



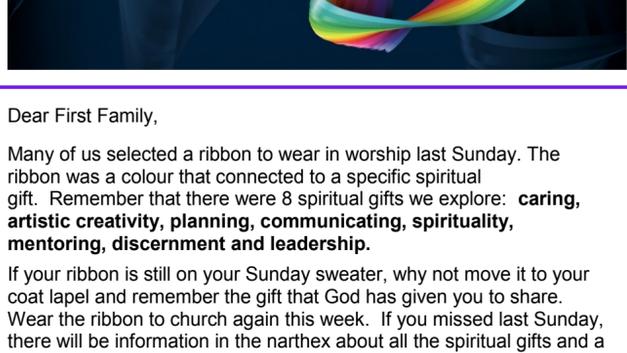
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First United eNews

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April 25, 2013



Dear First Family,

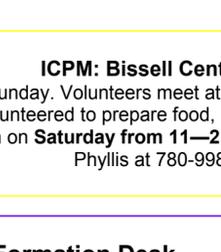
Many of us selected a ribbon to wear in worship last Sunday. The ribbon was a colour that connected to a specific spiritual gift. Remember that there were 8 spiritual gifts we explore: **caring, artistic creativity, planning, communicating, spirituality, mentoring, discernment and leadership.**

If your ribbon is still on your Sunday sweater, why not move it to your coat lapel and remember the gift that God has given you to share. Wear the ribbon to church again this week. If you missed last Sunday, there will be information in the narthex about all the spiritual gifts and a ribbon for you also :)

This upcoming Sunday, we'll visit with Paul and his friends in the account of Acts 10-11. (Try reading this story before Sunday) It's a story about **courage and faithfulness** in the midst of perceived limitation. Sometimes we limit ourselves. And sometimes we try to put limits on God. But when we listen for the Spirit we can discover new frontiers beyond what we previously imagined. Join us for worship this Sunday!

in solidarity of prayer with us all,
Rev. Danielle

Sunday Worship



Join us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

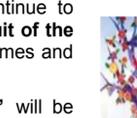
Sermon Title:
Spiritual Stretching

Rev. Danielle A. James

Acts 11

Attention Youth!

This Sunday, join us for **"Life in the Basement"** It's our youth bible and life conversation. Join us in the youth room! Everyone is welcome. Sunday at 10 a.m.



Run For Jesus planning meeting following worship. All are welcome!

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ICPM: Bissell Centre Lunch

This Sunday. Volunteers meet at the church at 8 a.m. If you volunteered to prepare food, please drop it off at the church on **Saturday from 11—2 p.m.** Questions? Call Phyllis at 780-998-4272.



Faith Formation Desk

This week in **Growing God's Children** we will continue to explore spiritual gifts with a Godly Play story on **The Fruit of the Spirit**. The children will work with this story through games and other activities.

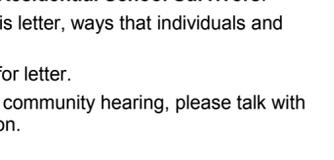


The youth discussion time, **"Life in the Basement"** will be happening this Sunday. The focus is **Being Boundaries**. Check out the information in **Upcoming Events** on a short Nooma series for adults. The ministry team is looking forward engaging with you in this time of spiritual exploration.

Faithfully yours,
[Nancy Chegus](mailto:Nancy.Chegus)
Faith Formation Coordinator

Take Earth Day Action!

Send a letter to your MLA to protect our waters. The justice organization-KAIROS makes it easy to send a pre-written message to our elected officials. Lift your voice in take care of our waters! Click [here](#) to send a letter.



Letter From Conference President

The United Church of Canada fully supports with our actions and commitments, the work of **National Truth and Reconciliation Commission**.

Community hearings are being held across Alberta this summer. As an expression of our Christian practice of justice-seeking, we are encouraged to witness and participate in hearing from **Residential School Survivors**.

Our Conference President outlines in this letter, ways that individuals and congregations can get involved.

Click [here](#) for letter.

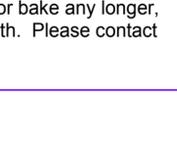
If you are interested in participating in a community hearing, please talk with [Rev. Danielle](#) for more helpful information.

National Volunteer Week

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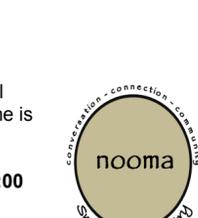
Disciples of the Christ doing God's work in our church, the community and beyond.

Thank you First United Church!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you to the participants in the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the wonderful display and information shared last Sunday.



If you are interested in learning more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry please speak with a member of the UCW or Rev. Danielle.

Soon there will be a prayer shawl request book located in the library area.

Blessed be all the hands that create shawls in love, and all those who receive them with Love.

Catering Needs Help!

Due to some of our senior members being unable to work or bake any longer, we need workers, bakers or people who could help with both. Please contact Elleine at 780-998-3460.

Upcoming Events

One Voice: Bach to Pop Concert

Friday, **May 3** at 7:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mini-Nooma: Small Group Ministry

In response to requests from the congregation the small group ministry, Nooma is making a come back. Everyone is welcome to come for one or all of the Wednesday night sessions. This "mini-Nooma" will run for 4 consecutive **Wednesdays May 22, 29, June 5 and 12, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** You'll have an opportunity for small group conversation, faith study and fellowship. See what God has in store for you. Join us for community, conversation and connection! For more info, contact [Rev. Danielle](#).



Stewardship Saturday: Spring Cleanup

Saturday, **May 11** is our Stewardship Saturday and Spring Clean Up day. Men and women are needed to clean both inside and outside our church property. Women could you bring rags and men brooms for the parking lots and gardening tools. We will start the fun at **9:00 AM** and end by 12:00 noon. Bring your family and let's share the work. Hope to see you there! Phone Ted at 780-998-1982 if you have any questions.



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

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