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

We will be serving barbequed hamburgers and hotdogs, salads, watermelon, Rice Krispie and Puffed Wheat cakes, fruit salad and a Sundae bar for dessert.

Please sign up at the church office by Sunday, May 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.

May 15, 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.

Sunday, May 7, 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

- Monday, May 8 Earthcare Partners,
 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Tuesday, May 9 Spring Book Study,
 2:30 p.m. on Zoom.
- Tuesday, May 9 Ministry & Personnel,
 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, May 10 Lectionary Bible Study,
 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday, May 10 Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 10 Creation Station,
 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Creative Art
 Space.
- Wednesday, May 10 Choir Practice,
 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Thursday, May 10 Coffee Time,
 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Thursday, May 11 Leadership meeting,
 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.

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 baking & indoor & outdoor plants welcomed and much appreciated.

Please drop off plants the day before the sale.

DID YOU KNOW?

in the **Rempel Community Garden**? We will be growing vegetables to donate to people without gardens and charitable organizations. **Garden Talks** will be held at the gardens **Thursdays at 7:00pm**beginning May 11th. For more information call 306-778-2787
or email v.choofoo@swiftcurrent.ca.

Did you know that our church has rented two raised garden boxes

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.

THANK YOU to the following people for helping with **Meals on Wheels** for the month of April: Kae Waters, Pat Palmer, Fran Jackson, Diane Sarson, Sharyn Erne and thank you to Charlotte Thingvold who volunteered to help but was called away because of family illness. Everyone willingly stepped in to help fill those spaces. Thank you to Vern Letkeman for being my driver on more than one occasion.

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 today!

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.

A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who helped and supported our April 30th Spring Ham Fundraiser Supper.
We sold 138 tickets (53 takeouts and 85 tickets in the gym).
Our net profit was \$2,614.20!