



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

Everyone is welcome to join in
on Thursdays @ 10:00 am.

Feel free to bring your knitting or other crafts.



A Note from Rev. Laurelle

This United Church of Ours

What brings us to church? Why the United Church? Why Russell?

On May 2nd, we will spend time exploring the history, structure, strengths, weakness, and core values of the United Church as well as sharing our stories of 'what in our faith', brings us through the door on Sunday morning.

For me, this is the church in which I was raised. My grandmother was a Methodist and steeped in the tradition of the Women's Missionary Society—the social action foot on the United Church; I don't think she really stopped being a Methodist, although the church had a different name. My mother, born in 1925, was raised in what we called the United Church, but in a time of transition between what was in the past and what might happen in the future. I consider myself, the first generation that was really raised in the United Church, perhaps at the height of one might reflect on as its glory. The Sunday School curriculum was printed in hard cover; membership numbers soared in the 50s-70s; new churches were built as multi-functional spaces; our social action foot considered single parent families as valuable and a

norm in society; we ordained self-declared homosexual people; we led the way in ordination of women...The United Church was where I belonged.

Many of you, will have different stories of 'coming through the doors' and what makes you love our church—all are important to share.

The United Church has often been criticized because it doesn't have a strict dogma of obedience; this was intentional. The authors of the Basis of Union which contain the 20 Articles of Faith of the United Church, believed that faith was also lived in context and history. (These are our faith stories.) Further, they thought the church had to be flexible enough to be inclusive and to grow as it encountered the world. For this reason, although we may not know where the institutional church may find itself 50 years in the future, I do believe that as the United Church, we are positioned and ready to meet those challenges.

Hope to see you, May 2nd.

Rev. Laurelle Callaghan



About the United Church of Canada

Saturday, May 2nd at 9:30am – 2:30pm

This day will serve as **confirmation class** for those wishing to join the United Church whether joining a church for the first time or coming from a different denomination.

We also invite anyone who is interested in the discussion and mutual learning.

Lunch included.



Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00 am

Thursdays 9:00 – 11:00 am

Emails and voice messages will be checked on these days only.



**Meeting on Tuesday,
May 5th at
10:00 am.**

All women are welcome.

Ramping up the Ramp

A silent auction – fundraiser is being held from April 12th to May 24th, 2026 for this beautiful Handmade Quilt (single/double size fit) crafted & donated by Rev Callaghan



To bid:

- Enter your name, phone number and \$ bid amount;
- Starting bid is \$50.00 with \$5.00 increments;
- Quilt and bid can be found in upper hall before and after Sunday services.

Thank you for your support!

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

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| 1) used postage stamps | 4) eye 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.



**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 - PB & J Sale Plants, Books & Jewelry Sale (not peanut butter & jam)

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026 from 9 a.m. to Noon (in upper hall & outdoors)

We are looking for used or new soft &/or hardcover books, as well as all types of costume jewelry bracelets, necklaces, earrings, broaches and rings. 'Better' jewelry and decorative scarves will be priced accordingly.

Starting April 6th, these can be left in the upper hall with last day of accepting May 22nd, 2026. **(No magazines, dictionaries, or encyclopedias).**

We will also be selling plants, setting up outdoors.

Please mark your calendar and hope you all can come and check out our sale.

Thank you for our continued support in the on-going works of your UCW.



**COMMUNION SUNDAY
& Confirmation
May 31st 2026 at 10:00 am.**

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday May 2nd from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Morewood Community Center, 19 Russell Street, in Morewood.

The last Breakfast before the summer will be Saturday, June 6th. For information email ladiesbreakfest5683@gmail.com.

UCW luncheon/meeting

will be held at the Metcalfe Golf & Country Club on Tuesday May 26th at 11:30 am.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

If you are not a UCW member, please let Brenda Hoople know as we need to provide numbers to Hickories (the Golf Club's restaurant).

A look at some of last month's events:



Rev. Dr. Shaun Yaskiw



David Patterson (LLW).

Thank you to the supply ministers that filled in for Rev. Laurelle while away in April.

On Palm Sunday, the UCW hosted a pancake breakfast following the service where close to 50 people enjoyed pancakes with real maple syrup, sausages, beans, coffee and fresh fruit.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, participated and helped make the breakfast a success.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May

- May 2nd, Confirmation Class;
- May 2nd, Ladies Breakfast;
- May 5th, UCW Meeting;
- May 9th; Annual Spring cleanup organized by the Property committee. (rain date, Saturday May 30th);
- May 10th, Mother's Day;
- May 18th, Victoria Day;
- May 23rd, PBJ sale in the church upper hall (Plants, Books, Jewelry);
- May 24th, End of silent auction-fundraiser (Ramping up the Ramp);
- May 26th, UCW luncheon/meeting;
- May 31st, Regular Sunday Service with Confirmation and Communion.



June

- June 14th, Strawberry Social following the service;
- June 21st, Father's Day;
- June 28th, Annual Memorial Cemetery service to be held at Russell United Church @ 2:00 p.m.

