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and strive to live as disciples of Christ on our faith journey.*



### 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:**

#### **Minister**

Rev. Shane Goldie

#### **Office Administrator**

Joanne Johnston

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 8:30-1pm

Friday 9-12pm

#### **Thrift Shop Manager**

John Kulych

780-962-9703

**July 20, 2025**

**6th Sunday after Pentecost-Communion**



There's a moment in this week's Gospel that cuts right to the heart of our fast-paced world. Martha is busy—doing all the right things, checking all the boxes, trying her best. But Jesus lovingly calls her attention not to what she's doing... but to how distracted she's become. It's a reminder we all need: sometimes, the most faithful thing we can do is slow down and be present.

So often we tie our worth to what we produce, how busy we are, how much we give, fix, or carry. But God never asked us to be perfect—only present. Christ invites us, again and again, to root ourselves not in performance, but in presence. To rest at his feet. To hear the Word. To trust that in him, all things truly do hold together—even when we don't.

This Sunday, we'll explore what it means to be "Rooted in Christ, Called to Be Present." I promise—it's a message for the weary, the busy, the burned-out, the faithful, the curious, and the searching. Come, take a breath. There's a place at the Table for you.

*Rev. Shane*



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## *The LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 13</b> Sunday Worship 10 am	July 14	July 15	July 16  WW Al-Anon 11 am Closed meeting  Al-Anon 8 pm	July 17	July 18  AA 1 pm	July 19
<b>July 20</b> Sunday Worship 10 am  Coffee & Hot Dogs after church  <b>FUNDSCRIP            ORDER DEADLINE</b>	July 21	July 22	July 23  WW Al-Anon 11 am Closed meeting  Al-Anon 8 pm	July 24	July 25	July 26
<b>July 27</b> Sunday Worship 10 am	July 28	July 29	July 30  WW Al-Anon 11 am Closed meeting  Al-Anon 8 pm	July 31	August 1	August 2
<b>August 3</b> Sunday Worship 10 am	August 4  	August 5  Rev Shane Away	August 6  WW Al-Anon 11 am Closed meeting Craft & Chat 1pm Al-Anon 8 pm Rev Shane Away	August 7  Rev Shane Away	August 8  Rev Shane Away	August 9  Rev Shane Away



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## ***Come Ring With Us!***

The handbell music ministry of St. Andrew's United Church has an opening to welcome a new ringer in September, 2025.

As our current choir is comprised of ringers with several years experience, we are seeking an individual to join our team who has a strong musical background.

If you can read music with ease and are interested in trying a new instrument, this opportunity is for you!

We rehearse every Sunday evening in the Basement Hall  
from 7:00 until 9:00 PM

from early September through mid-December  
and again from early January through mid-May.

An extra 15 minute commitment is also required,  
either prior to or following rehearsal for equipment set up and tear down  
(half the choir comes early, the other half stays after).

We develop music as a team so a strong commitment to attend  
weekly rehearsals is essential.

All performance dates are negotiated with our ringers prior to booking.  
We hope to be able to share our music at some Seniors' residences this  
Christmas season together with providing two concerts  
that will be open to the Church and community.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Church Office  
at 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



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

**Next FundScrip Order is  
July 20, 2025**

See the office for details.

### ***FundScrip***

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

**Next Order Due Date:  
July 20, 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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SMALL  
COMMITMENT  
**BIG REWARD!**

**APPLY TO JOIN  
A BOARD OR COMMITTEE  
BY JULY 25**



[sprucegrove.org/Boards](https://sprucegrove.org/Boards)



**We are looking for members to join our:**

- Economic Development Advisory Committee,
- Policing Committee,
- Spruce Grove Library Board, and
- Youth Advisory Committee (must be between the ages of 12 and 18).

**Recruitment begins on June 16 and closes at 4PM on July 25**



**Learn more at [sprucegrove.org/Boards](https://sprucegrove.org/Boards)**

**Contact: [cityclerk@sprucegrove.org](mailto:cityclerk@sprucegrove.org) | 780-962-7615**



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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!



***July and 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.*

Of 139 Canadian residential schools for Indigenous students, fifteen were managed by the United Church. While funded by the government, that funding was inadequate and conditions were poor. As well, the schools failed to acknowledge the importance of cultural identities. The United Church began a national consultation with indigenous people in 1980. In 1986, the United Church General Council issued an apology for its earlier denial of their spirituality. A Healing Fund was established in 1994. In 1998, an apology was issued to former students of United Church-run residential schools. The United Church crest was modified in 2012 to include the four colours of the medicine wheel and a Mohawk phrase meaning "All my relations."

*"It matters not  
Who you love,  
Where you love,  
Why you love,  
When you love,  
Or how you love,  
It matters only  
that you **love**."*

**John Lennon**



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*Loving Our  
Neighbours*



**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**July 20, 2025**

## **Sacred Care for Those Who Carry the Weight**

In 2024, a group of 23 Indigenous United Church ministers and spouses from northern Manitoba and Ontario gathered for a much-needed retreat at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. This time of rest, healing, and renewal was made possible by [your generosity through Mission and Service](#).

For many, it was the first opportunity to gather with others who truly understand the weight they carry. These ministers are often the only ones available to walk with their communities through addiction, suicide, and profound grief. The emotional and spiritual toll is immense. "The number of youth funerals we do now is overwhelming," says Rev. Grant Queskekapow, who was ordained in 1987. "When I started in the United Church, we buried a lot of elderly people. But now we bury a lot of youth who die as a result of suicide."

At the retreat, ministers were offered trauma-informed support, rest, and spiritual care through sharing circles, art therapy, and cultural practices like beading. The space allowed them to grieve, to speak the unspeakable, and to begin to heal.

It was more than a retreat. It was a lifeline.

The impact was clear. Participants returned to their communities with renewed strength and a deep sense of support. Because of this, a second retreat is being planned for September 2025 to once again offer this crucial care.

And the need has only grown.

As wildfires sweep through northern Manitoba, nearly 17,500 people are being evacuated from First Nations communities facing dangerous conditions and blocked escape routes. Once again, our Northern Indigenous ministers are offering strength and leadership, even as they face these threats themselves.

Please hold them in your prayers.

[Your continued support](#) through Mission and Service is essential. You are helping provide healing space for those who carry the grief of entire communities. You are ensuring they do not carry it alone. Thank you.



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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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Celebrations! We need everyone to participate to make the new pictorial directory complete. All are welcome!



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## In Case You Missed It: Meet Your Next Moderator Nominees!



[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]

For those who may have missed the exciting news, the nominations for the next Moderator of The United Church of Canada have been confirmed!

Five dedicated individuals are standing for election on **August 9** at General Council 45. The installation of our new Moderator will follow on **August 11** at Knox United Church in Calgary.

### Get to know the nominees:

- [Rev. Dr. Samuel V. Dansokho](#)
- [Rev. Dr. John Pentland](#)
- [Rev. Dr. Cheri DiNovo, CM](#)
- [Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath](#)
- [Rev. Sungmin Jung](#)

[Mark your calendars](#) to follow all the [upcoming General Council 45 livestreams](#) and upcoming in-person/online hybrid General Council happening in Calgary, August 7-11.



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## You are invited to



**Opening July 27, 2025,  
3:30 - 6:30 pm.**

**July 28 - August 2,  
2025,  
2:00 - 7:00 pm each day**

Pilgrim United Church  
9008 135 Ave NW, Edmonton  
AB T5E 1N4  
Tel.: 780 476 5202



Pilgrim United Church  
Edmonton

Broadview



For further information, please visit  
[www.herefromthebeginning.ca/](http://www.herefromthebeginning.ca/)



**ADMISSION : FREE**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## CLASSIC BRONZE: THE CONCERT

Friday, August 8, 2025  
Deerfoot Inn and Casino  
11500, 35 St SE Calgary  
Tickets: \$30 at [classicbronze.ca](http://classicbronze.ca)  
Or at the door



Will you be in Calgary on August 8<sup>th</sup>?  
If so, don't miss this opportunity  
to take in a tremendous  
handbell concert.  
Ringers from all over North America  
are coming together for this premiere  
Handbell event and will be directed  
by legends in the Handbell world.  
It's also a chance to watch Juanita  
ring versus direct.  
Hope to see some familiar faces  
in the crowd!