

# Announcements

## Sunday, February 16, 2025

### First United Church Swift Current, SK

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### Our Mission Statement

We at First United Church  
guided by the Spirit, are striving to be an  
Open and Diverse Community of Faith.  
Through words and action we pursue the values of  
Spiritual Growth,  
Compassionate Outreach,  
Social Justice and Care of the Earth.

### Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for the Family Day holiday.
- Tuesday, February 18 – Pastoral Care & Membership, 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Tuesday, February 18 – Ministry & Personnel, 1:30 p.m. in the Chinook room
- Tuesday, February 18 - Winter Book Study, 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Library & on Zoom.
- Tuesday, February 18 – Affirming Ministry, 3:30 p.m. in the Chinook room
- Wednesday, February 19 – Lectionary Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. in person & on Zoom
- Wednesday, February 19 - Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 19 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, February 19 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, February 20 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, February 20 – Leadership Team 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room & on Zoom

## Care Home Services

**Friday, February 14, 2025**

The Bentley at 1:30 p.m. and

Willow Creek Manor at 2:30 p.m.

Please come and join in the singing!

## Meet & Greet

On behalf of the **Refugee Sponsorship Working Group**,  
please mark **Sunday, February 16** on your calendars

as the date to meet and welcome the six new Canadians that we have sponsored.

They will be attending our church service that day, and  
we will have cake and coffee in the foyer after the service.

We are looking forward to having you meet these wonderful people!

## Winter Book Study

During February, Linda Stumpf is leading us in a book study featuring

***The Untied Church of Canada*** (*yes the spelling mistake is deliberate*)

This book was written for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church to celebrate the  
history, the present and the future of our church.

If you are interested, there are still two of the three sessions remaining,  
please contact the church office to sign up and to obtain a PDF version of the book.

The study is being held in person and on Zoom from

**2:00 – 3:30 on Tuesdays starting on February 11, 2025.**

When you register, please let the office know if you will need the Zoom link.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

The Leadership Team is inviting you

to become part of the planning committee for First United's celebration  
of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada.

We will be planning a special worship service for June 8, 2025 and  
any other activities that you would like to make happen!

Please contact the office if you are interested

## Baked Items for CMHA

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

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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 (500 & 250 ml)  
to send home leftover food with their clients.

## **Reflections on Music & Faith – A Lenten Study**

You are invited to join us for a five week Lenten Study beginning **Tuesday, March 11** (2:00-3:30 p.m.).

In this study we will be using the UCC Lenten Devotional, *Something Sacred*. This devotional explores how the power of music can deepen our connection to God and form us as disciples of Jesus.

The study will be facilitated by Annette Taylor & Mary Anderson and will be offered in a hybrid mode (both in-person and on Zoom). We will provide a PDF copy of the focus passage for each week. But, for a deeper experience, you may prefer to purchase a book and read the daily reflections (soft copy \$39.22 (with shipping), e-book \$7.95 through UCRD).

If eight or more participants request a book, we can do a group order and get a discounted price of around \$14.00.

When you register please let the office know if you will need the Zoom link and if you would like to purchase a copy of the book.

**Deadline for book orders is Monday, February 24.**

## **Let's fill those seats!**

You've written a will...but are all your ducks in a row?

The Pastoral Care and Membership Committee is inviting you to

**a free educational seminar by Purple Shield**

**Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.**

For every seat that is filled,

Canada Purple Shield will donate \$20 per person to the church.

The seminar will include:

- Estate administration made simple
- Sheltering money from your estate and probate
- How to relieve your family of financial and emotional stress
- How to plan your funeral and final expense costs
- What to do if a death occurs while traveling along with coffee, snacks and door prizes.

**To reserve your seat please call the church office: 306-773-9353**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

following a potluck lunch

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Gear Restore Calgary is a place you can take sportswear to be repaired. Patagonia brand clothing has a lifetime warranty. They will repair or buy back clothing with their brand.