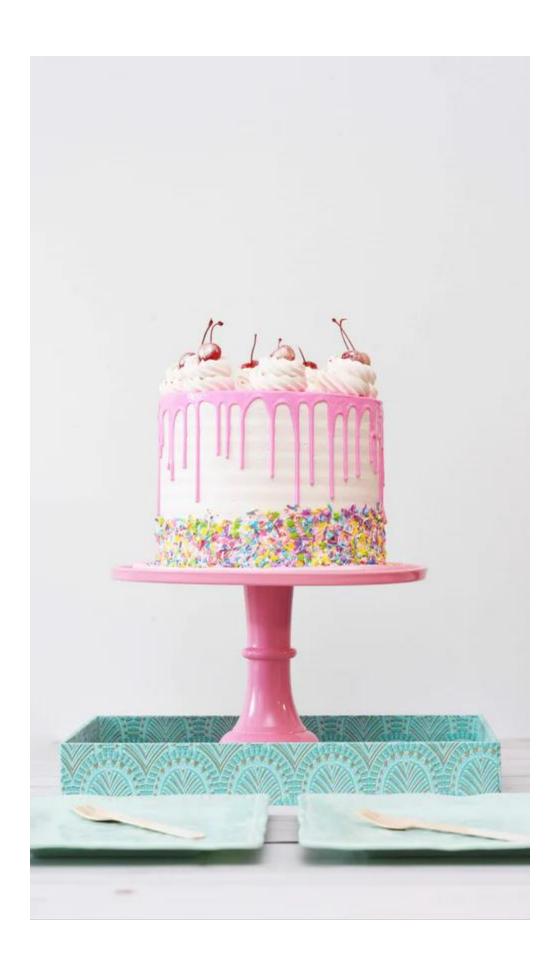






## First Met birthdays!!!

Sending happy hugs and wishes to...



### Maya Kanstrup - Apríl 2nd! Happy birthday Maya!

#### And now this, from PMRC:

Exciting news and CONFIRMED! The **Queer Virtue Youth Night** with author Rev Liz Edman is happening MARCH 26! All youth/ youth groups and their leaders + grown ups are welcome. You don't need to have read the book Queer Virtue (and yay if you have). This event is free and fabulous, and part of the PM/CW Regional Council's **Queer Virtue** Lenten Book Study!

# Queer Virtue YOUTH NIGHT Live Online Session with Author Rev Liz Edman!

Hosted by Pam Rocker of Affirming Connections
Friday March 26th 6:30pm PT/ 7:30pm MT
Free!

REGISTER NOW: https://us02web.zoom.us/.../tZ0lfumoazkgE9L...

You can find out more about Liz Edman on her Queer Virtue website: the book is inspiring and grounded in healthy, positive Christian identity - we love <u>its info page</u> for so clearly describing what the book is about and how it's message matters to all Christians, whether straight, gay, queer and everything all around and in between those identities. It's thrilling that Liz will share Friday March 26th with United Church Youth! We hope that Youth in your community can join us!



North Park Grocery Hamper Program
Weekly Program on Thursdays

First Met is pleased to be partnering with the North Park Neighbourhood Association on a weekly grocery hamper program on Thursdays.

This program provides weekly grocery hampers with donated and purchased produce, dairy, eggs, bread and non-perishables and distributes them to households throughout North Park and downtown with the help of amazing volunteers.

See **Read More** for the full story - and how you can help.

Read More

Use If you have time on Thursday mornings - **come and join us** - other First Met Church youth will be there too! It's fun and safe!!

Please use contact info in the Read More tab above.

We hope you're enjoying your new Lent and Easter Faith at Home kits. Let us know if you need more *craft supplies, books to read, puzzles, or ????* 

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### Wishing you a happy Saturday.



#### (photos courtesy of Unsplash and Pixaby)

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