

~ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS as of Sept. 21, 2018~

- **Children & Youth ~ Sue Stratulate**, with help and cooperation from the parents of the younger children, will offer age appropriate biblical stories, crafts, songs and games in the **JC Club** room most Sundays. **Wendy Staal** is coordinating the **YAC** (youth-at-church) group. Sept. 30th is suggested as their first gathering time for 2018-19. Please let Sue & Wendy know of your interest and ideas.
- **Worship ~ September 23rd** we'll have guitar accompaniment for Sunday Worship and a presentation from Jenny Munholland & Isaac Hernando regarding their participation in the GO project this summer in Vancouver.
- **Orange Shirt Day is September 30th.** Everyone is invited to wear an **orange shirt** to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to Residential School and those children who died at school. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3vUqr01kAk&feature=player_embedded <https://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/september-30-orange-shirt-day>
- **Lunch, Learning & Laughter ~** Please join with Jan on Fridays @ noon as we prepare for Sunday worship by discussing the themes found in the Bible readings. This week's focus is John 6:1-13 (loaves and fishes). Next week will be Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Mark 9:30-37 (Whoever welcomes a child, welcomes me).
- **Upcoming:**
 - **Avabelli Dance Troupe ~ Sept. 24 @ 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Prayer Shawls (Knit/Crochet) ~ Sept. 25 @ 2:00**
 - **Men's Breakfast ~ Wednesdays @ 7:00 a.m.**
 - **Church Mice Art Group ~ Sept. 26 @ 10 a.m.**
 - **Choir ~ Sept. 26 @ 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Luv2Read ~ *Did You Ever Have a Family*, by Bill Glegg ~ Sept 27 @ 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Lunch, Laughter & Learning ~ Fridays @ Noon**
 - **Lodge Service ~ Points West ~ Sept 28@ 3:30**
- **Website Updates:** <http://www.stettlerunitedchurch.org/news>

~ WIDER CHURCH & CHURCH RELATED ~

- **Annual Firefighter's Food Drive** ~ Watch for a Wildcat Football player at your door, on Monday October 01st, (starting around 6:00 pm) collecting food for the Firefighter's Annual Food Drive, for the Stettler Food Bank. Let's help them load the ATCO Trucks!!!

****If you can give a hand helping sort food (note, this is an extremely busy evening and is too dangerous for young children to be involved), please come to the United Church at about 7:00, all hands greatly appreciated!!**

- **Stettler Hospice Presents WiL, in concert**, September 30 @ Performing Arts Theatre
<https://www.facebook.com/events/166903814159593/>
- **DOPE SICK: Fentanyl's Deadly Grip, movie & discussion**, September 24, 7-9 pm @ Sunnybrook United Church, Red Deer.
<https://www.reddeeradvocate.com/news/fentanyl-documentary-returns-to-red-deer/>
- **STEWARDSHIP: Serving in a Changing Church and World**, October 19-20, Sunnybrook United, Red Deer. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Christopher Levan. ***Jan has registered for this event. She'd welcome others to participate and/or car pool.
<https://albertanorthwestconference.ca/16025-register-for-fall-stewardship-conference/>
- **Alberta Health Services have regional workshops** related to Palliative & End of Life Care Training (October 2-3) and Dementia Care (Oct. 22). Contact Gail Benjamin 403-740-8565 for further information. ***Jan has registered for the one on Oct. 22nd. She'd welcome others to participate and/or car pool.
- **Alex Kusturok, fiddler extraordinaire, in Concert** @ St. Andrew's United Church in Lacombe, October 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Tickets are \$20, children are free, and are available at church office
ph: 403-782-3148 Check www.alexkusturok.com
- **Moderator Richard Bott ~ milestone anniversaries** celebrated this year make the United Church what it is and will shape its future.
<https://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/vital-directions-past-future>
- **Upcoming United Church Webinars** ~ a wealth of topics and learning opportunities... <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars>