

# Announcements

## Sunday, December 3, 2023

### First United Church Swift Current, SK

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### Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Tuesday, December 5 – Social Convenors, 10:00 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge
- Tuesday, December 5 – Advent Study, 2:00 p.m. in the Chinook room & on Zoom
- Wednesday, December 6 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in person & on Zoom
- Wednesday, December 6 – Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 6 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, December 7 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge

### Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesday at 9:30a.m.

**has changed its format.**

You are now invited

to join us in person in the Chinook Room or on Zoom.

You can obtain the Zoom Link by calling the church office.

The Outreach Committee & Creation Station would like to

**thank everyone**

who supported their

**Baking, Preserves, Greeting Cards and**

**Christmas decorations Sale**

on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**A total of \$1106.50 was raised**

**for Mission & Service!**

At our meeting on Oct. 26, 2023, The Leadership Team adopted this as our

### **New Mission Statement.**

The congregation will be asked to affirm this new statement  
at our Annual General Meeting in March 2024.

**We, at First United Church, guided by the spirit,  
are striving to be an open and diverse community of faith.  
Through word and action we pursue the values of spiritual growth,  
compassionate outreach, social justice and care of the earth.**

### **Maya Angelou and the Freedom Poetry of Advent**

You are still welcome to join Mary Anderson & Annette Taylor  
on an Advent journey through the poetry of Maya Angelou.

We are meeting Tuesdays from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

in a hybrid mode (both in-person and on Zoom.)

Please contact the church office to register.

### **Christmas Shopping**

on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** the Sunday School  
will be shopping for their family members.

They will also be wrapping and labelling.

If you are able to bring donations of small items for the kids to buy,  
it will be appreciated.

Please bring them to the church office.

We can always use help with taping, cutting, printing –  
feel free to join us. Thank you! Cost is 25 cents per item.

### **UCC Remit 1:**

#### **Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization**

**The Affirming Ministry Group invites you to join us**

to learn more about UCC's Remit 1, and to share your thoughts and questions.

[Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization | United Church  
44th General Council \(generalcouncil44.ca\)](#)

[FAQs about Remit 1: Creating an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization |  
United Church 44th General Council \(generalcouncil44.ca\)](#)

**When: Sunday, Dec 3** following the service

**Where: Sanctuary**

## **Ministerial Advent Service**

Thursday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 12 p.m.

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Followed by Lunch

(provided by Christ the Redeemer)

## **Melodies of Christmas is Back!**

**Sunday, December 17 at 7pm**

You are invited to join  
the First United Church Choir  
for an evening of music featuring  
some of Swift Currents finest musicians.

Reception to follow.

A Silver collection will be taken for  
First United Church Refugee Sponsorship & our General Fund.

## **Blue Christmas Service**

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**

**at East Side Church of God at 7:00 p.m.**

This service is offered by the Swift Current & Area Ministerial  
to provide an honest and reflective time of worship for  
those who are struggling with loss during this Christmas season

## **Loose Change Suppers**

After over a decade of providing monthly Loose Change Suppers,  
our Loose Change Supper Group has decided to let this project go  
in favour of pursuing other volunteer opportunities in the community.

On behalf of the group,  
I would like to sincerely thank the congregation  
for your attendance at our suppers,  
enabling us to provide meals to those in need at little or no cost.  
Your support of this project has been greatly appreciated. Thank you.  
Janet Keene, Loose Change Supper Group



<https://giftswithvision.ca/>

The United Church of Canada  
developed Gifts with Vision in response  
to requests to be able to give gifts to relatives, friends, and  
loved ones that directly support projects developed by the  
church's Mission & Service partners

### **Hearing Assist Devices**

are available at the soundboard  
(located at the center back of the sanctuary)  
in order that all might participate in our worship service.  
If you would like to try out one of these devices  
please feel free to approach our sound technician  
or one of the ushers.

### **Can You Help Us Out?**

Our Social Convenors are looking for  
empty **ice cream pails** to use in the kitchen and  
Earthcare Partners are looking for  
empty **4 litre vinegar jugs** for the Living Wall.  
If you have any to spare  
please drop them off at the upstairs kitchen.  
Thanks!

### **Thank You!**

to Diane Minogue, Kelly Minogue, Mavis Jenson,  
Wally Bateman and Ila Wilms  
for the beautiful

### **Advent/Christmas decorations**

in our church building.  
Thank you for sharing your time and  
your amazing creativity and artistry.