

Announcements

Sunday, March 16, 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

- Friday, March 14 – Lenten Movie Series – *A Complete Unknown*, 2:00 p.m.
in the Burnham Room.
- Tuesday, March 18 – Pastoral Care & Membership, 10:00 a.m.
in the Chinook room.
- Tuesday, March 18 – Lenten Study, 2:00 p.m. in the Chinook room and on Zoom
- Tuesday, March 18 – Faith Formation – 4:00 p.m. in the Chinook room and
on Zoom
- Tuesday, March 18 – Outreach – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday, March 19 – Lectionary Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room
and on Zoom
- Wednesday, March 19 - Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 19 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, March 19 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, March 20 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, March 20 – Stewardship, 4:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Friday, March 21 – Lenten Movie Series – *Nickel Boys*, 2:00 p.m.
in the Burnham Room.

Reflections on Music & Faith – A Lenten Study

You are invited to join us for a five week Lenten Study
We began **Tuesday, March 11** (2:00-3:30 p.m.) in the Chinook Room
but you are still welcome to join us!

In this study we are 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 is being facilitated by Annette Taylor & Mary Anderson and
Is being 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 e-book and read the daily reflections
(available for \$7.95 through UCRD).

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

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. 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*

Ministerial Lenten Services

at Christ the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church
Thursday 12:00 p.m. worship
followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. (silver collection)

Date	Worship Leader
March 20	Christ the Redeemer
March 27	Faith Evangelical Missionary
April 3	St. Olaf Lutheran
April 10	St. Stephen's Anglican

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).

Senior Home Services

Friday, March 21, 2025

(with communion)

1:30 p.m. - The Bentley

2:30 p.m. - Willow Creek Manor

Come and join in the singing!

Lenten Pigs (M&S Givings)

During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?"

Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps those in need like the Mission and Service Fund.

As a congregation, watch for a special M&S envelope in your Easter Letter.

As a Sunday School, parents are encouraged to involve the whole family by setting up a piggy bank (Lenten Pig) to collect coins during the season of Lent. Please sign out your Lenten piggy bank with the Sunday School or office to encourage youth involvement. Please return envelopes and pigs by April 25th (the Friday following Easter).



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

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

The Indigenous Church – Confronting colonialism and fighting for equality

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**

Potluck for Patti

Sunday, March 30, 2025 (following the service)

Come and join with us as we
thank Patti for 20 years of service to First United Church and
wish her well in her retirement.

Baked Items for CMHA

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

Monday, March 24th or Tuesday, March 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Waste - View the 10 minute video "The Story of Stuff" at www.storyofstuff.com
with your family and decide how you can buy less "stuff".