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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

We have 3 evening openings left for our next photo session

Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11

in the Burnham room 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 9, 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:

- Sunday, April 9 – Ministry & Personnel, 11:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Tuesday, April 11 – Chair Yoga, 10:00 a.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, April 11 – Membership & Pastoral Care, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Tuesday, April 11 – Stewardship, 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, April 12 – Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, April 12 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, April 12 – Garage and Rummage Sales, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 12 – Lenten Study, 5:00 p.m. in the Grace Library.
- Wednesday, April 12 – Building & Property, 6:45 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, April 12 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, April 13 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Thursday, April 13 – Mindfulness Meditation, 7:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.

Please note that the **church office will be closed** on Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17 for the Easter holiday.

Spring Fundraiser Supper

is this **Sunday, April 9th** 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!

We will be hosting another

"Come-and-Go Coffee Time"

on Thursday, April 13 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.

Your Faith Formation Committee
has been discussing the possibility of
making available to interested people
the daily devotional booklet

The Upper Room.

If this is something of interest to you
please leave your name in the church office.

If you are unfamiliar with this publication check it out at
www.upperroom.org

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.

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

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.