Announcements Sunday, September 24, 2023

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Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Monday, September 25 Earthcare Partners, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday, September 27 Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday, September 27 Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 27 Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, September 27 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, September 28 Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, September 28 Leadership Team, 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room & on Zoom
- Sunday, October 1 Circle Conversation: Mission Statement, after worship service in the Burnham room

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.

Circle Conversation

On Sunday October 1, after the worship service, you are invited to participate in a Circle Conversation to review proposed revisions to our Mission Statement, Core Values, & Identity Statement in the Burnham room. Facilitated by Colleen MacBean and Kevin Hanna, Leadership Team members.

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 (payable to First United Church) which includes lunch. Please <u>register on or before Friday,</u> October 6, 2023 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

Deb Fletcher taken 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.

New Members Group

If you are new to our congregation and would like an opportunity to explore your faith while learning more about the United Church then this is the group for you! We will plan to meet 3 or 4 times (beginning mid-October) to cover several topics related to our theology and the mission/ethos of our church. Once we know who is interested, we will find a day of the week and time that works for everyone. Please contact Annette for more information and/or to express your interest.

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 Sunday, September 17th we expressed our gratitude to those who live out our ministry of pursuing spiritual growth. We named these groups and asked their members to stand:

- Faith Formation Committee
- Worship & Music Committee
- Creation Station Group
- Decorations Group
- Choir