

First United Church

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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.

May 30, 2013



Dear First Family,

This weekend I will attend the annual **Celebration of Ministries Service** at Gaetz Memorial United Church in Red Deer. The worship will include the ordination and commissioning of new ministers with the United Church. Today I invite you to pray for all those who are seeking and serving in vocations of ministry leadership.

The life of professional ministry is multi-faceted. It is rooted in God who is 'the Ground of All Being,' while interconnected with all aspects of life including neighbour, world and self. In a nutshell - there's a lot that comes with saying 'YES' to the Spirit's call.

I believe that God wants faith communities to raise up generations of transformational leaders. Women and men who dare to use the resources of passion and skills to move the Church forward with Christ's mission. Indeed, I believe that God wants First United to be a part of this vision; to nurture people who want to make a difference.

Please pray for all those who lead our United Church of Canada. Pray for faith and spiritual leaders in our community and across the nations. Their work is necessary and they need our support.

This weekend I will carry your best wishes and prayers to Red Deer as we bless a group of leaders whom God has called to lead God's people.

in solidarity of hope,

[Rev. Danielle](#)

Sunday Worship

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

Celebration of Ministry Sunday

Worship Leader:
Jackie St. Goddard (LLWL)



Faith Formation Desk

This week I'm feeling grateful for last Sunday's celebration of the children and youth of the congregation. What fun it was to sing and dance and paint our way through the stories of God-with-us in Creation, Jesus, and Holy Spirit.

Our midweek, Mini Nooma series for adults continues. You are most welcome to join us for the last two Wednesday evenings. We've had some great discussions so far, making connections between our lived experiences and our faith in God.

Faithfully yours,

[Nancy Chegus](#)

Faith Formation Coordinator



Church Policy Update

The Board works to create and update the guiding policies of our congregational life.

Electronic copies of all policies are available to the congregation.

In May, three policies were updated.

1. Gift-in-Kind Policy
2. Leadership Development Fund Policy
3. Non-ministerial Staff Policy

[Click here to read the policies.](#)

Youth Wind-up Party in the Park

You are all invited!

The youth group has been invited into so many homes over the last 9 months that we thought it would be fun to invite all of you, our God Family, to be a part of our Youth Group Wind Up Party!!

Date: Tomorrow, Friday May 31

Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Turner Park Picnic Shelter

**Bring: an appetite, your lawn chair, bug spray
....and a ball glove if you want to join
the fun on the field!**

You may contact Eleanor at 780.992.0944 if you have any questions or if you need a ride to the park.

Property News

New Sign

Great news! A new sign design has been approved by the board and is now waiting approval by City Hall. Our goal is to have it erected by the end of June. To save funds, we are requesting donations of the following materials that you may have laying about your garage...

- Wood preservation liquid
- Cordovan Brown Behr solid stain
- Bags of cement premix
- 40 feet of re-bar

For more information, contact Ted Griffiths at heritagecarvings@shaw.ca or 780-992-1982.

Stewardship Saturday

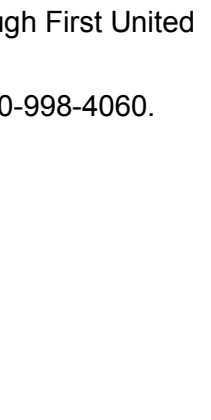
June 15 from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. This is a great way to develop church community and to save hundreds of budget dollars. Everyone is welcome to share in the fun!

Upcoming Events

Mini-Nooma: Small Group Ministry

Everyone is welcome to come for one or all of the Wednesday night sessions. This "mini-Nooma" will run for 2 more **Wednesdays: 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. For more info, contact [Rev. Danielle](#).



Worship Hospitality Team Springtime Meeting

All leaders and members are encouraged to attend the meeting on **Tuesday June 11, 6:00 p.m.** We'll review the successes and learning so far in 2013, and look ahead to plans for the summer and fall. We are so thankful for ALL of you. This is also a time for fellowship and gratitude. Please RSVP to your team leaders. Team leaders please RSVP to Marg Chaba at margchaba@shaw.ca.

Seniors Worship and Communion

Tuesday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m. All seniors and their caregivers are invited! There will be fellowship in the Narthex following the service. This community event is sponsored by the *U.C.W.*



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.

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