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### **Lenten Piggy Banks**

The season of Lent is drawing to a close and the Outreach Committee will be collecting the Lenten Piggy banks over the next couple of Sundays. Thank you for offering to fatten them up for Mission and Service.

### **Photo Directory:**

Our last photo session will be on  
**Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
in the gym at the church.

Please contact Sharyn Erne to sign up for your photo session.

306-773-4906 or 306-741-7346.

### **Sunday School/Youth Group/Nursery**

Our Sunday School (age 3 and up) and Youth Group (ages 11-14) begins part-way through the service (following the Community Learning Time).

Your children are also welcome to stay with you in the sanctuary during worship. We have a small round table with colouring supplies at the front.

If your child needs a break during the service, there is a small nursery just outside the sanctuary where you can hear what is happening in worship.

## **Sunday, April 16, 2017**

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 18 – Chair Yoga, 10:00 a.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, April 18 – U.C.W. Unit #9, 1:30 p.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Garage and Rummage Sales, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, April 20 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Thursday, April 20 – Faith Formation, 2:30 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Thursday, April 20 – Mindfulness Meditation, 7:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.
- Monday, April 24 – General U.C.W., 10:00 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

Please note that the **church office will be closed** on Monday, April 17 for the Easter Monday holiday.

**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.

We will be hosting another  
**"Come-and-Go Coffee Time"**

on Thursday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m. until noon  
in the Cypress Lounge.

If you are lonely or  
would just like to visit with others,  
please join us.

For more information, please contact  
Charlotte Thingvold, Fran Jackson or Ann Wiebe.

The **Affirming Ministry Committee**  
wants to hear your feedback, ideas and questions.  
We invite you to complete the sentences  
on the coloured paper  
found on the table outside the sanctuary,  
and then leave them in our question/suggestion box.  
Thank you!

We are planning **Membership Classes** for this spring.  
This discussion group is open to anyone who:

- is already a member,
- is considering being a member or
- is just interested in exploring their faith with other seekers.

If you are interested please contact the church office.

**Annette Will be Away**

Annette will be away on vacation April 18-25.

For emergency pastoral care please  
contact the church office.

**Ray McGinnis Prayer Workshop**  
**Sunday, May 7**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** (following potluck)

Ray has conducted workshops for over thirty years and  
has worked extensively with United Church groups.  
Those who attended last year's workshop found him to be  
a warm and engaging facilitator.

This year's workshop will be on the topic of PRAYER:  
when, how, where and why do we pray?

How do we voice and write our own prayers?

Cost will be about \$20 per person.

Please join us for a rewarding afternoon. To indicate interest  
please contact the church office or Colleen MacBean  
306-773-7386 or [collmac@shaw.ca](mailto:collmac@shaw.ca)

The Outreach Committee would like to draw your attention  
to the **Extreme Hunger Appeal**

<http://www.united-church.ca/hunger-appeal>

launched by the United Church of Canada.

At their most recent meeting, our Church Council agreed to  
support the following activities:

1. Adding the appeal to First UC Website & Facebook page;
2. Hosting a bake sale on Sunday, April 23 - donations of  
baking are welcome;
3. Making envelopes available for cash donations;
4. Using funds from the Planned Giving Account to support  
the appeal.

A **congregational meeting** will be held immediately after the  
service on Sunday, April 23, 2017 to present a motion to the  
congregation, that funds from the Planned Giving account be  
donated to support the Extreme Hunger Appeal.