

Announcements

Sunday, March 2, 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, March 4 – Leadership Team – 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook Room
and on Zoom
- Wednesday, March 5 – Lectionary Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room
and on Zoom
- Wednesday, March 5 - Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 5 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, March 5 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, March 6 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, March 6 – Purple Shield Presentation, 2:00 p.m. in Burnham Room
- Sunday, March 9 – Annual General Meeting & Potluck lunch, 11:45 a.m. in the
Gym

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

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 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*

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 13	Salvation Army
March 20	Christ the Redeemer
March 27	Faith Evangelical Missionary
April 3	St. Olaf Lutheran
April 10	St. Stephen's Anglican

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).



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

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**

DID YOU KNOW?

Swift Current Repair Cafe will be held March 29, 2025 at Palliser Pavilion, Kinetic
Park 10 am to 4pm. Free admission. Donations encouraged. For list of items
repaired: screpaircafe.com/cafe-details.