

## First United Church

Swift Current, SK

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Sunday School Coordinator: currently vacant

## Radio Broadcasts

of our worship services can be heard on the  
third Sunday of the month

at **11:00 am** on **Radio CKSW 570**

(next broadcast is April 16th)

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast,  
please contact the church office. Cost \$130.

## Our April 16th Radio Broadcast

is being sponsored by the Keene family,  
in memory of Bert & Doreen Orr.

If you would like to sponsor one of our monthly broadcasts  
please contact the church office. Cost \$130.

## Recordings

of past Sunday services  
are available on the [church website](#).

## Sunday, April 16, 2023

A warm welcome to all  
who are worshipping with us today!  
Whether you are joining us in person  
or watching via livestream  
please know, you are a part of our family.

## Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Tuesday, April 18 – Membership & Pastoral Care, 10:00 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Creative Art Space.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Thursday, April 20 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Thursday, April 20 – Stewardship meeting, 4:30 p.m. on Zoom.
- Friday, April 21 – Affirming Ministry, 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook room.

## **Annette will be Away the Weekend**

**April 15-17, 2023**

While she is away please call the church office  
for pastoral care emergencies.

**CALLING ALL CARDMAKERS!** Creation Station will be open Tuesday April 18th at 2pm for card making for the fundraiser in May. Come and make use of the supplies we have been given. If you are unable to come and would like to donate cards you have made at home we would be happy to receive them before May 7th.

### DID YOU KNOW?

April 16 -23 is Earth Week 2023. The theme for Earth Day 2023 is Invest in our Planet. How will you focus on care of the earth during this week?

### Do you enjoy spending time with children?

Please consider volunteering to lead Sunday School on one of the following dates: May 7, 21, or 28. You would have access to the suggested activities and teaching curriculum for Sunday School. You may have other ideas as well such as an outdoor activity or time in the gym. Please contact the church office if you are interested and can help out.

**April 24, 7:00 pm, Lyric Theatre: *Kwayskahstahsôwin: Setting things right*** - A Panel with Indigenous leaders: How can you play a role in reconciliation? Hosted by University of Regina and the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation. We could reserve a table for our church. If you plan to attend, phone or text Peggy Worrell at (306) 774-5915.

### Spring Fundraiser Supper

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

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

Limit of 150 tickets sold. Maximum of 100 people in the gym. Remaining 50 tickets will be take out.

**Tickets are now on sale in the foyer today and the church office.**

Adults: \$20; Children 6-11 yrs: \$10; under 6 years are free.

### UCW Disbanding

The United Church Women of First United Church held a General Meeting on March 28, 2023 and, at that time, voted to disband as of June 30, 2023. At our worship service on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating over 60 years of ministry of the United Church Women.

### Have you heard about the House Groups?

As part of our new Governance Model, our congregation has been divided into ten House Groups. The purpose of the House Groups is to encourage folks to become involved in any capacity that they wish. One way is to participate in Sunday morning service and another could be a group activity. Your House Group Leader will be contacting you either by email or phone to make you aware of our church's new venture. The House Group Lists are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer just outside the nursery. Your name will appear on one of the lists.

For our **Spring Book Study** this year, we will be discussing ***The Gospel of Trees*** by Apricot Irving. The study will commence on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 over Zoom and will run for four weeks (May 16, 23, and 30). To sign up, please contact the church office. Deb Fletcher will be facilitating.

### Budget Feedback from Congregation

The Leadership Team has begun the process of addressing concerns raised at the AGM over the budget deficit. We are inviting the congregation to offer suggestions. If you have any ideas for increasing revenue or decreasing expenses that you believe warrant further exploration please write them down and leave them in the offering plate or at the church office by May 8.