

# First United Church

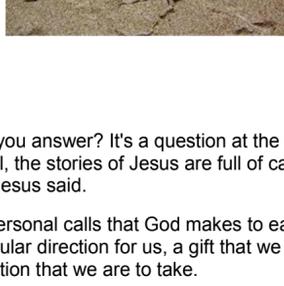
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## First United eNews

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.

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Dear First Family,

When Christ calls do you answer? It's a question at the core of our Christian walk together. After all, the stories of Jesus are full of calls and invitations. "Come follow me", Jesus said.

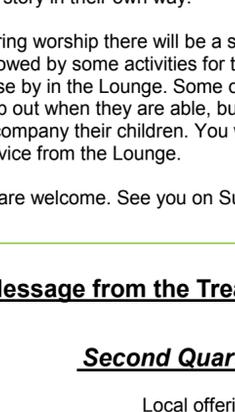
There are also very personal calls that God makes to each of us. A call that says God has a particular direction for us, a gift that we are encouraged to share or maybe an action that we are to take.

When Christ calls are we ready to answer?

This Sunday we will return to the letter of **Colossians 1: 15-24**, and consider Paul's reasons for joyfully answering God's call.

Walk well together,  
your fellow traveller,  
[Rev. Danielle](#)

## Sunday Worship, July 21



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

Worship Leadership:  
**Rev. Dr. Danielle A. James**

Sermon Title:  
**Will You Take the Call?**

## Summer Sundays: Children's Program Update!

Summer is a wonderful time to worship together as a family. Our regular Godly Play time will resume September 8, but in the meantime we offer an opportunity for children to work with the story in their own way.



During worship there will be a story shared for all ages followed by some activities for the children's imaginations close by in the Lounge. Some of our storytellers and youth will help out when they are able, but parents are welcome to accompany their children. You will be able to see and hear the service from the Lounge.

All are welcome. See you on Sunday.

## Message from the Treasurer

### Second Quarter Financial Information

Local offerings up \$3,264.49 in 2013  
M&S Fund offerings down \$1,338.00 in 2013

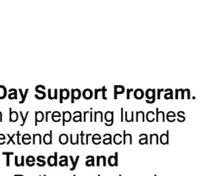
2012	Month	Local	M&S Fund
	April	\$10,554.64	\$1,583.50
	May	\$10,808.80	\$2,798.50
	June	\$ 8,552.65	\$1,533.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,916.09</b>	<b>\$5,915.50</b>

2013	Month	Local	Mission
	April	\$10,730.01	\$1,218.50
	May	\$11,159.07	\$1,183.50
	June	\$11,291.50	\$2,175.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,180.58</b>	<b>\$4,577.50</b>

## Upcoming and Ongoing

### Summer FUNdraiser

The congregation is invited to come with us on an *imaginary journey* across Alberta! Your donation of 25¢ per kilometer will help us travel across the province. How far will we get? It's up to you! Follow along on the map in the Narthex to see our progress.



Summer often means that church members are away on holidays. Usually financial support is down (unless you give by PAR). Of course the expenses remain the same! This summer we will have a bit of fun with the holiday theme and fundraiser at the same time. In the church foyer, there is a donation can as well as special envelopes.

### Meals on Wheels

First United will be delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of August. Would you like to help?

We need two people (one driver and one helper) every weekday to pick-up food from Dr. Turner Lodge at 11:15 a.m. and deliver to homes around town. Please sign-up in the church foyer for one day or many. For more information, call Edna at 780-998-0240.



### Community Connections: Kitchen Help Wanted

First United has an ongoing partnership with the **Adult Day Support Program**. This summer, we will deepen our community connection by preparing lunches for the program's eleven clients. This is a great way to extend outreach and hospitality. **We are looking for two volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 – 1:30 throughout the summer.** Duties include: shop for food (you are given a float), prepare lunch, serve and clean-up. Please sign-up in the foyer for one day or many. For more information, call Edna at 780-998-0240.

### ARCT Performance Recital

Join us on Sunday **July 28** at 11:45 am as **Marlee Gates** fills the sanctuary with beautiful piano music. Marlee is an accomplished musician, our church accompanist and a piano teacher. This free concert is open to everyone. Please stay for a cup of coffee after worship and the recital. All are welcome!



Please regularly check-out our website at [fsunited.org](http://fsunited.org) to keep yourselves updated about our coming events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

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