# Announcements
# Sunday, July 26, 2026

## First United Church
### Swift Current, SK

Church Office – 306-773-9353 www.firstunitedsc.ca
email: firstunitedchurch@sasktel.net
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedSC/
e-transfer: give.firstunited@sasktel.net

Minister: Rev. Kelly Osgood email: 1currentminister@gmail.com
Choir Director: James McLauchlan
Office Manager: Rhonda Lotochinski
Office Manager Assistant: Paulene Lansang

## 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

- Thursday, July 30 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

## Fellowship/Coffee Time

You are cordially invited to join us at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. every Sunday for
Coffee, Tea, Juice, Water, and Treats
Satisfy your caffeine needs whilst making new friends!
We encourage you to BYOC (Bring your own cup)
Coffee and Fellowship will be continuing through the summer.

## Good News Update!

Happy summer everyone!

A few updates from the **Refugee Sponsorship Interest Group**.

As previously shared, a trust was opened for Nour Alshaib, for those wishing to add their support for savings to go towards secondary education when she graduates.

For various reasons, the trust is now closed and all donations up to this point have now been deposited directly to Nour's RESP. ***Thank you*** to those who have given donations thus far!!

Moving forward, folks who wish to contribute to Nour's RESP are now asked to etransfer Hala directly as she is the only one able to deposit the funds to Nours RESP. Her cell is 306-750-8047.

Great news!! Suliman now has his drivers license - YAY! Mohamad is eligible to challenge the road test once he feels ready. Hala will be eligible to take her road test by end of August; however, she needs more practice drives and the instructor has now paused booking drives.

More good news!! Suliman and Mohamad continue to work full time at The Flats! DOUBLE YAY!

We hope you are having a wonderful summer and continue to do so!

Sincerely,
Marilyn, Maxine & Amy

## $26 for 2026 Fundraiser

The Fundraising Interest Group is asking you once again to support the $26 for 2026 fundraiser. This is a one-time donation in multiples of $26 during the year 2026, over and above your regular givings. Would you be able to give $26, $52, $78, $126, $226, $2,026 or some other amount?

**This initiative will run from August 3 to August 14, 2026.**

Donations may be made by:

e-transfer: give.firstunited@sasktel.net
or by mail: First United Church
223 – 3rd Ave. N.E.
Swift Current, SK
S9H 2G6

Thank you in advance for supporting our church

**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.

## Tailgate Sale

Looking to sell your treasures? Too tired to put on your own garage sale? Mark your calendars and start collecting your items, the First United Church Fundraising Interest group will once again be putting on a Tailgate sale on Saturday, September 12th *(alternate date Sept. 19, in case of inclement weather on Sept. 12th)*. Book a space in our parking lot to sell from your vehicle, cost $20 per parking spot. If you wish to rent one of our church tables the cost will be $12 (6ft table) or $14 (8ft table).
Please contact the church office to sign up.

## A New Announcement on Announcements

Have an announcement for the Congregation?
To improve our communication systems we are now asking that all announcements be in writing (or emailed to firstunitedchurch@sasktel.net) and submitted to the office by Thursday at noon.
Folks may highlight their announcement on Sunday morning by referring to the written version that has been emailed.
Folks are now asked to inform the minister before the service if they wish to speak to their announcement.
Tips for effective announcement:

- keep it brief
- ensure it has: who, what, where, when & why.
- Assume there is one person in the congregation who does not know what you are talking about – that person is probably the minister!

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Please note that the

## Church Office Summer Hours

will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
starting on June 29, 2026 to August 21, 2026.

## External South and Southwest Stairs

Please be aware that our cement stairs to the south and southwest corner of the church have become unsafe and will have to be replaced. We advise using the west main door until this issue is resolved.

## DID YOU KNOW?

"Solar is now the cheapest source of electricity in history."
~ Katharine Hayhoe, Canadian atmospheric scientist