

# Announcements

## Sunday, December 24, 2023

### First United Church Swift Current, SK

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Choir Director: James McLauchlan

Office Managers: Patti McCleary & Rhonda Lotochinski

### Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Wednesday, December 27 – Lectionary Bible Study, cancelled this week
- Thursday, December 28 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge

**The church office will be closed  
on December 25<sup>th</sup>, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
and January 1<sup>st</sup>  
for the Christmas Holidays.**

### A Winter Book Study

is planned for **Thursday afternoons starting January 18, 2024.**

It will be “in-person” sessions at the church  
and will study Praying Our Goodbyes by Joyce Rupp.

Melanie Davis will be our facilitator.

More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

If you are interested, please register with the church office.

### A Special Thank You

to James McLauchlan

and our First United Church Choir for hosting

**Melodies of Christmas.**

Everyone enjoyed a festive evening filled with  
wonderful music of the Christmas season.

We collected \$1,659 which will be divided evenly  
between our general fund and our Refugee Sponsorship program.

**A Special Thank You** to  
everyone who donated money  
to our **Christmas hampers**.  
A total of **16 families** (43 people)  
**were helped this year.**

**Offerings for 2023:**  
Please have all donations  
into the church office by  
**noon on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
so they can be receipted for 2023.

**Annette will be Away**  
**Monday, December 25 to Monday, January 1**  
Please call the church office with any pastoral emergencies.

**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.

**gifts**with**vision**

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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

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than do big box stores and national chains.