

Announcements

Sunday, May 18, 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, May 19 – OFFICE CLOSED
- Tuesday, May 20 – Pastoral Care & Membership – 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room
- Tuesday, May 20 – Faith Formation – 4:00 p.m. in the Chinook Room and on Zoom
- Wednesday, May 21 – Lectionary Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook Room and on Zoom
- Wednesday, May 21 – Boutique & Garage Sales – 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 21 – Creation Station – 1:00 p.m. in the Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, May 21 – Choir practice – 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, May 22 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge

Care Home Services

Friday, May 16, 2025

1:45 p.m. - The Meadows

2:45 p.m. - Cypress House

We will be offering Communion.

Come and join in the singing!

Earthcare Partners

The **Living Wall planting project** will be getting under way in the first week of June and we are looking for the following donations:

- small bags of potting soil
- small bags of compost
- bright colours of spray paint that will adhere to plastic
- 4 litre vinegar jugs to be used for plant pots

The vinegar jugs and paint may be left in the kitchen. The potting soil and compost can be left behind the wall. Thank you!

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)

Sign up in the church office by Monday, May 26th

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!!

100th Anniversary Pewter Ornaments

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, we are selling First United Church pewter ornaments. These ornaments are on sale for \$10 each. They are on sale in the office and after most Sunday's. These ornaments are the perfect size for your Christmas tree and a wonderful memento of our church. A great idea for stockings stuffers!

Camping Sunday

May 25th is Camping Sunday and, 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!

Care Home Service

Sunday, May 25, 2025

3:00 p.m. - Prairie View Lodge

Come and join in the singing!

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

Diversity Stories

The Affirming Ministry Group is looking for your stories!

We are planning a **Celebration of Diversity** service on June 1, 2025

and we would like to hear about how

our congregation's efforts to be an welcoming church for all

has positively impacted you or someone you know.

As we state in our [Affirming Vision Statement](#), First United is committed to welcoming

people of all ages, abilities, genders, racial identities, sexual orientations, gender

identities, family configurations, cultural backgrounds and economic circumstances.

This is something to celebrate... please help us by sharing your stories.

You can drop them off at the church office or email them to

the minister's email address.

Thanks for being a part of our celebration!

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Nature Conservancy of Canada** has a plan to protect 500,000 hectares of Prairie grasslands by 2030. Over 80% of Canada's grasslands have been lost already. That's 80% less carbon-storing land, 80% less of land purifying water and mitigating flood risks, 80% less habitat for grassland species. Projects nearby include Jackson Pipestone Prairie and Wetlands, and Mackie Ranch around Chaplin Lake, an internationally significant lake for shorebirds.

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.

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!