

West Abbotsford and Wellspring

For the past several months, we have been in conversation with the Wellspring Church to consider ways we could do ministry better together than either congregation could alone.

Our leadership groups have enjoyed our interactions and had some exciting times dreaming together about all sorts of possibilities. At this point in our conversation, it seems appropriate to create a way for the two congregations to spend some time getting to know each other better so that we can make a wise decision about our future.

Both congregations have set aside four weeks to spend time interacting with one another in a variety of ways. We will meet together for worship gatherings and potlucks. Our youth will do some joint activities and we will share children's ministry. There will also be some opportunity to visit each other's ministries (ie. The ReThink Café, Next Steps, etc.).

Joining Together in Worship...

All the worship gatherings will take place at the West Abbotsford Church.

We encourage everyone to make every effort to be part of these gatherings.

Sunday, May 11 at 10:00 AM

- Together we will celebrate the baptisms of four individuals and one be accepted on his confession of faith from West Abbotsford.
- Children's Ministry will happen during the service.
- We will have coffee and refreshments after the service to celebrate with those who have been baptized.
- each lady will receive a flower for Mother's Day

Saturday, May 17 at 6:30 PM

- We will celebrate communion together and following the service we will have a time of informal visiting with coffee and refreshments.
- Children's Ministry will take place from 5:00 - 6:15 PM.
- No service on Sunday, May 18
- Coffee and Dessert following the service

Sunday, May 25 at 10:00 AM

- We will have a potluck following the service where we will have the opportunity to interact with each other.
- Children's Ministry will happen during the service
- **Everyone is invited to stay for a Potluck lunch:**
Everyone is asked to bring a main dish (which serves your family and few more); **plus**
People whose last names begin with the letters from A to L: bring a dessert;
People whose last names begin with the letters from M to Z: bring a salad

Saturday May 31 at 6:30 PM

- Children's Ministry will take place from 5:00 - 6:15 PM.
- We will have refreshments together following the service.
- No service on Sunday, June 1

Other Opportunities to Interact.....

Children's Ministry

We will meet in the fellowship hall for the four Sundays. The children will meet as a large group and then be divided into smaller groups by age categories. Stations will be set up and the groups will rotate to each station.

Sundays May 11 and May 25th the children will meet during the morning service.

Saturdays May 17 and May 31 the children will meet from 5:00 - 6:15 PM.

Parents, please drop off your children at 5:00 PM and come back to pick them up at 6:15 PM prior to joining the worship service.

Help needed in Children's Church for four weeks:

- **Rita needs two more volunteers for each Sunday and each Saturday.**
- Please **speak to Rita** as soon as possible if you are able to help on one of those dates.
- Each church is providing 3 helpers. We may have up to 30 to 35 children attend the services

Creating Connections

Mondays- 10:00-11:30 AM at WAMC. There may be women from Wellspring who will join us for several weeks.

Next Steps

Saturdays 10:00 AM at the Cyrus Centre beginning May 10th. If there is anyone from Wellspring interested in joining this group for several weeks, they are invited to contact Dave Rodda at 604-854-8181.

Re Think Café

This is a coffee house outreach that Wellspring runs at City Blends Café (on Mt. Lehman Road). You are invited to join them **Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 PM**

Youth

Both the High School group and the Middle School group will be meeting together for several activities. Erik (WAMC) and Robin (Wellspring) will coordinate this.