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### **Acting Chair of Church Council Melanie Davis**

**March 23 to April 26, 2018**

During 2018, the position of Chair of Church Council will be rotating through the members of our council. We will keep you informed of the current acting chair by updating this notice in our weekly announcements.

### **Hearing Assist Devices**

are available at the soundboard  
(located at the centre back of the sanctuary)  
in order that all might participate in our worship service.  
If you would like to try out one of these devices please feel free to approach our sound technician or one of the ushers.

### **A Taste of Skylight Festival Friday April 20 & Saturday April 21**

**Living Spirit Centre, Regina**

Come and get a flavour of Skylight Festival, a festival of Arts, Spirituality and Justice. Experience the intersection of these elements of life through dynamic and engaging contributors. Explore new ways of expressing faith, spirituality, and how to be church.

<http://bit.ly/TasteofSkylight>

Contributors include: Zarqa Nawaz, creator of Little Mosque on the Prairie and author of Dancing all the Way to the Mosque; Archbishop Don Bolen & Rabbi Jeremy Parnes on Leonard Cohen, Roberta Nichol, Jamie Arpin-Ricci, Wanda Gronvhold, Devon Floyd and more! If you interested in going as a group please sign up at the church office.

## **Sunday April 1, 2018**

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!  
If this is your first time with us,  
please be sure to sign one of our guest books.  
You are very welcome to join us for coffee and conversation  
after worship in the large foyer outside the sanctuary.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Activities:**

- Monday, April 2 – OFFICE CLOSED for Easter Holiday
- Monday, April 2 - Mindfulness Meditation, 7:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, April 3– Chair Yoga, 10:00 a.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, April 3 – Social Convenors, 10:00 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Tuesday, April 3 – U.C.W. Unit #8, 11:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Wednesday, April 4 – Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, April 4 – Lectionary Bible Study, CANCELLED for this week
- Wednesday, April 4 – Garage and Rummage Sales, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 4 – Book Study, 5:00 p.m. in the Grace Library.
- Wednesday, April 4 - Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, April 5 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

### **Annette will be Away**

**from Monday April 2 to Sunday April 8**

While Annette is away please call the church office for pastoral care emergencies.

The Stewardship Committee invites you to a

## **Wills Seminar**

at First United Church

**Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

Two professionals from Swift Current will be here to share their expertise on the legal and financial issues that we face at various stages of our lives.

This will be a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the opportunities and the concerns that we need to consider.

## **Spring Fundraiser Supper**

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

at 5:30 p.m. in the gym.

Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, corn, salads, buns and pie for dessert.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 6-11.

Preschoolers are free. Tickets are now on sale!

## **A Five Week Introduction to**

### **Buddhist Mindfulness Meditation**

April 9- May 7 | 7:00- 8:45 pm in the Burnham Room

Practicing mindfulness is one way to gain a richer sense of being fully alive, and of gaining greater clarity, wisdom, freedom and joy in the process.

Come and learn the basic techniques of learning to pay enhanced attention: attention to breath, attention to thoughts, attention to the body, attention to the emotions and attention to our walk through daily life.

The cost for this course is \$75. Financial assistance is available for those who require it. Donations to the First United Church Mission & Service fund are also welcomed.

To register, contact Staci Schaitel.

[stacischaitelshiatsu.com](http://stacischaitelshiatsu.com)

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**JIM & JEAN STRATHDEE**

will offer a

## **WORKSHOP and SING-ALONG CONCERT**

at First United Church.

The Workshop is on

Wednesday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 and

the Concert is on

Thursday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>** also at 7:30 pm.

A free will offering will be received.

## **Confirmation 2018**

Our confirmation program will begin Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>

This 8 session program is being offered to youth age 13 and older.

For more information or to register please contact Staci Schaitel or Annette Taylor.

## **World Peace Meditations**

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm at First United Church**

**April 11, May 16, June 13, July 11, August 15, etc**

After introductory remarks we will sit in silent meditation from 7:30-7:50 p.m. This is happening all over the world! As people meditate in each successive time zone the energy builds like a wave which gets stronger and stronger as it circles the planet. Benefit from this meditation will be flowing through you out to the entire planet. This practice is open to all who have a deep desire for world peace. No meditation experience necessary. Focused prayer is also welcome.