

First United Church

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Sunday School Coordinator: currently vacant

Our May 21st Radio Broadcast

is being sponsored by Mary Anderson,
in memory of her mother, Shirley McKenzie.

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

Baked Items for CMHA

You are invited to bring baked items for CMHA
to the church on

Monday, May 1st or Tuesday, May 2nd

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon & 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

They are looking for any kind of baking such as
cookies, muffins, pies, dainties, tarts or cakes.

If you are not a baker but would still like to help out,
granola bars, Ziploc sandwich baggies, and individual
portions of pudding, yogurt and breakfast oatmeal are
also appreciated.

Sunday, April 30, 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, May 2 – Social Convenors, 10:00 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Wednesday, May 3 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday, May 3 – Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 3 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Creative Art Space.
- Wednesday, May 3 – Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Thursday, May 4 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

Annette will be Away

April 24 – May 2, 2023

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

U.C.W. Plant, Muffin & Bake Sale

Wednesday, May 24th, 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

In a number of Indigenous communities, corn, squash, and beans are called the "Three Sisters". When planted side by side these 3 crops help each other during growth, resulting in better yields at harvest. The corn offers the beans necessary support. The pole beans, the giving sister, pull the nitrogen from the air and bring it to the soil for the benefit of all three. The squash provides ground cover, discouraging weed growth and preserving moisture.

Spring Fundraiser Supper

TODAY!! Sunday, April 30th, 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.

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 9th 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.

We need Cookies!!

Camp Shagabec has asked us if we could send out 20 pails of cookies to Cypress Hills for their Camp Counsellors. Please contact the church office if you can help out. Due date is Tuesday, June 13th. We have some ice creams pails at the church if you need one. Thank you!!

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.

The Fundraising & Creation Station Interest Groups are having a

Mother's Day Card and Bake Sale

in the foyer following the worship service next Sunday, May 7th and again on Sunday, May 14th. On May 14th we will also be selling pink carnations for \$5 each. Donations of baking would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds go to the church's general operating fund.

Donations for Living Wall

Due to the popularity of the Living Wall last summer, the planting project will go ahead again in 2023. Our Church volunteers are looking for some donations to make the wall grow!

They will be looking for some of the following:

- Topsoil
- Compost
- Composted manure
- Plant food
- Bedding plants and Herbs
- Bright colored spray paint

Please leave bags of dirt behind the wall

Thank you, Earthcare Partners and friends.

United Church Women's Camp Day

Camp Shagabec, Cypress Hills Park

Thursday, June 15, 2023.

10:00 am to 5:00 pm - \$20

Sign up in the church office by June 9th.