



Mount Seymour
United Church

SINGING THE SACRED IN COMMUNITY AT CHRISTMAS

Mount Seymour United Church doesn't look that different from other churches but community member, Pandora Furniss wants you to know that Mount Seymour is a **Different Kind of Church**

- where music intrinsically connects everyone to experience the sacred in community. "The music that we make as a community is bigger than all of us," says Pandora who is a singer, musician and music therapist. "In the music we find welcome, reflection, rejuvenation, a place to feel, to connect, and to reorder ourselves in whatever way is meaningful for us. We couldn't harmonize this way on our own."

On a Sunday morning at Mount Seymour United, you'll hear the choir sing-

ing welcome and see the lyrics digitally projected on the wall. Everyone can join in. Contemporary, traditional, choral, canon, gospel, jazz, and world music is offered and repeated so that everyone can be part of it.

Our Music Minister, renowned composer and choral director Brian Tate, writes and arranges beautiful music to make it accessible for all who wish to join in. Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to join one of our many choirs and sing as soloists. Guest musicians play trumpet, flute and other instruments on a regular basis.

"I feel such joy for having joined the Gospel choir and as a result discovering the church, the Minister, the welcoming con-

gregation and the feeling of belonging to community," says Tricia, a new member to Mount Seymour United.

A New Take on the Old Story of Christmas:

In December, our worship services will focus on the theme of "Old Roots, New Shoots". "We're not telling people what to believe. We're offering a way to reclaim old stories from the Christian tradition in order to connect to our deeper purpose," says Reverend

Nancy Talbot. "In preparing for Christmas, what we hope to give birth to in the world is planted in us."

For Furniss, music and Christmas are a special mix. "When I think of Christmas, I think of music, singing and gathering with loved ones, sharing the joy of being together and the wonder that something wonderful has happened and is about to happen again", she says. "At Mount Seymour United, music, singing,



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gathering and sharing the joy happens on a regular basis. You wonder what is going to happen next!"



JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON SUNDAY SERVICES ARE 10 AM

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| Nov. 29 | 10:00am | Old Roots, New Shoots - What is waiting to be born in you? |
| | 4:30pm | All Ages Potluck Dinner and Wreath Making |
| Dec. 6 | 10:00am | A New Take on the Old Story - Why Bother Celebrating Christmas? |
| Dec. 13 | 10:00am | "God is With Us" Christmas Play |
| | 7:30pm | Christmas Concert and Carol Singing |
| Dec. 20 | 10:00am | Old Dreamer, New Dreams - Traditions that no longer serve us |
| Dec. 21 | 7:00pm | Blue Christmas Service - A gentle time of singing, ritual and prayer |
| Dec. 24 | | Christmas Eve Services: |
| | 4:00pm | Families with young children |
| | 7:00pm | All Ages - Children's Christmas Play |
| | 10:00pm | Candlelight and Communion |



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