



Adventures with Christ

St. Andrew's & St. Paul's United Church

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Minister: Rev. Laurelle Callaghan

Our mission: To Know Jesus and Share His Love

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 am

Sunday School & Nursery available

Everyone is welcome in the Upper Hall
after worship for Coffee &
Conversation.

Coffee and conversation in the Upper Hall

on Thursdays @ 10:00 am.

Summer Recess

**We are taking a summer break.
Coffee time will resume in September.**



A Note from Rev. Laurelle

As we feel the warmth of summer approaching and somehow forget the cold of winter, we look forward not only to a change in season but also a change in lifestyle. Although I am not a fan of winter and perhaps not too thrilled by the mud of spring, or the really hot days of summer—I like autumn best, I would not want to live somewhere without the change of seasons. Our lives are richer I think, when we are able to embrace more activities—from snow skiing to water skiing; from spring flowers to autumn leaves. We also have the opportunity in the dead of winter to believe in hope that summer will come.

As we approach summer this year, within the church we are having a change of schedule. I am grateful for the approach that council is taking to the summer, when I am restricted from working. I am grateful too for the summer off! We should not close this year without celebration of everything we have accomplished as a church in the past few months. I have no other word but 'gobsmacked'. It has been an amazing year for me to be in ministry with incredible people who were poised to work. In worship on June 21st June, we will celebrate all that we have done together.

As we head into summer, I want to share one of my favourite poems by Lynn Ungar. I have highlighted my favourite line—let's all go to the fields to be lovely, and we will see each other when we are done blooming.

Rev. Laurelle Callaghan



Camas Lilies

Poem by Lynn Ungar

Consider the lilies of the field,
the blue banks of camas opening
into acres of sky along the road.
Would the longing to lie down
and be washed by that beauty
abate if you knew their usefulness,
how the natives ground their bulbs
for flour, how the settlers' hogs
uprooted them, grunting in gleeful
oblivion as the flowers fell?

And you—what of your rushed
and useful life? Imagine setting it all down—
papers, plans, appointments, everything—
leaving only a note: **"Gone to the fields to
be lovely. Be back when I'm through
with blooming."**

Even now, unneeded and uneaten,
the camas lilies gaze out above the grass
from their tender blue eyes.
Even in sleep your life will shine.
Make no mistake. Of course,
your work will always matter.
Yet Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like one of these.



**Rev. Dr. Shaun Yaskiw returning
to our church for the service on
Sunday, June 7th while
Rev. Laurelle is on study leave.**



Summer schedule:

**Please note that there will be no service from Sunday, June 28th
through Sunday August 2nd.**

**We will have summer services (without Sunday school) on
August 09th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.**

There will be no service on September 06th.

**Weekly services with Rev. Laurelle and Sunday School will
resume on September 13th.**

**Church office hours are Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am.
Emails and voice messages sent to the Church office will be
checked Tuesdays.**



Ladies Breakfast

The last Breakfast before the summer will be Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Morewood Community Center, 19 Russell Street, in Morewood.

For information email
ladiesbreakfest5683@gmail.com.



**COMMUNION SUNDAY,
Confirmation and Baptism
June 14th 2026 at 10:00 am.**

Annual Memorial Service

Everyone is invited to the Annual Memorial Service 2026 for the St. Andrew's & St. Paul's United Church Cemetery and the Louck's Cemetery. This service in memory of family members and friends we have lost will be held at our church on Sunday June 28th at 2:00 pm.

Cemetery care depends on your generosity:

- Any person donating \$20.00 or more will receive a charitable donation **receipt for Income Tax** purposes. Please ensure that your name and address is included with your donation.
- Please make your **cheques payable** to: the St. Andrew's & St. Paul's United Church Cemetery **OR** the Louck's Cemetery.

**STAY
UP-TO-DATE**

Message from your Communication Team

As you know, our newsletter is issued monthly; therefore, there may be changes to activities or some that might be missed.

Because a monthly newsletter cannot provide day-to-day updates, we would like to let you know that additional information, schedule changes, reminders and cancellations are shared through our other social media.

Please be sure to subscribe to the links below so you can check updates or changes to upcoming activities between newsletter editions.

Website : www.russellunitedchurch.org

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STRAWBERRY SOCIAL



Hope to see everyone at the Sunday service on June 14th to share some homemade pound cake, strawberries, ice cream and lemonade.



**Gift Cards for FOODLAND and GIANT TIGER
are available from Graham. The church
is gifted 5% of the card's value.
They make great gifts too.**



UCW ongoing Program: "Re-Cycle and Re-Use"

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| 1) used postage stamps | 4) prescription glasses |
| 2) cups/dishes/cutlery | 5) milk bags |
| 3) pop can tabs | |

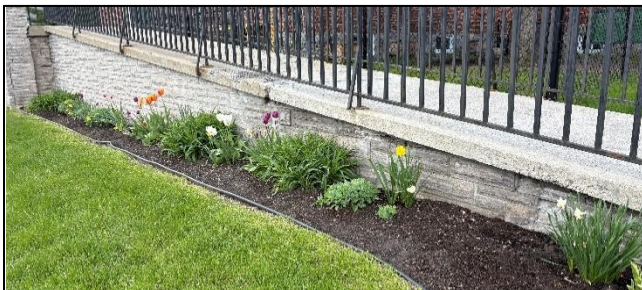


Your help is greatly appreciated. Bring to church with you and feed our bins. With everyone's help we can do great things for others and help to reduce waste in our landfills.

A look at some of last month's events:

About the United Church of Canada

Our **confirmation class** held on Saturday, May 2nd had great conversation.



Thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and gave their personal time to work inside and outside the church on Clean Up Day on May 9th.

Many hands make light work.



At our Fellowship following the Mother's Day Service, cake was shared for this special day and the Sunday School presented the ladies with a carnation. We also celebrated Emily and Sterling's 69th anniversary.



Thank you to Emily and Sterling for the cake.

UCW - PB & J Sale (Plants, Books & Jewelry Sale)

The UCW – PB & J Sale held on Saturday, May 23rd, was successful. We are grateful for the support from the congregation and community who stopped by and shopped our treasures inside and out.

We raised over \$1074.00 and counting.

Thank you for our continued support in the ongoing works of your UCW.



Pentecost Sunday (Sunday May 24th)



Happy Birthday balloons were delivered to celebrate the birthday.

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated 50 days after Easter and is widely recognized as the birthday of the Christian church, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. In the United Church of Canada, services on this day emphasize renewal, unity, and the Spirit's empowerment, often featuring the color red.



Ramping up the Ramp

May 24th was the last chance at the silent auction – fundraiser.

Thank you to Debra, who submitted the winning bid of \$600.00!

We are also grateful to Rev. Callaghan who crafted and donated the beautiful quilt.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June

- June 14th, Communion Sunday, Confirmation and Baptism
- June 14th, Strawberry Social following the service
- June 21st, Father's Day
- June 21st, 1st day of summer
- June 28th, **last Sunday Service until Sunday August 9th**
- June 28th, Annual Memorial Cemetery service to be held at Russell United Church @ 2:00 pm.



July

- July 1st, Canada Day
- **NO Sunday Services for all of July**
- Keep your eyes open for a July/August Newsletter



Sneak Preview of the Ramping up the Ramp

Work in progress

More to come.

