

Announcements

June 1, 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, June 3 – Social Convenors – 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room
- Tuesday, June 3 – Stewardship – 5:00 p.m. in the Chinook Room
- Wednesday, June 4 – Lectionary Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room and on Zoom
- Wednesday, June 4 – Boutique & Garage Sales – 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 4 – Creation Station – 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, June 4 – Choir practice – 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, June 5 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge

Camping Sunday

May 25th was Camping Sunday. Thanks to our Sunday School for a wonderful service at the park! At this time, we are inviting you to make **a special donation** to Camp Shagabec's amazing youth ministry.

There will be envelopes in the pews, or you can give by e-transfer or leave your donation in the church office.

Please make your cheque out to First United. Thanks for your generosity!

Earthcare Partners

The **Living Wall planting planting bee** will take place on **Tuesday, June 3rd at 1pm.**

Donations of small bedding plants would be appreciated. Some examples of plants that would be suitable are:

- chives
- Swedish ivy
- parsley
- wave petunias
- calibrachoa (a trailing mini petunia)
- small marigolds

Any donated plants can be left in the solarium.

The Earthcare Partners group thanks all those who have donated potting soil, spray paint and/or vinegar jugs for our project!

Ladies Day at Camp

Abbey United Church, 246 Dennis St. in Abbey, SK

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Let us Join in Celebrating our Past, our Heritage, our Community

10:00 am to 3:00 pm - \$20 per person (includes lunch)

Please contact the office if you are interested in attending.

We will also be carpooling, so if you need a ride please mark it down when you sign up.

(If you have cookies for Shagabec, bring them!)

We need Cookies!!

Camp Shagabec has asked us if

we could donate **30 pails of cookies** this year.

(chocolate chip cookies are a favorite!)

Please contact the church office if you can help out.

Due date is Friday, June 13th.

We have ice cream pails at the church office if you need one. Thank You!!

Broadview subscriptions are due.

Please etransfer or send in your cheque for **\$30.00** payable to First United Church.

If you want to cancel or start a new subscription,

please contact the church office at 306-773-9353.

Thank you to everyone who supported our

Plant, Muffin & Bake Sale on Saturday, May 10th

Admission (Approx. 70 attended plus donations): \$484.00

Bake Sale table: \$738.50, Plant sale table: \$586.75

Bake sale after church (May 11th): \$87.00

Expenses: \$5.46

Net income: \$1809.79

Worship Services at Care Homes & Senior Homes

The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee is looking for people who may be interested in providing worship leadership for care home and senior home services. We usually provide about one service a month from September to June. Some services are led by lay people and others by the minister. The services are about ½ hour in length and include several hymns, prayers and a brief sermon/story. To express your interest or obtain more information please contact the minister or the church office.

The Lodgepole Pines in Spring: A Creative Retreat for the Spirit

Tuesday, June 17 and/or Wednesday, June 18

133 Ben Vannoch (Linda Stumpf's cabin) at Cypress Park

On June 17th Norma Hain will be doing a one day workshop beginning with a time together to explore the ideas and themes that arise from stories about the characters from Kenneth Grahame's, Wind in the Willows, using pieces from two sequels written by William Horwood. Copies of those readings and some other handouts will be supplied.

On June 18th Linda will host a 2nd day for those who wish to extend their retreat time or those who would like to spend a day inspired by the poetry of Mary Oliver and others. You will be invited to bring your favourite Nature poem to share.

Time will be given both days to spend in your own creative endeavors which may include: drawing, painting, collaging, writing, poetry, etc. plus walking the trails, or finding a spot to sit quietly where you can meditate and create. In the late afternoon you will be invited to share some or all of your creative projects if you wish.

Please bring a bag lunch. Water, coffee and tea will be supplied. After the session concludes at 5pm, if you would like to join us for supper at the Cypress Lodge, that would be lovely. Materials that can be used for collage work, drawing or writing will be available but if you have specific ideas that need specific supplies please bring them.

The charge for each day will be a donation to First United Church to be applied to the Faith Formation for future workshops or retreats.

Register and make your donations through the office: 306-773-9353.

For more information contact Norma Hain at 306-773-3231

or Linda Stumpf at 306-629-3948 or text 306-629-7972.

DID YOU KNOW? - PESTICIDE USE

Pesticide use has been reduced by releasing ladybugs into the area.

A single ladybug eats 5000 insects during their lifetime.

Ladybugs can be purchased from garden centres or on line.

It is best to release them in the evening after watering.

The Centennial of the United Church of Canada

What's Happening at First United?

- **100 Years Worship Service at First United – Sunday June 8th at 10:30a.m.**
 - Our theme is the beauty and wonder of the Northern Lights.
 - This spirit-filled service will include a procession, streamers, multiple languages, beautiful music and creative decorations—a once-in-a-century experience!
 - Come and celebrate with us!
- **National Centennial Anniversary Service – Sunday June 8th at 3:30p.m.**
 - Come and watch the livestream (from St. John's NL) in the Burnham Room!
- **\$100 for 100 Years**
 - Instead of \$25 for 2025, this year we are inviting you to give \$100 (or whatever you are able) to celebrate 100 years of The United Church of Canada. This gift will go to the First United Church Operating/General Fund.
- **100th Anniversary Pewter Ornaments**
 - These ornaments depict our own First United Church. They are on sale for \$10 each in the office and after worship most Sunday's. These ornaments are the perfect size for your Christmas tree and a wonderful memento of our church.
- **100 Tables Project**
 - First United is one of 100 congregations across Canada who have been chosen to take part in the 100 Tables Project. As part of this project we have been given the money to purchase a picnic table with the hope that the table will be used to express God's radical promise of belonging!
 - We have chosen the theme **First United Church Cares** for our table and each committee or interest group has been invited to choose a day or two to take the table out into the community. Sometimes it will be here on our property, sometimes at Market Square and other times at the Swift Current Mall.
 - We invite you to engage with whatever activity is being offered at the table and to welcome others as well!
- **Sharing Our Stories**
 - Thanks to everyone who has shared their story during the Minute for Mission over the past several Sundays and thanks to Norma Hain for organizing this part of our 100th Anniversary celebration!
- **Displaying Our Memorabilia**
 - Thanks to everyone who has provided items for the displays over the past several weeks and a huge thank you to Norma Hain for collecting these items and displaying them so beautifully each Sunday!

Note: **The AED** (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the wall opposite the gym doors. In an emergency, if you need help to operate the device, please call 911.