Announcements Sunday, September 17, 2023

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Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Tuesday, September 19 Membership & Pastoral Care, 10:00 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge
- Wednesday, September 20 Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday, September 20 Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 20 Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, September 20 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, September 21 Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, September 21 Stewardship, 4:30 p.m. on Zoom

Living Wall Plant Giveaway

Earthcare Partners will be taking down the wall on Sunday, September 17th and we invite you to take a plant home with you after the service. We are asking that the containers be returned. You may bring the plant in the container back in the spring for the wall or you may return the empty container to the church after transplanting the plant into your own pot. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Fruit & Veggie Table

Thank you to all who have supported this project. Earthcare Partners is wondering about fruit that is going to waste in the city and whether there might be interest in collecting it. We could put it on our table and share it with Mental Health and the Food bank. Let Linda Stumpf (text 306 629 7972) or Peggy Worrell (306 774 5915) know if you are interested or if you are aware of fruit to be collected.

Art Journaling Workshop

Please join us for an art journaling workshop facilitated by **Eva Stanley on Saturday**, **October 14, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Art Journaling is both an art form and a spiritual practice. Art Journaling can be working though something, self-discovery, or just plain playing with paper, glue and paint! This workshop will be about working together, talking, laughing when we want and being intentional when we need to. The workshop is "in person" at First United Church. The registration fee is \$75 which includes lunch. Please <u>register on or before Friday</u>, <u>October 6, 2023</u> by calling the church office at (306) 773-9353.

Please mark your calendars for our

Fowl Supper

on Sunday, October 29, 2023

Two settings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Advance tickets only
On sale now at the church office
Office hours: Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Adults: \$20; Children 6-11 years: \$10; Under 6 are free Meal pickup and delivery available

Volunteer Sunday School Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Deb Fletcher has agreed to take on the role of volunteer Sunday School Coordinator. Deb is very passionate about the role Sunday School has in our children's lives. Please join us in welcoming Deb to her new position. The main task Deb will have is to coordinate leadership for Sunday School each Sunday. If you are interested in occasionally leading Sunday School, please let Deb know by text at 306-295-7530 or email fletcherdeb53@gmail.com or contact the church office at 306-773-9353.

Saskatchewan UCC Women Gathering

The Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women are gathering in Esterhazy on Saturday, September 30th, 2023 from 9:30 to 3 p.m. All women of the United Church, not just UCW members, are invited to join us. The theme is *Caring for Each Other* and the Guest Speaker will be Dawn Weber (from around Esterhazy). The registration form is available in the church office. For more information contact Barb at greenview@sasktel.net.

Baked Items for CMHA

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

Monday, September 25th or Tuesday, September 26th 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.

Expressing our Gratitude

This fall our Stewardship Committee is recognizing the many ways that members of our congregation support the ministry of First United Church. Each Sunday we are acknowledging how we are blessed by our family, our community and our leaders here at First United. Based on our Mission Statement, the themes each Sunday will be:

- Sept 10th Caring Community of Faith
- Sept 17th Pursuing Spirit Growth
- Sept 24th Pursuing Compassionate Outreach
- Oct 1st Offering Leadership/Support

On September 10th we expressed our gratitude to those who live out our ministry of being a Caring Community of Faith. We named these groups and asked their members to stand:

- Pastoral Care & Membership Committee
- Thursday Morning Coffee Group
- House Group Leaders
- Prayer Shawl Group
- Prayer Group