Announcements Sunday, April 27, 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

- Monday, April 28 Earthcare Partners, 3:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday, April 30 Lectionary Bible Study 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room and on Zoom
- Wednesday, April 30 Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 30 Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, April 30 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, May 1 Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Thursday, May 1 Leadership, 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room and on Zoom

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 10th, 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 3rd Ave Boutique rooms will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Baked Items for CMHA

You are invited to bring baked items for CMHA to the church on Monday, April 28th or Tuesday, April 29th
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.

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.

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!
- o 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.
- o 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?

Earth Day was April 22nd. Visit www.earthday.org/earth-day-quizzes and quiz yourself. You might be surprised at what you will learn. It's a great family activity.