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Acting Chair of Church Council Melanie Davis

March 23 to April 26, 2018

During 2018, the position of Chair of Church Council will be rotating through the members of our council. We will keep you informed of the current acting chair by updating this notice in our weekly announcements.

Hearing Assist Devices

are available at the soundboard
(located at the centre back of the sanctuary)
in order that all might participate in our worship service.
If you would like to try out one of these devices please feel free to approach our sound technician or one of the ushers.

A Taste of Skylight Festival Friday April 20 & Saturday April 21

Living Spirit Centre, Regina

Come and get a flavour of Skylight Festival, a festival of Arts, Spirituality and Justice. Experience the intersection of these elements of life through dynamic and engaging contributors. Explore new ways of expressing faith, spirituality, and how to be church.

<http://bit.ly/TasteofSkylight>

Contributors include: Zarqa Nawaz, creator of Little Mosque on the Prairie and author of Dancing all the Way to the Mosque; Archbishop Don Bolen & Rabbi Jeremy Parnes on Leonard Cohen, Roberta Nichol, Jamie Arpin-Ricci, Wanda Gronvhold, Devon Floyd and more! If you interested in going as a group please sign up at the church office.

Sunday April 15, 2018

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!
If this is your first time with us,
please be sure to sign one of our guest books.
You are very welcome to join us for coffee and conversation after worship in the large foyer outside the sanctuary.

Upcoming Meetings & Activities:

- Tuesday, April 17 – Chair Yoga, 10:00 a.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, April 17 – U.C.W. Unit #9, 1:30 p.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Wednesday, April 18 – Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, April 18 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, April 18 – Garage and Rummage Sales, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 18 – Faith Formation, 4:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, April 18 - Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, April 19 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

OBSERVER

subscriptions are due!!

Please send in your cheque for **\$25.00**
payable to First United Church.

If you want to cancel or start a new subscription,
please contact the church office at 306-773-9353.

The Stewardship Committee invites you to a

Wills Seminar

at First United Church

TODAY - Sunday April 15th at 7 p.m.

Two professionals from Swift Current:

**Jim Anderson, founding partner of Anderson & Co. , and
Travis Cuthbert, financial planner and insurance agent,**

will be here to share their expertise on the legal and financial issues that we face at various stages of our lives.

This will be a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the opportunities and the concerns that we need to consider.

Spring Fundraiser Supper

Sunday, April 22nd

at 5:30 p.m. in the gym.

Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, corn,
salads, buns and pie for dessert.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 6-11.

Preschoolers are free. Tickets are now on sale!

A Five Week Introduction to

Buddhist Mindfulness Meditation

April 9- May 7 | 7:00- 8:45 pm in the Burnham Room

Practicing mindfulness is one way to gain a richer sense of being fully alive, and of gaining greater clarity, wisdom, freedom and joy in the process.

Come and learn the basic techniques of learning to pay attention to breath, to thoughts, to the body, to the emotions and to our walk through daily life.

The cost for this course is \$75. Financial assistance is available for those who require it. Donations to the First United Church

Mission & Service fund are also welcomed.

To register, contact Staci Schaitel.

stacischaitelshiatsu.com

Exploring Myths about Indigenous Culture

The Affirming Ministry Committee

invites you to join us

as we explore stereotyping and how it supports systems of privilege & oppression.

We will watch a short video and have opportunities for discussion and sharing.

When: Sunday, April 29th following the service

Where: Burnham Room

Confirmation 2018

Our confirmation program will begin Friday April 27th

This 8 session program is being offered to youth age 13 and older. There will be 3 sessions this spring and then another 5 in the fall.

For more information or to register please contact Staci Schaitel or Annette Taylor.

Crisis Support Line Now Open

In the wake of the Humboldt Bronco's bus accident, Morneau Shepell has launched a national crisis support line that is available to anyone in need of emotional support.

The crisis line can be reached at: **1.844.751.2133**.

By calling the crisis line, individuals will receive crisis counselling support and/or referral to community resources. **This resource is available to anyone and everyone, client or not.**

Their website workhealthlife.com also features additional information and tips on coping with traumatic events.