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April Reflections

Please Join Us @ 10:30 am

- April 3 - Simpson Gilbert
 - Good Friday Service
- April 5 - Rev. Dr. Lisa Waites
 - Easter Sunday Service
- April 12 - Rev. Dr. Stephen Harper
 - Communion
- April 19 - Riley Harper
- April 26 - Rev. Dr. Stephen Harper
 - Baptism

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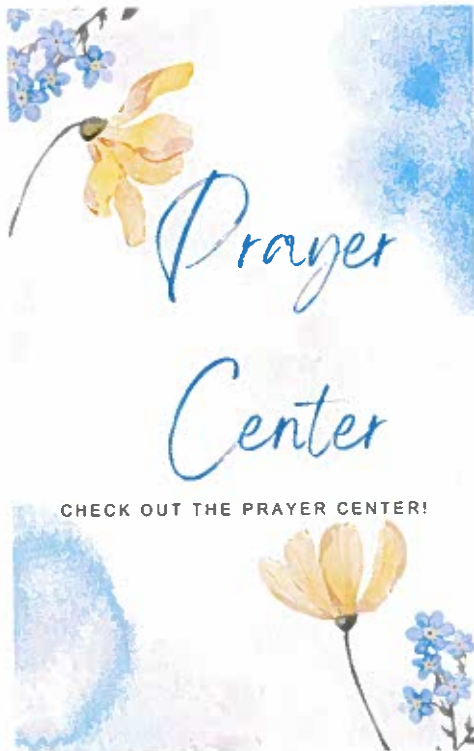
Welcome to Rev Dr Stephen Harper

The church council would like to this opportunity to welcome Rev Harper as our new half time minister.

His hours at the church are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. He will be preaching the second and fourth Sundays of the Month.

His first communion service is Sunday, April 12th at 10:30 p.m.

His email is minister@southwoodchurch.ca



Prayer Center

Come Check It Out!

Please take time to check out the Prayer Centre.

There are a couple of new additions:

"Grief - The Last Act of Love"

"Refresh Prayer Life for Spring"

The Prayer Center is restocked as needed so drop by to see what is available for yourself or to share with another!



Sunday Morning Coffee Setup

We are looking for people to sign up to make coffee before service on Sunday mornings and then to clear up after Coffee Time after the service.

We need 3 people for each before and after per Sunday. This is a fun and easy job! Instructions will be provided.

Thank you for your help.

For more information visit:
<https://volunteersignup.org/77F3E>



Creative Conversations

Thursdays 10 am - Noon

Please join us every Thursday Morning for our drop in craft and sharing time.

If you have a craft you like to work on such as scrapbooking, painting or would be interested to help work on crafts for our Southwood Church Women (SCW) Teas, we would love you to attend our meetings whenever you have a chance to come.

Offerings of coffee, snacks and fellowship adds enjoyment to the time spent together. We meet in Room 10.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, April 1st from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Please join us for fellowship, bring your knitting or crocheting to work on, share tips and leave a bit more lighthearted.

Please note that we have increased the end time from 2:30 to 3:00 as of April 1st.

All are welcome to join us!



Drop In Coffee Time

There will be no coffee time in April as the first Friday of April is Good Friday.

You are welcome to join us on Friday, May 1st for a beverage and to share in the conversation.

This is a wonderful chance to re-acquaint yourself with others or meet new-to-you folks.

We meet in the Fireside Room. Come for what ever time you have available.



Coping & Caring Ministry

Wednesday, April 8th at 1:30 p.m.

Please come and join us for our monthly meeting in the Fireside Room. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month.

Life sometimes needs a helping hand and this group offers support through those times.



Southwood Church Women (SCW)

Monthly Meeting

The next SCW meeting will be Thursday, April 9th at 1:30 p.m.

Please join us for a time of conversation and coffee. Please remember that all women of Southwood are automatically members of SCW.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Volunteer Luncheon Signup - WE NEED HELP!

Thursday, April 16th & Friday, April 17th

Welcome to the Volunteer Seniors Luncheon sign up. There will be a sign up each month for anyone who would like to help for this event.

We will need help for prepping on Thursday and on Friday for set up, serving and clean up. All are welcome to join us in reaching out to serve others.

For more information visit:

<https://volunteersignup.org/4KLL9>



April Senior Congregant & Friends Luncheon

Friday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Starting at 11 a.m., there will be entertainment from the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers followed by lunch.

Congregants and up to 3 friends can be signed up for the luncheon. See below for the signup.

Beginning Monday, April 13th, if there are spots available, the waiting list will be used to fill the open spots. If space permits, then registration will be available on our website.

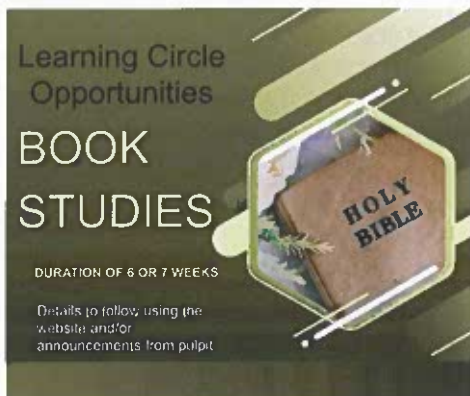
Anyone else can call 403-253-2979 and leave a message or email the office at office@southwoodchurch.ca

Registration fills up fast so don't delay!

Please note that the signup software says volunteer but it is used for our signups.

For more information visit:

<https://volunteersignup.org/PELJE>



Spring Learning Circles

Jan McLean will be leading a Learning Circle on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon following the book "Aging Faithfully" by Alice Fryling. The group will go through the book together with the purpose of listening carefully to God's voice to be renewed from within.

The book will help us accept the reality of our aging, recognize our responses and help us grow closer to God and experience his grace. The sessions will start April 15 and run for 6 (or maybe 7) weeks. The book is available for purchase for \$30. These times are challenging, so the book will be provided at no cost if your funds are tight at this time.

There has been some interest in an evening Learning Circle. Jan is willing to lead a group going through the book "Bible Stories for Adults" by Josh Scott, which the group that meets Wednesday went through last fall. The book examines 6 familiar Bible stories, 3 from the Hebrew Scriptures and 3 from the Christian Scriptures, that we are familiar with from childhood.

The author leads us through these stories, helping us understand them from a more grown-up perspective. If you are interesting in attending, please contact the office and indicate what day and time would be convenient for you. If there is enough interest we will then contact you with more details.



Camp Caravan is Coming to Southwood United Church!

August 4 -7, 2026

Camp Caravan Summer 2026 Registration is OPEN!!!

Get ready for an unforgettable summer at Camp Caravan! Registration is now open for both campers (K-Grade 7) and YouthCrew, so whether you're joining for the first time or coming back for more, there's a place for you.

Register today at: www.camp-caravan.ca



Come Meet Our New Renters!

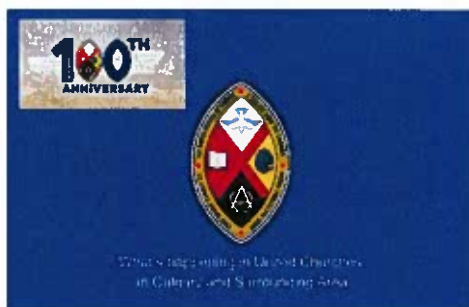
We were pleased to be able to accommodate partnerships with three additional support groups and one youth centered group.

RAIAR - (Remember Addiction Is Addiction Recovery) is a support group for all gender members who are in recovery from any and all forms of recovery. The meetings are not open, the same 10 people meet every week with only a few changes in the roster a few times a year.

RAIAR - (Remember Addiction Is Addiction Recovery) is a closed support group for women who are in recovery from any and all forms of recovery.

Crystal Meth Anonymous (Parents in Recovery "Life is Methy") - A support group for those who struggle with their addiction recovery and balancing work, home life, raising a family and other stressors in life. This is their third group in Calgary.

Young Life - A Christian non profit group that is focused on middle school aged kids. Every Thursday at Southwood UC, a lunch, Devotion and time for games happens. Students from Panabaker school attend from September to June. SKATE Life which has a focus at skate parks is also part of this program. Young Life is notified each time we are hosting the Naked Faith youth events.



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Happenings in Calgary United Churches

Following are the highlights of happenings in United Churches in Calgary and surrounding areas. [See posters on bulletin board for details for these events and others.](#)

"Then Let Us Sing"- New Hymn Book Introduction - McDougall United Church, Friday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. followed by Strawberry Shortcake

- *This is a city-wide and beyond Calgary event - come and get introduced to the new resource.*
- *Invite your choirs and any who would like to join in this singing event led by Rev. Joanne Anquist,*
- *Hymn Book Committee Member, the Rev. Dr. Lisa Waites will be participating.*

Donations of Clothing & Footwear, Central United Church. They are reaching out to the wider community for donations of clothing and footwear for adults. There is a bin available at the Southwood United Church main entrance between the double set of doors where these items can be placed.

Check out the bulletin board for more events happening around Calgary.



Recap of Southwood Church Happenings!

Month of April

- April 1 - Prayer Shawl Ministry @1:00 p.m.
- April 2 - Creative Conversations @10:00 a.m.
- April 3 - Good Friday Service @ 10:30 a.m.
- Cancelled Drop In Coffee Time
- April 5 - Worship Service @10:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday
- April 7 - Prayer Group @10:00 a.m.
- Worship Meeting @11:00 a.m.
- April 8 - Coping & Caring @1:30 P.M.
- April 9 - Creative Conversations @10:00 a.m.
- SCW Monthly Meeting @1:30 p.m.
- April 12 - Worship Service @10:30 a.m.
- Communion
- April 14 - Prayer Group @10:00 a.m.
- Worship Meeting @11:00 a.m.
- April 16 - Creative Conversations @10:00 a.m.
- April 17 - Senior Congregant & Friends Luncheon @11:00 a.m.
- April 19 - Worship Service @10:30 a.m.
- April 21 - Prayer Group @10:00 a.m.
- Worship Meeting @11:00 a.m.
- Church Council Meeting @6:30 p.m.
- April 23 - Creative Conversations @10:00 a.m.
- April 26 - Worship Service @10:30 a.m.
- Baptism