

Announcements

Sunday, February 23, 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

- Tuesday, February 25 - Winter Book Study, 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Library & on Zoom.
- Wednesday, February 26 – Lectionary Bible Study - Cancelled
- Wednesday, February 26 - Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 26 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, February 26 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, February 27 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, February 27 – Refugee Sponsorship, 6:30 p.m. in the Chinook Room & on Zoom

Annette Away on Study Leave

Monday, February 24 to Sunday, March 2

Please call the church office with any pastoral emergencies.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 9th

following a potluck lunch

100th Anniversary Planning Committee

The Leadership Team is inviting you to become part of the planning committee for First United's celebration of the 100th 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 24th or Tuesday, February 25th

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.

Recordings

of past Sunday services are available on the [church website](#).

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 6th 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

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday March 7th at noon

at Christ the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church
(followed by lunch)

Friday Matinee - Movies for Lent!

Friday afternoons come to the Burnham Room
to watch the Oscar-nominated movies that Annette
will talk about in her sermon the following Sunday.

Mar. 7 at 2 p.m. – *Conclave*

Mar. 14 at 2 p.m. – *A Complete Unknown*

Mar 21 at 2 p.m. – *Nickel Boys*

Mar. 28 at 1:30 p.m. – *Wicked*

Apr. 4 at 2 p.m. – *I'm Still Here*

PIE Day Pride Café

Sunday, March 16, 2024 1-5pm (come & go)

at the Pride Drop-In Centre (#201 - 234 1st NE)

Come have some pie and participate in fun activities for adults & children!
Why PIE? Because the most effective support is Public, Intentional and Explicit.

The PIE Day Pride Café is brought to you by Southwest SK Pride &
the Affirming Ministry Group of First United Church

**If you are willing to bake a pie (or two) for this event,
they would be gratefully received.** Please contact

Linda Stumpf (ljstumpf1@gmail.com).

First United Church Spring Ham Supper

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, corn, salad, buns and dessert.

Limit of 150 tickets sold. Maximum of 100 people in the gym.

Remaining 50 tickets will be take out. (pickup time is 5:00 p.m. for takeout meals)

Tickets are on sale in the foyer on Sunday

and in the church office Monday-Friday.

Adults: \$20; Children 6-11 yrs: \$10; under 6 years are free.

Worker and food signup sheets will be available today after the
worship service in the foyer.

Broadview Magazine – Keepsake Edition

The June issue of Broadview will be a historic keepsake edition

celebrating the United Church's 100th anniversary —

a once-in-a-lifetime issue filled with powerful stories, pivotal moments and reflections
on the past, present and future of the church.

Inside this special edition, you'll find:

Historic Letters – A glimpse into letters to the editor from the time of church union

Theological Roots – The key ideas that shaped the denomination

Watershed Moments – Defining milestones from a century of faith in action

The New Curriculum, Reimagined – A graphic story about the 1960's CE program

Looking Ahead – What's next for the United Church?

The Indigenous Church – Confronting colonialism and fighting for equality

Moderators' Reflections – Memories and insights on the church's impact

With a bulk order, this keepsake edition is available for \$4 each.

**If you are interested in ordering some copies please contact the church office
and let them know how many. Deadline: March 24**

DID YOU KNOW?

Swift Current Repair Cafe will be held March 1, 2025 at Palliser Pavilion, Kinetic Park
10 am to 4pm. Free admission. Donations encouraged. For list of items repaired:

screpaircafe.com/cafe-details.