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Acting Chair of Church Council

Rhonda Lotochinski

November 30 to January 24, 2019

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 center 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.

Advent Ministerial Services

**Thursdays at noon
 at Zion Mennonite Church**

DATE	Presider	Preacher	Lunch
Dec. 13	Annette Taylor	Sarah Urano	Christ the Redeemer
Dec. 20	Joell Haugan	N. Kampinski	St. Stephen's

Sunday, December 9, 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:

- Tuesday, December 11 – Advent Study group, 7:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.
- Wednesday, December 12 – Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, December 12 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, December 12 – Garage and 3rd Avenue Boutique rummage sales, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 12 – Building & Property, 6:45 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, December 12 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
New singers are welcome!!
- Thursday, December 13 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

Chaplains in Regina & Saskatoon

If you are going to be in hospital in Regina or Saskatoon, feel free to contact the United Church Chaplains:
 Regina: Angela Fraser 306-527-5430 (**new**)
 Saskatoon: Cathy Coates 306-227-8707

Please mark your calendars for the
Melodies of Christmas
on **Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.**

World Peace Meditations

Wednesdays at 7:00pm at First United Church

December 12

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. This practice is open to all who have a deep desire for world peace. No meditation experience necessary. Focused prayer is also welcome.

A half-hour version of our
Worship Service
can be heard every Sunday
at 1:30 p.m.
on Radio CKSW 570

The Affirming Ministry Committee invites youth and seniors to share your personal stories of experiences with stereotypes and discrimination related to your age.

You are welcome to submit your story anonymously or to sign your name, whichever feels most comfortable to you. We hope to share at least one of the stories during a Sunday service and possibly on our website as well. Stories can be dropped off at the church office, given to an Affirming Ministry Committee member, or emailed to affirm.firstunited@sasktel.net. Thank you!

Care Home Services

Friday, December 14th

Riverview Estates - 1:30 p.m.

Pioneer Manor - 2:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to take part
& help with the singing.

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Update from your Stewardship Committee

As of the end of October 2018, we are about \$20,000 behind our budgeted local givings for this point in the year. As you know, we had budgeted a deficit of \$32,000 for 2018. In order to keep that deficit as low as possible, we are asking that you consider providing an additional offering in your Christmas envelope this year. Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday School/Youth Group/Nursery

Our Nursery, Sunday School (age 3 and up) and Youth Group (ages 11-14) begin part-way through the service (following the Community Learning Time). Your children are also welcome to stay with you in the sanctuary during worship. We have a small round table with colouring supplies at the front. If your child needs a break during the service, there is a small play room just outside the sanctuary where you can hear what is happening in worship.

CONFERENCE CORNER:

First United Church will be hosting the Region 4 (Saskatchewan) gathering of the United Church May 30-June 1, 2019 at the iPlex. This is obviously a big undertaking! The Local Arrangements Committee will be asking for help to assist with things like decorating, setting up and taking down, greeting, hosting, snacks, and billets. Please mark the dates on your new year's calendar and await further details. Plan to be a part of this important event!