

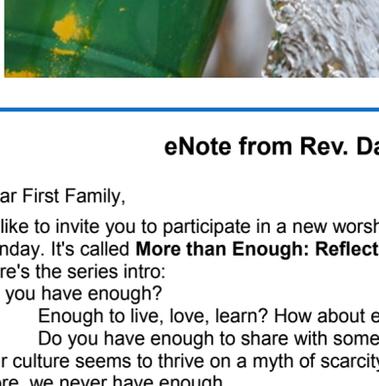


First United eNews

The place where you'll find up-to-date information about what's happening, what's new and what to expect in the church community.

January 10, 2013

This Sunday, January 13, 10:00 a.m.



Sermon Series:
More than Enough: Reflections on Abundance

This Sunday:
Awakening to Abundance

Worship Leaders:
Nancy Chegus and Jackie St. Goddard

eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

I'd like to invite you to participate in a new worship series beginning this Sunday. It's called **More than Enough: Reflections on Abundance**.

Here's the series intro:

Do you have enough?

Enough to live, love, learn? How about enough to serve or invest? Do you have enough to share with someone else?

Our culture seems to thrive on a myth of scarcity that says we always need more, we never have enough, and certainly not enough to share.

Yet, Christians live with a God of abundance, who is not only enough, but more than enough. There is abundance all around.

And couldn't this simple awareness shift the way we see the world and live in it?

Join us for this three part worship series as we reflect on abundance; the invitation, the challenge and the call for our lives to respond.

Part 1: Awakening to Abundance

Part 2: My Abundance, Our Abundance

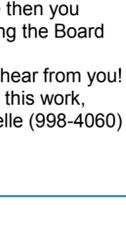
Part 3: A Community of Abundance

I look forward to exploring this theme with you, as together we make connections to our faith and lives.

[Rev. Danielle](#)

Greetings from the Faith Formation Desk

I heard the story this week of a young man who was waiting news of the declining health of his dad. As he recalled his relationship with his dad he couldn't ever remember hearing him say the words, "I love you."



In this month of **January** we will be considering **abundance**; what that means in our relationships, and how we live our lives. Sometimes the simplest things for us to share from our abundance, like the words "I love you," are also the most important.

This week **Growing God's Children** will begin a new Godly Play story of the **loaves and fishes**. The children will explore the importance of sharing and what happens when we do.

The next Sunday morning youth discussion, **Life in the Basement** will be on **Jan. 20** with a focus on the same loaves and fishes text.

Stay tuned for an upcoming opportunity for some **adult learning circles**. More about that next week.

Faithfully yours,

[Nancy Chegus](#)

Faith Formation Coordinator

From Your Church Board

Are you committed, talented and passionate about your relationship with God and about First United Church? If you answer yes to the above then you might be interested in furthering the work of this church by joining the Board team!

If you would like to be part of this enthusiastic team we want to hear from you! Review the list of open positions below, and if you feel called to this work, please contact the Board chair (Jackie 998-3851) or Rev. Danielle (998-4060) for more information.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Licensed lay Worship Leadership Certificate

St. Stephen's College is now accepting students for the 2013-2014 programme.

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL) are trained and equipped for lay worship leadership in the United Church of Canada.

At First United we are blessed with LLWLs: Cathy Pearson and Jackie St. Goddard.

Please speak with them if you or someone you know would like to know more.

Click here for the programme description and requirements:
www.ualberta.ca/ST.STEPHENS

Shrove Tuesday: February 12

Carnival — 4:00 p.m. Once again we would like to offer a Carnival for the children of our community on Shrove Tuesday. Nancy is looking for volunteers for this event. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Foyer. For more information, contact Nancy in the church office: 780-998-4060 or djm.nancy@shaw.ca.

Pancake Supper — 5:30 p.m. We will have our annual pancake supper to celebrate the Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent.

We are asking for a male team lead for this event. It's been the tradition that men in the church take care of the cooking -flipping pancakes and cooking up the sausages. There's a process to guide your way and lots of helpers.

If you're interested please speak with Jen in the office: 780-998-4060, or fspc@shaw.ca.

Service of the Ashes — 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend the Service of the Ashes following the Pancake Supper.

Bissell Layette Shower

February is the time for the Annual Bissell Layette Shower. UCW has hosted this every year for many years. We welcome the participation of the Congregation—however, we are aware of how generous you were to the other appeals before Christmas.

If you would like to participate, please bring new or gently used baby clothing (3 month to 18 month), receiving blankets or other baby supplies before February 10. They can be placed in the basket under the Action Table in the Narthex.

Please regularly check-out our website at fsunited.org to keep yourselves updated about our coming events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

We invite you to spread the news about what God is doing through First United by forwarding this email to someone.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at fspc@shaw.ca or call 780-998-4060.

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