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Acting Chair of Church Council **Peggy Worrell**

January 25 to March 3, 2019

The position of Chair of Church Council
is currently 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.

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

Care Home Service

Wednesday, February 6th
2:30 pm – Willow Creek Care Centre
(old Swift Current Care Centre)
Please come and join in the singing!

Sunday, February 3, 2019

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, February 4 – Mindfulness Meditation,
7:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, February 5 – Social Convenors,
10:00 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Tuesday, February 5 – U.C.W. Unit #8, 11:30 a.m.
in the Cypress Lounge. Poppy Parson's Rose
Bowl parade presentation at 12:45 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.
- Wednesday, February 6 – Prayer Group,
8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, February 6 – Lectionary Bible Study,
9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, February 6 – Garage and 3rd Avenue
Boutique rummage sales, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 6 – Creation Station in
Creative Arts Space, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 6 – Affirming Ministry,
4:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, February 6 – Choir practice,
7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, February 7 – Come-and-Go Coffee
Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Friday, February 8 – Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. in
the Burnham room.

Early Bird Coffee!

We have coffee available in the foyer
before the church service
so feel free to pick up a cup and
bring it with you to your pew.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Potluck Lunch after the worship service
with meeting to follow.

Annual Reports will be available on February 17th

The Worship & Music Committee

is pleased to announce that the

Watoto Children's Choir

will be performing at First United on

Friday, March 1st at 6:30pm

We are looking for people who can billet

one or two children and their chaperone on the Friday night.

We are asking that you pick up your billets at approximately 9pm and drop them off again at the church the next morning between 8am and 9:30pm (time to be specified later). The children are between 6 and 12 years old and are able to sleep on inflatable mattresses, pull out couches etc. Ideally, adults and children would sleep in separate beds however the children are able to share a bed. There are no food allergies. There is a detailed information sheet available to each billet that outlines everything you need to know. If you are able to help please contact Marie Andrews at 306-778-6096 or the church office.

Our next **"Loose Change Supper"** will be on
Tuesday, February 26th at 5:30 p.m.

We will be serving lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and assorted dump cakes, fruit salad and a Sundae bar for dessert.

Please sign up at the church office by

Sunday, February 24th by calling 306-773-9353.

We are also in need of people to bake dump cakes for dessert and helpers for cleanup after the supper.

Please contact the church if you are available to help out.

Mindful Meditation Mondays

Drop-in from 7-8 pm in the Burnham Room

Join us for a short talk, discussion and group meditation time. Suited to beginner and experienced meditators. If you care to join us remotely, let us know, we are working on setting up a Zoom or Skype connection. By donation to the M&S fund (Suggested donation between \$5-\$10)

LENTEN STUDY: Gifts of the Dark Wood:

Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and other wanderers) by Eric Elnes

Though commonly understood as a place to be feared and avoided, the Dark Wood is the surest place to meet God, writes Dr. Eric Elnes (author of *The Phoenix Affirmations* and *Asphalt Jesus*). In clear and lucid prose that combines the heart of a mystic, the soul of a poet, and the mind of a biblical scholar, he demystifies the seven gifts bestowed in the Dark Wood: the gifts of uncertainty, emptiness, being thunderstruck, getting lost, temptation, disappearing, and the gift of misfits. This book is for anyone who seeks to find holiness amid their holy mess, who prefers practicality to piety when it comes to finding their place in this world.

**Wednesdays March 6 - April 17, 2019 5:00 7:00pm in the
Grace Library**

World Peace Meditations

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm at First United Church
February 13, March 13, April 17**

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.