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Acting Chair of Church Council
Brian McConkey
April 27 to May 31, 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 center 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 half-hour version of our
Worship Service
can be heard every Sunday
at 1:30 p.m.
on Radio CKSW 570

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.

Sunday May 13, 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, May 15 – Chair Yoga,
10:00 a.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, May 15 – U.C.W. Unit 9 (Friendship Group), 1:30 p.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Tuesday, May 15 – Affirming Ministry,
4:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, May 16 – Prayer Group,
8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, May 16 – Lectionary Bible Study,
9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, May 16 – Garage and Rummage Sales,
2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 16 - Choir practice,
7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, May 17 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time,
10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Thursday, May 17 – Worship & Music, 4:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Thursday, May 17 – Stewardship, 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.

Annette will be Away

May 7th to 13th on Continuing Education
While Annette is away please call the church office
for pastoral care emergencies.

U.C.W. Plant & Muffin Sale

Wednesday, May 23rd, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Muffin & Tea/Coffee Service \$5

**Donations of indoor & outdoor plants
welcomed and much appreciated.**

Please drop off plants the day before the sale.

World Peace Meditations

Wednesdays at 7:00pm at First United Church

May 16, June 13, July 11, August 15, etc

After introductory remarks we will sit in silent meditation from 7:30-7:50 p.m. This is happening all over the world!

As people meditate in each successive time zone the energy builds like a wave which gets stronger and stronger as it circles the planet. Benefit from this meditation will be flowing through you out to the entire planet. This practice is open to all who have a deep desire for world peace. No meditation experience necessary. Focused prayer is also welcome.

Camp Shagabec

is asking our congregation to donate

10 pails of cookies for their summer camps.

If you are interested in baking an ice cream pail full of cookies, please leave your name at the church office.

Cookies will be delivered on Monday, June 18th.

Our next **Loose Change Supper**

will be held on **Tuesday, May 29** at 5:30 p.m. in the gym.

Our menu is: Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked macaroni & cheese, veggies w/dip, rice krispie and, puffed wheat cake and an Ice Cream Sundae bar. Vegetarian and Gluten free options will be available. If you would like to join us for supper, please sign up at the church office **before** May 29th.

Region 4 Annual Meeting

First United Church will be hosting the Region 4 Annual Meeting of the United Church in Swift Current next spring. Region 4 will be replacing Saskatchewan Conference in the new organizational structure. This will be a big event, with 300 people expected to attend.

A Local Arrangements Committee has been created, with Co-Convenors - Colleen MacBean and Eileen Elkington. Other members are Adele Heise, Janet Keene, Ila Wilms, Valerie Shrumm, Marilyn Durant, Peggy Worrell, and Annette Taylor. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Colleen @ 306-773-7386 or Eileen @ 306-773-6502.

Congregational Meeting

At the April 26/18 Church Council meeting, the following motions were passed and now need to be taken to the Congregation for approval:

- a) "That we authorize Duncan roofing to proceed with the shingling of the church roof at a cost of approximately \$130,000. Funding to be determined."
- b) "That Council take to Congregation three options for paying for roof rehabilitation: 1) fund entirely from Church reserves or from Planned Giving, 2) fund from fundraising with loan for remainder, 3) half from existing Church funds and half from fundraising/loan."
- c) "That we purchase two new projectors for the sanctuary, from Voth's Country Wide, at a cost of \$24,306.87."
- d) "That funds needed for the projector which are not provided by UCW or the memorial fund will come from church operating fund reserves pending congregational approval."

The Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the June 10/18 worship service. Information will be provided and there will be time for questions and answers. Please plan to attend.