

Announcements

Sunday, November 19, 2023

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Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Tuesday, November 21 – Membership & Pastoral Care, 10:00 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge
- Tuesday, November 21 – Building & Property, 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room
- Wednesday, November 22 – Lectionary Bible Study, cancelled this week
- Wednesday, November 22 – Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 22 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, November 23 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, November 23 – RSWG, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Please join us for a

Potluck Lunch

Following worship **this Sunday, November 19.**

Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesday at 9:30a.m.

is changing in format.

Starting November 29, 2023 you are invited
to join us in person or on Zoom.

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

Care Home Services

Friday, November 17

1:45 p.m. at The Meadows

2:45 p.m. at Cypress House

Come and join in the singing!

The Outreach Committee & Creation Station invite you to our
Baking, Preserves, Greeting Cards and Christmas decorations Sale
on Sunday, November 19th

in the foyer following the worship service.

All money collected will go to Mission & Service.

Donations of baking, preserves and Christmas decorations would be appreciated.

The Christmas decorations can be home made, new or nearly new.

Any decorations not sold will be donated to the Christmas Room.

Please label your preserves. Thank you!

Annette will be Away

Wednesday, November 22 to Sunday, November 26

for a few days of Study Leave.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office.

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 invited to join Mary Anderson & Annette Taylor
on an Advent journey through the poetry of Maya Angelou.

There will be four Tuesday sessions from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

beginning Tuesday November 28, 2023.

The group will meet in a hybrid mode (both in-person and on Zoom.)

Please contact the church office to register.

DID YOU KNOW?

Using wool drier balls in the drier reduces drying time by 25%. They are chemical free, hypoallergenic and last for 1000 loads. Wool drier balls can be scented with a few drops of essential oil and to increase static reduction just attach a safety pin.

No more drier sheets required!

Baked Items for CMHA

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

Monday, November 27th or Tuesday, November 28th

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.

CMHA would also appreciate donations of plastic containers (sour cream or yogurt) to
send home leftover food with their clients. 500 ml and 750 ml containers work the best.

**Please note that we will not be collecting any items for CMHA for the month of
December. We will resume in January.**

Christmas Tea, Bake Sale & Christmas Garage Sale

will be held

Saturday, December 2nd

from 2pm-4pm; cost is \$5.00.

Baking for the bake table would be greatly appreciated.

Come and enjoy!

Christmas Shopping

On **Sunday, December 3rd** 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.

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 for follow.

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

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!