

Newsletter of Southeast Alberta United Churches

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Church News

Westminster

News

Westminster held their last service on Christmas Eve with Rev Dave kindly serving communion. Going forward the church will still function as a congregation but will continue without holding Sunday Services.

Regular Events

- Wednesdays - 10:00am - Joint Bible Study with FAM at Chinook Village
- The knitting group meets Tuesdays, at 1pm in the back of the hall.

Peace

Regular Events

- Sunday service, January 11th and 25th at 12:15pm.

I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up - they have no holidays. (Henny Youngman)

Fifth Avenue Memorial

News

The FAM and Salvation Army Christmas Dinner on December 19th was a great success. It was an opportunity to serve Christmas dinner to over 150 of the Salvation Army clients, as well as to provide numerous to-go boxes. Thank you to all the people from throughout the community who donated, prepped, cooked, served and cleaned. The folks were so appreciative.

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

Valentine FAMily Dance will be held on February 13th in Wesley Hall. Come dance to the musical stylings of 13 Ave Band. Please bring an appetizer to share. Cost: Adults \$10, 5-12 \$5, 4 and under free. Tickets will be available at the church office starting Jan 5th and after Sunday Services. All are welcome.

St Andrew's

Services for January

- Jan 11 - Baptism of Jesus, Worship Leader: Deacon Bob Williston
- Jan 18 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Worship Leader: Rev. Kristy Reimers-Loader
- Jan 25 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Worship Leader: Deacon Bob Williston
- Feb 1 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Communion, Worship Leader: Rev. Bob Wallace

St Andrew's (continued)

Regular Events

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

News

There was a wonderful turn-out at the Star Gazing Glory event on January 4th. There was beautiful music, lots of laughs, playing of the Bells, visiting with family and friends, and ending with hot chocolate and star shaped cookies.

We raised \$600.50 plus food donations for the local Food Bank.



Gordon Memorial

Services for January:

- Jan 11 – Rev. Kristy Reimers – Loader
- Jan 18 – Rev. Scott Reynolds
- Jan 25 – Sheila McLeod

Please note Rev. Scott Reynolds: Growth Animator (Mountain) United Church of Canada is conducting our service on the 18th. A special welcome to all.

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.
- Sunday 9:45am – Regular Sunday worship followed by fellowship time.

News

GMUC Fundraising: Our December activities were very successful. We sold over 80 boxes of Christmas cookies. Thank-you to everyone who baked multiple dozens of cookies and to those who supported our sale.

Marie-Lynn Smith made and sold stocking stuffers. The proceeds (\$750) were deposited to the Benevolent Fund, from which GMUC was able to provide Christmas donations to 20 families within the Church and the Community totaling \$1605.

Christmas Tree Donations – once again we collected hats, scarves, mitts and diapers for the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter.

Chinook Winds Task Group

The next meeting of the Chinook Winds Task Group will be held on January 19th at FAM.



January Events

Coming in February

Feb 13 – Valentine FAMily Dance

Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church

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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

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Office Hours: Tue-Fri 10:00am-noon, 1:00pm-3:00pm



Quote for the Month:
Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

happy
new year!