

# **Announcements**

## **Sunday, April 20, 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**

- Monday, April 20 – Please note that the church office will be closed for Easter Monday.
- Wednesday, April 23 – Lectionary Bible Study is Cancelled.
- Wednesday, April 23 – Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 23 – Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, April 23 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, April 24 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge

### **Annette is Away**

**Monday, April 21 to Monday, April 28**

Annette will be away on vacation for the week following Easter.  
In the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office.

## **First United Church Plant, Muffin & Bake Sale**

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Muffin & Tea/Coffee Service \$5

**Donations of indoor & outdoor plants, muffins and baking are welcomed and much appreciated.**

Please drop off plants and baking the day before the sale.

Please note: the Garage and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Boutique rooms will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## **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*

## **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).



## **Baked Items for CMHA**

You are invited to bring baked items for CMHA to the church on **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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 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 Carillonic Bells were dedicated on Sunday, October 31, 1948 and were presented by Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Cooper. Mr. Cooper passed away before the dedication but he did hear them during their installation and testing.
- The Christian Education Centre was built in 1962. This provided office space for the ministers, the secretary, Sunday School classrooms, a gymnasium which doubled as space for anniversaries, fall suppers, funeral receptions and other large gatherings. The building from the airport joined the church and the Christian Education Centre.
- When it was no longer a wise decision to repair and renovate the manse and the "airport" building, these were removed and replaced with the newest part of our building known as Metropolitan Place. An elevator was installed to make the visit to our church wheelchair accessible and more comfortable for those of us that don't move about easily.

## 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 have been made 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?

**Travel** – Perhaps you will be traveling to be with family today to celebrate this Easter holiday. We live where travel is pretty necessary for our lifestyle. Reflect on how you might reduce the amount of traveling you do, making one trip count, traveling together in one vehicle, walking when possible, limiting travel by plane.