

Newsletter of Southeast Alberta United Churches

Edition 1: October 2025



Church News

St Andrew's

Regular Events

- Sunday 10:00am – Sunday Worship
- Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:00am to 1:00pm the Thrift Shop is open in the lower hall.

Special News

St Andrew's congregants are doing Meals on Wheels for the month of October.



The Thrift Store this week donated \$1,000 to Senator Gershaw School Breakfast Program and Sports Accessibility Scholarship. We are packing up our summer clothes and bringing out the fall fashions. Stop by for coffee and fellowship plus you are always welcome to shop!



Gordon Memorial

Regular Events

- Thursday: 1:30 – 2:30pm - Choir Practice. An anthem is sung weekly for Sunday church. New members welcomed.
- 3rd Wednesday of the month - Monthly board meeting at 10am at the church.
- October 5th - Joint Board meeting (GMUC/Peace) 2:00pm in Irvine
- Sunday 9:45am - Regular Sunday worship followed by fellowship time.

Ministers for October

- October 5 - Rev. Bob Cruickshank
- October 12 - Rev. Kristy Reimers-Loader
- October 19 - Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks
- October 26 - Ms. Sheila McLeod

Community Outreach

- Redcliff Fall Festival in Lions Park, October 11th 12-4pm. Church members are selling hot dogs for \$2

Fall Turkey Supper

- October 25th 5pm in the church basement, Adults \$20, Children \$10 (under 6 free)

Cookie Walk

- November 1st in the church basement. fill a supplied box with homemade cookies (approximately 3 dozen) \$20

Honk if you love Jesus.
Text while driving if you want to meet Him.

Westminster United

Regular Events

- Wednesdays - 10:00am - Joint Bible Study with FAM at Chinook Village
- First and third Sunday of every month at 10:25am - Sunday Worship followed by fellowship

Fifth Avenue Memorial

Regular Events

- Monday 10:00am - Morning Coffee in the Memorial Salem room. Bring your refreshment and come join the fellowship and fun!
- Wednesday 10:00am - Joint Bible Study with Westminster at Chinook Village
- 1:00pm – Prayer Shawl Knitters in the Memorial Salem room
- 1:15pm – Handbell Ringers in Wesley Hall
- Thursday 7:00pm - Choir Practice in the sanctuary
- Sunday 10:00am – Sunday Worship with Fellowship time to follow

Special Events



VENDORS WANTED!



Are you a crafter, have a home business or just have something to sell?

SIGN UP AS A VENDOR FOR GIFTS N GOODIES

NOVEMBER 29TH

\$20 FOR 6 FOOT TABLE

\$35 FOR 12 FOOT

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BOOK YOUR SPOT



Turkey Supper

Saturday, October 4, 2025
5:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church
476 4th Street SE

Limited Tickets
Adults \$25.00
Children (12 & under) \$10.00
Take-out Available



For more information call the Church Office
403 526 2237
Tickets available at the Church Office and
Sundays after Worship Service starting Aug. 17

Peace

Special Events

- October 5th - Joint Board meeting (Gordon Memorial & Peace) 2:00pm in Irvine

Regular Events

- Sunday services Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 23 (communion), Dec 14th.
- Join us for a special Christmas Eve Service on Dec 24th at 4:00pm!



If Mary was the mother of Jesus, and Jesus is the lamb of God, does that mean that Mary had a little lamb?

Chinook Winds Task Group

On May 1st, 2025, an exploratory meeting was held with Karen Medland – our Regional Minister and Treena Duncan our Regional Executive Director and representatives from all United Churches in the Southeast corner of the province. A decision was made to recommend to all church boards that we embark on a process of determining how we can work together as a United Church presence in this area. All boards agreed and representatives were chosen from each congregation.

The group has now met twice – June 27th and August 19th. These meetings were held with representatives from St. Andrew's (Bow Island), Gordon Memorial (Redcliff), Westminster and FAM (Medicine Hat), along with Scott Reynolds, Growth Animator and Karen Medland, Regional Minister from the Region. Regional Executive Director Treena Duncan was present at the June meeting.

The starting point of these discussions has been to find common ground around values and principles which we have named as follows:

Creating Community And Belonging

- We will have an open-door attitude of welcome and acceptance, ensuring that people will be comfortable and safe.
- We will develop and support interpersonal relationships within our United Church communities.
- We will have intentional involvement with other community groups that demonstrates our commitment to our United Church Christian values.

Hope

- We will embrace challenges as opportunities.
- We will acknowledge God's presence in both positive and negative experiences.
- We will accept our vulnerability, recognizing and relying on God's strength.

Compassionate Care

- We will engage in outreach and pastoral care that meets the physical and spiritual needs of those in the church and those in the wider community.
- We will name that everybody is welcome and offer compassion even when it is unpopular, reflecting the affirming posture of the United Church of Canada.
- We will offer compassion with vulnerability, without judgment, and in a relationship of mutuality.

Silos To Connectivity

- We will make space for grief, healing, and deeper awareness about our financial, staffing, and demographic struggles so that everyone in the United Churches in our area feels comfortable and welcome in all congregations.
- All congregations will have equal input regardless of size and will feel heard in the making of all decisions.
- Those in leadership will prioritize transparency, recognizing that congregants need as much information as possible and need consistent information. The August meeting also resulted in three action items.

ACTION ITEMS FOR FALL 2025

1. Create a musical event together involving all our churches - No plans have yet been made for this event.
2. Once a month newsletter circulating to all churches - The first issue was sent out on October 1st.
3. Southeastern Alberta United Churches Facebook page - This is up and running – it is called "Southeast Alberta United Churches".

NEXT STEPS

The next meeting will be October 27th at Gordon Memorial.



October Events

4th - Turkey Supper FAM
 11th - Redcliffe Fall Festival
 25th - Turkey Supper Gordon Memorial

Coming in November

1st – Cookie Walk Gordon Memorial
 29th – Gifts ‘n’ Goodies FAM

Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church

476 4 Ave SE Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0K6
 403 526 2237
office@famunitedchurch.ca
www.famunitedchurch.ca
 Office Hours: Mon-Thu 11:00am-1:00pm
 Sunday Service: Every Sunday at 10:00am

Gordon Memorial United Church

401 2nd St. SE in Redcliff, Alberta.
 403 548 7110
www.gordon-memorial.ca
 Church office hours Wed 10:00am-noon.
 Sunday Service: Every Sunday 9:45am

Peace United Church

Box 315, # 28 Pacific Avenue Irvine Alberta T0J 3L0
 Sunday Service: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 12:15pm

St Andrews United Church

139 2nd Avenue W Bow Island, AB T0K 0G0
 403 545 2085
st.andrew@shaw.ca
 Office Hours: Tue & Sat 9:00am-noon
 Sunday Service: Every Sunday at 10:00am

Westminster United Church

101 6th Street SE Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1G7
 403-526-5247
Reception@westminsteruc.com
www.westminsteruc.com
 Office Hours: Tue-Fri 10:00am-noon, 1:00pm-3:00pm
 Sunday Service: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 10:25am.



Quote for the Month:

The day we find the perfect church,
 it becomes imperfect the moment we join it.
 (Charles H. Spurgeon)