

COMPOSE NEWSLETTER

February Monthly Newsletter - Who is Preaching, Come and Celebrate!, What is happening in February, Recap of Events

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February Reflections

Please Join Us @ 10:30 am

- February 1 - Bart Dailley
 - No Sunday School
- February 8 - Rev. Dr. Stephen Harper
- February 15 - Simpson Gilbert
 - No Sunday School
- February 22 - Rev. Dr. Stephen Harper



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, February 4th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm

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

All are welcome to join us!



Drop In Coffee Time

Friday, February 6th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm

You are welcome to join us on Friday, February 6th 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

February 11th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm

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.



Council Invites Everyone to Celebrate!

Happening February 8th

Please join us in welcoming our new minister, Rev. Dr. Stephen Harper and his wife Tara, on February 8th.

Cake and refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following our Sunday Service.



Southwood Church Women (SCW)

Monthly Meeting Followed by Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The next SCW meeting will be Thursday February 12th at 1:30 p.m.

Following our regular meeting, our Annual General Meeting will be held. Come and hear all that God has done through us in 2025.

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.



February Senior Congregant & Friends Luncheon

Friday, February 20th 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 Tuesday, February 17th, 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/FWD9B>



Volunteer Luncheon Signup - WE NEED HELP!

Thursday, February 19th & Friday, February 20th

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/7EDMQ>



Annual General Meeting

February 22, 2026 following Sunday Service

Please mark your calendar for our AGM. It is so important to hear about the successes that happened in 2025.

It will be an amazing, celebration in sharing what God has been doing in our church, through our church and for our church.

All are welcome!



Sunday Morning Coffee Setup

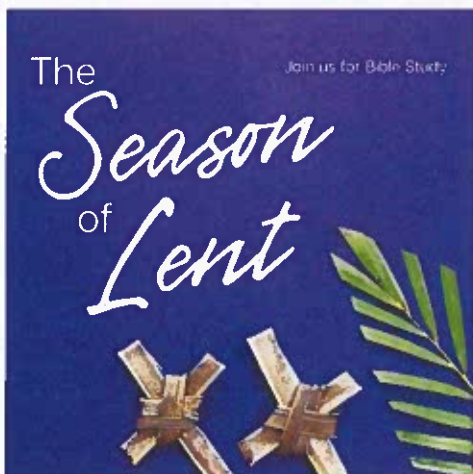
We are looking for people to sign up to make coffee before service on Sunday mornings and then to clear up after Coffee Time after the service.

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/RQL9D>



Lent Bible Study

February 25th - April 8th

Jan McLean will be leading a Learning Circle Wednesday mornings from 11 am to noon. The circle will run February 25-April 8.

We will be following "The Hardest Part"- a Lent study guide recommended by Stephen Harper, our new part-time minister.

Each lesson is stand alone, so please feel free to come to any session.

Registration is not required. There is no cost and print copies will be made available or the guide can be found online at

https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-hardest-part/#group



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.

Grieving with Grace, McDougall United Church, February 19 - May 7, Thursdays, 10:00 am

Black History Month Event - Scarboro Choir "Spirituals & Gospel Music" Sing-a-Long. Scarboro United Church, February 22nd, 7:00 pm

- *The music chosen will be highlighted with story-telling about each hymn chosen.*

"Toward 2035" - "Introduction to the National Resource for Congregations" - Chinook Winds Executive Minister - Treena Duncan, McDougall United Church, Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am

- *Every congregation is encouraged to get involved in "Toward 2035" - Church Board Members and Church Leaders - come and learn how to present this program in your church.*
- *Meet at McDougall for "Coffee & Muffins" and join in a 90 minute workshop with Treena Dunca - Watch for more information.*

World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 6th - Prepared this year by "Nigerian Christian Women" and sponsored in Canada by the Christian Women's Inter-Church Council. Watch for more information on Calgary service.

"Then Let Us Sing"- New Hymn Book Introduction - McDougall United Church, Friday, May 22nd, 7:00 pm 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. Last week there were three large trolleys of items picked up for this worthy cause.

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



Recap of Southwood Church Happenings!

Month of February

February 1 - Worship Service @10:30 a.m.

- No Sunday School

February 3 - Prayer Group @10:00 a.m.

- Worship Meeting @11:00 a.m.

February 4 - Prayer Shawl Ministry @1:00 p.m.

February 5 - Creative Conversations @10:00 a.m.

February 6 - Drop In Coffee Time @1:30 p.m.

February 8 - Worship Service @10:30 a.m.

February 10 - Prayer Group @10:00 a.m.

- Worship Meeting @11:00 a.m.

February 11 - Coping & Caring @1:30 p.m.

February 12 - Creative Conversations @10:00 a.m.

- SCW Monthly Meeting @1:30 p.m.

February 15 - Worship Service @10:30 a.m.

- No Sunday School

February 17 - Prayer Group @10:00 a.m.

- Worship Meeting @11:00 a.m.

February 19 - Creative Conversations @10:00 a.m.

February 20 - Senior Congregant & Friends Luncheon @11:00 a.m.

February 22 - Worship Service @10:30 a.m.

February 24 - Prayer Group @10:00 a.m.

- Worship Meeting @11:00 a.m.

February 26 - Creative Conversations @10:00 a.m.

