



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

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“From the Desk of Reverend Ian”

As we journey together through this holy season of Lent, may these days draw us closer to the heart of God. Lent invites us into reflection, compassion, and renewal - an opportunity to slow down, to listen deeply, and to rediscover the quiet movements of grace in our lives.



As Easter approaches, we hold fast to the promise that light rises from every shadow and that hope is never lost. The empty tomb reminds us that God’s love is stronger than fear, stronger than sorrow, and forever at work bringing new life into our world.

May this season deepen your faith, strengthen your spirit and fill your home with peace. May the joy of the Risen Christ greet you with courage and blessing in the days ahead.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Ian will be holding a midweek worship service to give us a special time for self-reflection, repentance and renewal during the holy season of Lent. These worship services will begin at 10 am and will be approximately thirty minutes in duration, followed by a coffee/tea time. All are welcome to attend. How blest we are to have this opportunity for our own special time during this Lenten season. Services begin on February 25th. Dates are outlined in our Worship Schedule below.



First United Church - Worship Schedule

- ◆ February 8th 11 am Worship Service/5th Sunday after Epiphany
- ◆ February 15th 11 am Worship Service/Transfiguration Sunday
- ◆ February 22nd 11 am Worship Service/1st Sunday of Lent
- ◆ February 25th 10 am Lenten Worship Service
- ◆ March 1st 11 am Communion Sunday/2nd Sunday of Lent
- ◆ March 4th 10 am Lenten Worship Service
- ◆ March 8th 11 am Worship Service/3rd Sunday of Lent
- ◆ March 11th 10 am Lenten Worship Service
- ◆ March 15th 11 am Worship Service/4th Sunday of Lent
- ◆ March 18th 10 am Lenten Worship Service
- ◆ March 22nd 11 am Worship Service/5th Sunday of Lent
- ◆ March 25th 10 am Lenten Worship Service
- ◆ March 29th 11 am Worship Service/Palm-Passion Sunday
- ◆ April 3rd 10:30 am UCW Good Friday Service
- ◆ April 5th 8 am Easter Sunday Communion Service
- ◆ April 5th 11 am Easter Sunday Celebration
- ◆ April 12th 11 am Worship Service/2nd Sunday of Easter
- ◆ April 19th 11 am Worship Service/3rd Sunday of Easter
- ◆ April 26th 11 am Worship Service/4th Sunday of Easter



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **March 22nd**. We are always looking for new members to help out on the Board. We are asking all committee chairs to have their Annual Reports to the office by February 27th. Any questions about helping out on our Board, please speak to our Board Chair, Joan Winsor. Thanking everyone in advance!



'PANCAKE SUPPER' Shrove Tuesday

February 17th from 5 to 7 pm

Come out and support First United for a supper of pancakes, sausages, bologna, dessert, tea and coffee. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets available at the door, no prepaid tickets.



MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meet once a month, usually the first Monday of the month.

MEN'S GROUP They meet in Trinity Hall at 5:30 pm with supper at 6 pm, followed by fellowship activities. All men are welcome! They have two upcoming fundraisers: a Ham and Bean Supper on March 13th and a Fish and Brewis Supper on Good Friday. More information will be available in the Sunday announcements closer to those dates.



UCW NEWS

First United UCW meet one Monday per month in Trinity Hall. The ladies each bring a bagged lunch, tea and coffee is provided. The meetings are at 12:30 with lunch and socialization. After lunch, meetings consist of a brief worship and a business meeting. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.



Upcoming Events

- March 6th - **World Day of Prayer Service** (Church of the Good Shepherd)
- March 9th - **UCW Lunch Meeting** at 12:30
- April 3rd - **Good Friday Service** at 10:30 am
- April 13th - **UCW Lunch Meeting** at 12:30
- May 2nd - **UCW Morning Coffee** (Save the Date - Details to follow mid March)



Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday Breakfast

The Youth Group will be serving their annual free breakfast on Easter Sunday morning after the early 8 am worship service. Everyone is welcome!!



Quilting Group

The Quilting Group normally meets the first, third and fifth Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room. We do a variety of individual and group projects. All levels of quilters are welcome. Contact Pam Morgan for more information at 709-691-0214 or email pmorgan@mun.ca

Book Club

The Book Club meets the last Wednesday of each month. Contact Pam Morgan for more information.



The Youth Group continues to collect beverage containers. If you would like to drop off your beverage recycling at the church, here's what can be recycled: aluminum can; plastic containers; glass bottles; steel cans; drink boxes (tetra); mini sips (drink pouches) etc. (Please wash out all bottles and remove all caps before dropping them off.) The Youth Group thanks you for your support. Donations can be dropped off at the church or at any Evergreen Recycling location using the automated system and the church phone number. (Closest locations are Waterford Hospital or Blackmarsh Road.)

Our Website/Facebook Page/Office Hours

Weekly bulletins are posted online including upcoming events. Remember to sign up for constant contact, so we can email information directly to your inbox and keep you informed of what is currently happening at First United.

- Our website: www.firstunitedchurchmp.ca
- Our email: firstunited@nf.aibn.com



Office Hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.