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Our Vision

As a progressive faith community, we live with open minds and hearts. We share the earth and endeavour to be stewards of the gifts God has given us. Following the teachings of Christ, we strive for a caring, safe and just society. We accept diversity as a gift from God to be welcomed and celebrated. We reach out with love and acceptance to live in right relations with individuals of all genders, gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, differing abilities and racial, ethnic, religious, economic or cultural backgrounds. All are welcome to participate fully in the life and work of the church.

Our Gathering Community

Come and join us **Sunday mornings at 10 am**. All are welcome We also Livestream on Facebook., We offer children's programming and a cozy area for those with infants. Following the service all are invited to gather in the basement hall for refreshments.

Our Staff Team:

Church Office Hours
Thrift Shop Manager

Minister

Rev. Shane Goldie
Monday – Thursday 8:30-1pm
John Kulych

Office Administrator

Joanne Johnston
Friday 9-12pm
780-962-9703



August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Let us Break bread with our neighbours!

Don't forget to come to Stony Plain United Church at

10:30am for paper bag communion!

5023-62 Avenue Stony Plain, AB

780-963-4745 for further information.

Potluck lunch to follow.





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Reminder: We're Going Visiting!

Sunday, August 24th we will be worshipping at Stony Plain United Church.

No service at St. Andrew's

We will be joining with the folks from Stony Plain United, Mewassin United and Devon United in a joint service at Stony Plain United in Stony Plain. The address is 5012 – 51 Avenue. This will be a Paper-bag Communion service. Please come and join in the worship experience. Service begins at 10:30 am. Anyone who would like to bring along an acoustic instrument to join in making music for the service is welcome to do so.

There will be a potluck lunch following the service.

Please bring along finger foods to share.



**Do you like to sing?
The first choir practice is September 4.
Come & make a joyful sound!**

Singing has many benefits!

- It's an aerobic activity that enhances lung function & introduces more oxygen into the blood leading to better circulation and a better mood.
- It helps release anxiety and reconnect with your body.
- It improves mental alertness, memory and concentration as it involves focusing on multiple tasks at once, engaging many areas of the brain in the process.
- Singing in a choir builds a sense of community as voices synchronize to blend together not only in sound but heart.

Singing is for everyone.

The St. Andrew's United Church Worship Choir help lead in the singing of our Sunday morning Worship gatherings and present anthems once a month.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays; 7:00-8:00 at the church.
For more information contact the church office or Mark Loge.



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The LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 24 Sunday Worship at Stony Plain 10:30 am Potluck lunch to follow	August 25 Worship Committee 6:30	August 26	August 27 WW Al-Anon 11 am Closed meeting Al-Anon 8 pm	August 28	August 29 AA 1pm	August 30
August 31 Sunday Worship 10 am Sheila Christensen leadeing worship	September 1 	September 2 Men's Breakfast Ricky's @ 8:30	September 3 WW Al-Anon 8:30 am Craft & Chat 1:00 pm Choir 7pm Al-Anon 8 pm	September 4 apfa 10 am	September 5 AA 1pm	September 6
September 7 Sunday Worship 10 am Communion	September 8	September 9 Pastoral Care 1:00 pm Thrift Shop 6:30 pm	September 10 WW Al-Anon 8:30 am Choir 7pm Al-Anon 8 pm	September 11 apfa 10 am	September 12 AA 1pm	September 13
September 14 Sunday Worship 10 am	September 15	September 16 S&F 1:00 pm Affirming 6:30 pm	September 17 WW Al-Anon 8:30 am Choir 7pm Al-Anon 8 pm	September 18 apfa 10 am	September 19 AA 1pm	September 20



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What's hanging at St. Andrew's?

You may have noticed that we hang different flags in the front windows of the church, but do you know what they represent? Currently, we have two flags- the Two-Spirit Flag and the Every Child Matters Flag; here is what they signify:



Two-Spirit: An Indigenous-specific term used by some Indigenous people to self-identify. While the term itself is Anishinaabe-based, it has been taken up by different Indigenous nations to describe complex experiences and identities as well as cultural roles and responsibilities. Two Spirit can sometimes refer to sexual orientation and at other times to gender identity, depending on the individual and/or their particular nation. It can also describe roles and responsibilities specific to different Indigenous nations, sometimes tied to gender identity and/or sexual orientation, and sometimes not. The flag was created in 2026, and the two feathers at the center represent masculine and feminine

identities. The circle to which the feathers are attached represent the unification of masculinity and femininity into a separate, unique gender. Its placement in front of the rainbow flag signifies explicit inclusion of two-spirit experiences in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

<https://equity.ok.ubc.ca/pride-flags/>

Also, on display is the Every Child Matters Flag. The orange background symbolizes the impact of the residential school system on Indigenous communities. The eagle feather honours and recognizes all the children forced into the Indian Residential School. The phrase "Every Child Matters" is a tribute to the innocent lives lost and carries a profound message.



<https://canadianflag.ca/products/every-child-matters-flag#:~:text=The%20orange%20background%20symbolizes%20the,and%20carries%20a%20profound%20message.>

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day, also known as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Please join us in wearing orange on Sunday, September 28, to show St. Andrew's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and the Calls to Action.



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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

CHRISTMAS HANDMADE MARKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 A.M.

\$40 for a 6-foot table; only 25 tables
available

Contact Bonny to reserve your table
(780) 263-3110 or email bdunlop3@gmail.com

Join us to celebrate the season, support local
makers, and find that perfect holiday gift!

1A Fieldstone Drive, Spruce Grove
(780) 962-0488



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Can You Help Out?



Occasionally we need help in the office particularly for vacation times, but on occasion funeral coverage, or sick days. If you feel you might be able to help out in this capacity, please see:

Maxine Anderson or Joanne Johnston
for information or to put your name forward.
Ministry & Personnel

FundScrip



An easy way to support our
on-going **fundraising**,
while helping to streamline
your power!
Great for personal shopping too!

**Next FundScrip Order is
September 21, 2025**

See the office for details.

Remember, you can get cards for everyday purchases
like groceries, gasoline, and clothing.

Next Order Due Date:

September 14, 2025

"Forms are available on the HUB."

<https://group.fundscrip.com/en/HHMHEC/roof-repair-fund>

Ctrl and Click to link to the Web-site for easy access
too. This is a great help and more orders will make an
even bigger difference.



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UNVEILING

DAY	TIME	
SEPT, 10	5:30PM	4200 46 St, Stony Plain

Join us as Stony Plain becomes home to a Forest of Hope!
A symbolic space for suicide prevention, life promotion,
community connection, healing, and growth.

Get your free ticket!

Event Highlights

- Sign Unveiling
- Guest Speakers & Elder Blessing
- Tree Planting Ceremony
- Art Activity & Food Concession



For more information visit www.stonyplain.com/forestofhope
or call 780-963-8583.

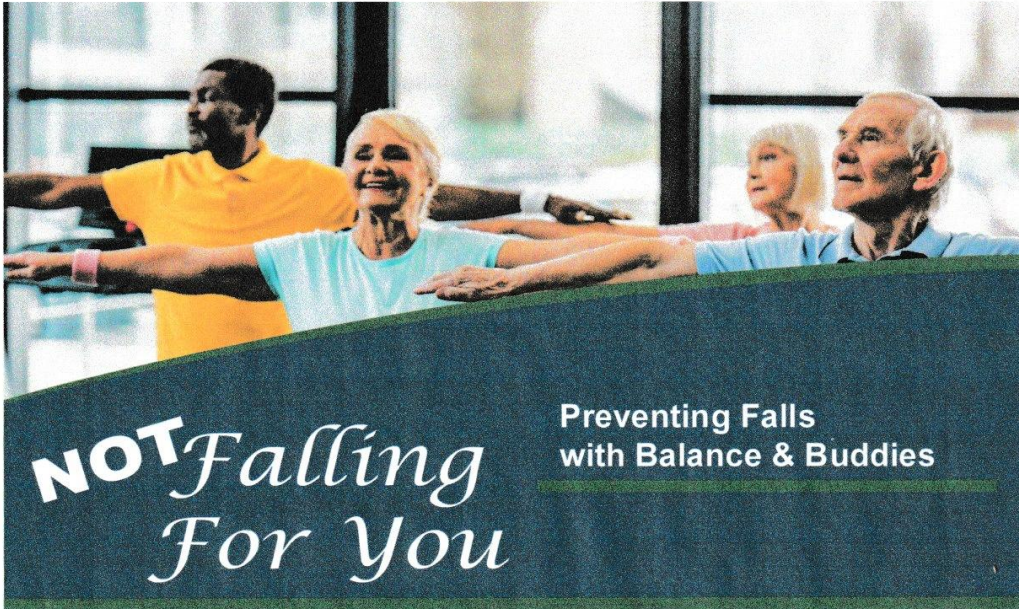




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Prevent Falls Before They Happen!



Volunteer to be a Peer Leader!

Over 50? Lead a falls prevention class in your community

Next Hybrid Peer Leader Training:

DAY 1: Tuesday Sept 16th 2025, 9 AM – 1 PM

Location: ONLINE via Zoom

DAY 2: Thursday, September 18th 2025, 9 AM – 4 PM

Address: High Park Community League Hall
11032 154 St, Edmonton, AB T5P 2K1

Cost: Free!

To Register, Email: Injury.PreventionEdmonton@ahs.ca

Scan for more information:



Or contact to join:
Ph: 587-596-0845
Injury.PreventionEdmonton@ahs.ca

Pastoral Care has considered hosting sessions to help people prevent falls.

This program will set you on the path to be a Volunteer Peer Leader.

The training sessions to become a Peer Leader will be held in September on line and in West Edmonton.

There is no cost to attend.

See the information sheet in the Narthex or the information provided here to register if you would be interested.

Perhaps we could get a couple of people to participate and then it wouldn't be just one person having to be the only leader we have.



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Support ● Resources ● Collaboration ● Community

We are here to help!

Find out more about resources, referrals or for
information on dementia.

Refer a Caregiver

Caregiving can be overwhelming, and asking for help isn't always easy.

Do you know a caregiver who's been putting themselves last?

Share our number so they can receive a free self-care package and get
connected to helpful supports.

Stony Plain

Community & Social Development



(780) 963-8583



connect@stonyplain.com



www.stonyplain.com/dementia

Spruce Grove

Community Social Development



(780) 962-7618



CSD@sprucegrove.org



www.sprucegrove.org/csdprograms





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Pastoral Care Taking Care of the Flock

Our team of Lay Pastoral Visitors on the Pastoral Care Committee is always trying our best to keep track of the St. Andrew's flock, but sometimes we miss out on important news about members and friends. If you are aware of happenings that you think our Pastoral Care team could respond to, you can pass on the news (in confidence) to one of the other members of the team: *Sheila Christensen Ruth Smith, Dianne Skeels, Janet Hennig and Georgina Simmonds.*



Prayer Chain

Prayer concerns may be shared in confidence with the Prayer Chain by contacting *Marilyn Smythe or Cathy Dunn*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY with Continued Support

Any non-perishable foods are welcome.

Food Bank donation envelopes are available on the side of the Food Bank box.

**Cheques should be made payable to
Parkland Food Bank.**

Tax receipts will be issued by

The Parkland Food Bank has helped feed residents who are in need, for over 30 years!
They continue to need our support!



***August
Non-Perishable Food (Tins and Dried)***





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Short reminders of our history for this
Centennial year continue...



Throughout 2025, we'll be featuring very short stories about United Church history. Many thanks to Gayle Simonson, a lay member of the United Church at Southminster Steinhauer in Edmonton, an experienced history researcher, and a writer who has written for historical journals and UCC publications. She is a key volunteer in the United Church archives for both Northern Spirit and Chinook Winds. Gayle's generosity means that we'll have frequent reminders of our history with a focus on ordinary people.

Rev. Thomas Richard Davies was ordained in Alberta in 1930 and served in Ponoka and Stettler before being called to Highlands United Church in Edmonton in 1940. As a military chaplain in Europe 1942-1945 he was deeply moved by the events of war and the devastation he experienced. He began collecting pieces of stained glass from the shattered churches he saw through France, Germany and Holland, and carefully labeled each with its original location. On his return to Highlands, 24 pieces were incorporated into a memorial window, the glass surrounding a list of members lost during the war. Highlands website records the image and story for all to share in this tribute to the terrible losses of war.





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*Loving Our
Neighbours*



MINUTE FOR MISSION

August 24, 2025



Framed by Creation

Waterton United Church rests in the heart of Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, where wind brushes the tall grass and mountains rise like blessings above the lake. Surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty, the church is a place of welcome, wonder, and worship. A sanctuary within a sanctuary.

The United Church has had a presence in the park since 1955. The current building, dedicated in 1961, was thoughtfully designed to honour its setting. Architect George Watson positioned the sanctuary's great cathedral window to frame Mount Vimy, inviting

creation into every service.

"People who aren't involved in the church but just stop to visit look out, captivated by the view of the mountain over the lake," says Carol Watt, Secretary. "It's a special thing that happens. It touches something deep within."

Your gifts through Mission and Service help keep the church open year-round for youth group sleep-overs, weddings, meetings, occasional workshops, and retreats. In the summer, guest ministers and musicians arrive weekly to lead worship from late June through September, filling the sanctuary with inspired voices and music that echoes across the valley. The church hosts youth retreats, weddings, and spiritual gatherings, and with a small room and kitchenette tucked behind the sanctuary, it also welcomes leaders seeking quiet and renewal.

"Providing space for reflection and retreat is an important aspect of the ministry we offer," Watt shares.

A newsletter captures the heart of it: "Waterton United offers a unique ministry to the wealth of summer visitors who flock happily into the national park and then find this gem of a United Church of Canada."

Thank you for [supporting](#) ministries that honour and care for community and creation. In places like Waterton, where land and spirit meet, your gifts help make sacred encounters possible.



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*Say
Cheese!*

Pictures for our new
Photo Directory will be happening
Sept 25-27
See the HUB for details and sign up!

Photo Directory

As The United Church of Canada celebrates its 100th Anniversary, the Pastoral Care Committee will be spearheading the production of a new Church Pictorial Directory.

IPC Canada Photo Services Inc. will be taking photos and producing the Directory. We are scheduled to have our pictures taken on **Thursday, September 25; Friday, September 26; and Saturday, September 27, 2025.**

Scheduled hours will be 2:30 – 8:30PM on Thursday and Friday, and 9:30AM – 3:00PM on Saturday.

Pastoral Care will schedule all photo appointments (a sign up sheet will be on the HUB over the summer). Please sign up early to get the best appointment time for your family! We will require volunteers to help with hosting the photography sessions throughout the 3 days (perhaps 2-3 hour shifts – again, a signup sheet will be made available on the HUB). This is to greet families and to fill out sitting forms supplied by the photographer.

The selection of the directory pose and the portrait viewing will follow shortly after your photography session (One convenient appointment), sign a general release, and have the opportunity to purchase portraits (no obligation). There is no cost to have pictures taken, and a free directory is included with your sitting. Your only cost will be for any portraits you may choose to buy. Remember, portraits make great Christmas presents!

As a congregation, we have the choice of including addresses and phone numbers in the back of the directory. Each member has the choice for their information to be included or not. This is what the confidentiality forms are for. In these times of privacy, you may be inclined not to have your personal information printed, other than your name under your picture. Let me repeat: The Choice is yours to be made at the time of your sitting.

A Pictorial Directory is a handy way to connect names with faces and is a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generation. It helps build and strengthen our faith community and is a valuable reference for our church family. It is a way to acknowledge and celebrate our history as a member or adherent to St. Andrew's United Church in 2025.

We will not be doing a mass calling out to people, so if you wish to join in this anniversary celebration, please stop in and sign up to get your picture taken. Alternatively, please call Joanne in the church office to make your appointment. Should you choose not to have a picture included, you can still have your name and personal info included. Just give Joanne a call. Come and be an important part of our 100th Anniversary Year Celebrations! We need everyone to participate to make the new pictorial directory complete. All are welcome!