

# Newsletter of Southeast Alberta United Churches



**Edition 4.1: January 2026**

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm.

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

#### *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

### 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.

# 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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**

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

### **Peace United Church**

Box 315, # 28 Pacific Avenue Irvine Alberta T0J 3L0

Sunday Service: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month,  
12:15pm

### **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

### **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

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



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### Quote for the Month:

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

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newyear!