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**Acting Chair of Church Council
Melanie Davis**

September 28 to October 25, 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.

**There will be a
Potluck Lunch
on Sunday, Oct. 21st
in the gym following the worship service.
Everyone is welcome!**

A big thank you
to everyone who helped make the
Christmas Puddings.

They are now on sale in the church office.
\$6 for pints and \$12 for quarts.



Sunday, October 7, 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:

- Monday, October 8 – The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Tuesday, October 9 – Chair Yoga, 10:00 a.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, October 9 – Membership & Pastoral Care, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Wednesday, October 10 – Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, October 10 – Lectionary Bible Study, cancelled this week.
- Wednesday, October 10 – Garage and 3rd Avenue Boutique rummage sales, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 10 – Building & Property, 6:45 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, October 10 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
New singers are welcome!!
- Thursday, October 11 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

Please mark your calendars for our

Fowl Supper

on Sunday, November 4th.

Tickets are now on sale in the church office and every Sunday in the foyer after the worship service.

Fall Book Study begins Wednesday, Oct. 17th

Medicine Walk by Richard Wagamese (Author of Indian Horse)

Franklin Starlight is called to visit his father, Eldon, who is dying. He's sixteen years old and has had the most fleeting of relationships with the man. What ensues is a journey through the rugged and beautiful backcountry, and a journey into the past, as the two men push forward to Eldon's end. This is a novel about love, friendship, courage, and the idea that the land has within it powers of healing.

We plan to meet **Oct. 17&24 & Nov. 7&14 from 5:00 – 7:00pm** in the library. Bring a bag lunch if you wish. Please leave your name at the office or with Linda Stumpf (306-629-3948 ljstumpf1@hotmail.com or text 306-629-7972) if you are interested and plan to come or would prefer a different time.

Sunday October 14 at 7:00pm

You are invited "Just in Case"

To a free presentation by Harold Empey

To give you guidance in preparing for a serious illness or death

What does it mean to make final arrangements?

Harold will present his binder of material to guide you.

This package will be available for purchase for \$30

Please call the office if you are planning to attend

For information contact Linda Stumpf 306-629-3948

Our next **"Loose Change Supper"** will be on
Tuesday, October 30th at 5:30 p.m.

We will be serving meatloaf, roasted potatoes & veggies, spinach salad, buns, vegetarian meatloaf and cupcakes, fruit salad and a Sundae bar for dessert.

Please sign up at the church office by

Sunday, October 28th by calling 306-773-9353.

We are also in need of helpers for cleanup after the supper.

Please contact the church if you are available to help out.

Exploring Ageism

The Affirming Ministry Committee

invites people of all ages to join us in the Burnham Room after the service on **Sunday, October 28.**

Together, we will celebrate what we appreciate about being the ages we are, and also explore the stereotypes and discrimination that youth and seniors can experience.

Everyone is welcome to join Fran Jackson, Judy Gross, Margaret Lottridge & the Youth Group on

Friday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Burnham room
for a **card-making session.**

Please bring any supplies you may have on hand or just come on your own. Please contact Fran Jackson at 306-773-0920 or Staci Schaitel at 306-778-3333 for more information. The cards will be sold on Sunday, November 11th after church and all proceeds go to Mission & Service.

The **First Annual Meeting of Region 4** of the United Church will be held in Swift Current at the end of May 2019.

Our church is thus the host church.

A **Local Arrangements Committee** has been struck which will be co-chaired by Eileen Elkington and Colleen MacBean.

To make this event the success we know it will require volunteers for many different jobs.

Consider this an invitation to be part of this event.

A short information meeting will be held right after church on **Sunday, October 14.** Please consider joining us.

Sunday School/Youth Group/Nursery

Our Nursery, Sunday School (age 3 and up) and Youth Group (ages 11-14) begin 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 play room just outside the sanctuary where you can hear what is happening in worship.