

Announcements

Sunday, February 9, 2025

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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 11 – Winter Book Study, 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Library & on Zoom
- Tuesday, February 11 – Outreach, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday, February 12 – Lectionary Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. in person & on Zoom
- Wednesday, February 12 - Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 12 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, February 12 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, February 13 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, February 13 – Stewardship, 4:30 p.m. on Zoom

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!

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!

Winter Book Study

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

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

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

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, wrote the following in her foreword to this book:

*"On our centenary, we give thanks for the goodly heritage of the past,
we face the challenges of the present moment with confidence, and
we look to the future with assured faith,
all described and celebrated in this souvenir book by Brian Arthur Brown."*

This study will take place over three weeks and will be an opportunity to explore some of the themes in this book. If you are interested, please contact the church office to sign up and to obtain a PDF version of the book.

The study will be 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.

NOTE: The United Church Foundation is currently offering an eight-week study on this same book and each week begins with a half-hour panel discussion.

You can go to YouTube to view the videos they have created:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsGz9AfDshDDt001Gt3LCRTVGnf7Q112d>

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

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.

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

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
(sour cream or yogurt) to send home leftover food with their clients.

500 ml and 750 ml containers work the best.

Recordings

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

DID YOU KNOW?

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE According to research, women only wear 1/3 of their wardrobe. UPCYCLING is making new out of old. Maybe you can find a seamstress who would turn some of the other 2/3 into something new to wear.

Or have a clothes swapping party with some friends.