

# Announcements

## Sunday, April 13, 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, April 15 – Pastoral Care & Membership, 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room
- Tuesday, April 15 – Ministry & Personnel, 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook Room
- Wednesday, April 16 – Lectionary Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room and on Zoom
- Wednesday, April 16 - Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 16 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, April 16 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, April 17 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, April 17 – Stewardship, 5:00 p.m. in the Chinook Room
- Friday, April 18 – OFFICE CLOSED
- Friday, April 18 – Good Friday Service, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

## **Worship Service**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Prairie View Lodge - 3:00 p.m.

Come and join in the singing!

## **Good Friday Readers**

Annette is looking for people willing to take part  
in the Good Friday Service on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please let her know if you are available.

## **Thank You**

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Ministry & Personnel Committee, Leadership Team, Social Convenors, choir (the music was amazing!!), staff and the congregation of First United Church for my retirement celebration on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate all of the cards, gifts and well wishes from the congregation as well as the Staples gift card from the church that I can put towards a new Ipad! I was so overwhelmed to see so many people attend the potluck lunch in my honour, it was truly such a special day to me. Thank you all again, I feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family. Blessings to you all. *Patti McCleary*

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

to Judy Killaby, Rose Lis and everyone who helped  
and supported our March 23<sup>rd</sup> **Spring Ham Fundraiser Supper**.

We sold 151 tickets (57 takeouts and 94 tickets in the gym).

Our net profit was **\$2,746.85** which goes to the church's general fund.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> (the Friday following Easter).



# **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **UCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Did you Know??**

- The first recorded Christian service in Swift Current was conducted by Rev. George Lloyd in April 1885. He was a priest of the Anglican Church of Canada. Most of the parishioners were soldiers under Colonel Otter's command.
  - Knox Presbyterian Church on North Railway was built in 1889.
- As the Knox congregation grew, it was evident that a larger church was necessary. Four 50 foot lots at the corner of Chaplin and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE were purchased. Contracts were awarded in 1912 to build a \$25,000 church and a \$3000 manse. The organ was purchased and installed at a cost of \$6000. 120 families were now in the congregation.

## Summer Meal Program

The Social Conveners and Outreach Committee are participating in the Summer Meal Program as it enters its 3rd year through the coordination of Swift Link.

We are providing **30 family-sized meals and a minimum of 15 dozen muffins** to cover one full week of nourishment to families that are having a difficult time.

The meals are being made in mid-April and frozen.

They will be distributed through the Family Resource Centre the first week of July.

We are asking the congregation for **monetary donations** (receipts provided) to help cover the cost of the groceries and fresh fruit.

We are also asking for **volunteers to bake muffins**.

You can donate by cash, cheque or through e-transfer through the church office.

Thank you for helping us feed hungry children in our community.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Food** - Revisit or learn about the 100-mile diet. ([ecolife.com/food/eating-locally](http://ecolife.com/food/eating-locally)) Determine to increase the percentage of your grocery order that is grown within 100 miles of your home.