

Announcements

Sunday, March 23, 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 21 – Lenten Movie Series – *Nickel Boys*, 2:00 p.m.
in the Burnham Room
- Tuesday, March 25 – Lenten Study, 2:00 p.m. in the Chinook room and on Zoom
- Tuesday, March 25 – Refugee Sponsorship, 6:30 p.m. in the Chinook room and
on Zoom
- Wednesday, March 26 – Lectionary Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room
and on Zoom
- Wednesday, March 26 - Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 26 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, March 26 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, March 27 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, March 27 – Affirming Ministry, 3:30 p.m. in the Chinook room
- Thursday, March 27 – Leadership Team, 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room
and on Zoom
- Friday, March 28 – Lenten Movie Series – *Wicked*, 1:30 p.m.
in the Burnham Room

Thank You

to everyone who made pies and/or attended the
PIE Day Event at the Pride Centre
We helped to raise \$793 for the Centre.

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!

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. 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 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).



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.

The Centennial of the United Church of Canada

How can you take part in the celebration?

- **100 Years Worship Service at First United – Sunday June 8th at 10:30am**
 - Come and celebrate with us!
 - Talk to Annette if you would like to be a part of the planning,
- **Share Your Stories**
 - We want your stories about your life in any of the United Churches that you attended, and in particular, your stories about First United.
 - Each Sunday this spring we will have your stories and reminiscences read out during the Minute for Mission time.
 - We want these to be short, just a couple of paragraphs or maybe just a few sentences like: I remember the time that..... Or I remember the day that.....
 - If you are able, type them up on your computer and send them to Rhonda at the church office. If you can't do that, write them out legibly and bring them into the office in an envelope marked clearly with your name and the subject of your story.
- **Display Your Memorabilia**
 - We are also collecting articles for displays that will be shown for 2 or 3 weeks just on Sundays. Please bring your items to the church office.
 - Individual photographs should be mounted onto paper, marked clearly with your name, the subject of the photo and the names of people in the photo displayed.
 - Other items, such as books, bulletins, certificates, bibles, music, need to have your name on them and placed in envelopes or boxes that indicate what display it might be for, such as UCW, Sunday school, P.C.T.C. , Camp etc.

If you have questions or suggestions or would like to help with the stories or displays, please call Norma Hain at 306 773 3231.

The success of our celebrating and remembering depends on you!

DID YOU KNOW?

Waste #2 - Flexible plastics are now accepted by Sarcan: plastic bags, outer bags and overwrap, crinkly wrappers and bags (i.e. chip bags, Flexible packaging, ziploc bags, woven plastic bags, protective and squishy cushion packaging).

Shopping - Inventory your disposable products. Eliminate 3 of them. Refrain from unnecessary shopping for the rest of the Lenten season, buying only what you need. Continue to shop locally.