

Announcements

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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, August 18 – Outreach Meeting, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Thursday, August 20 – 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 e-transfer 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 Garage Sale Event

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 holding a Tailgate Garage sale on Saturday, September 12th *from 9am to 2pm (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. Limited spaces available. 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.

Summer Meal Program

Our **Social Convenors** and **Outreach Committee** would like to thank everyone for once again participating in the Summer Meal Program through the coordination of Swift Link. We provided 30 meals and 15 dozen muffins to cover one full week of nourishment for families having a difficult time. The meals were made by our Social Convenors during a cooking blitz in April. Kim Bilanski graciously delivered the meals to the Family Resource Centre to be distributed. A total of \$810 was donated to the Summer Meal program.

After the grocery expenses of \$323 for the 30 meals there was \$487 left over. The remaining funds were used to purchase Co-op gift cards for the Family Resource Centre.

Thanks so much for all your generosity!

What a wonderful way to show love to families in need.

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?

You can attract endangered black and orange Monarch butterflies by planting Milkweed species that are native to Saskatchewan, and asters and goldenrods, near your milkweed patch.