

Highland Hills United Church extends a warm welcome to our summer friends!

On January 1, 2018, the communities of faith of Minden United Church and Zion United Church amalgamated to become the **Highland Hills United Church (HHUC)**.

Much has happened in your absence!

- Our church leaders have established new governance with a combined **Unified Board**.
- The Trustees and Treasurers have combined/blended the bank accounts and investments.
- The worship and music committees have worked diligently to blend the diverse group of musicians which we are fortunate to have.
- Our HHUC Music Director is Melissa Stephens.
- The combined property committee is currently reviewing the needs of the church, after an extensive building assessment of both buildings, and are exploring possibilities to help us remain sustainable for many years to come.
- Members of your Integration Committee have met with individuals to discuss integration issues and members of the congregation have been providing feedback in the form of questions and comments.
- We are now worshipping at **9:30 am**, alternating worship locations each month, until a building decision is made:

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| July | Zion | 9:30 am | Maple Lake 11 am |
| August | Minden | 9:30 am | Maple Lake 11 am |
| September | Zion | 9:30 am | Maple Lake 11 am |

We will be having a congregational vote, to determine our permanent location, on **September 16, 2018 after the worship service at Zion**, before our snowbirds migrate. Should we receive a vote in favour of moving forward, the Unified Board will determine an action plan and schedule to implement this decision.

The Integration Committee welcomes your suggestions and encouragement, as decisions continue to unfold. In the spirit of empathy/compassion, kindness, and understanding, we endeavour to move forward.

Lois Deacon (Chair), Andy Cooper, Erskine Flook, Janet Heffer, Ross McMullen, & Debbie Sherwin