

## Westminster United Church November 4, 2018 Announcements

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### Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

This week we hold the communities of: Imperial, Kerrobert, Kennedy (Kennedy, Langbank.) May God's compassion, light and love enfold them.

Darrell will be away from the afternoon of November 4 returning to the office Friday November 9. For pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Tricia Gerhard at Sunset United Church 306-586-3613.

Attendance Last Sunday: 125  
Offering plus weekly PAR: \$3,564.16  
Operating each week: \$2,898.00  
Mission & Service plus weekly PAR: 302.50  
Outreach Ministries: \$6.25  
Homelessness Basket total: \$752.35

### Our month at a glance:

Mon. Wed. Fri. Walking Group 9:00am  
Wed. Nov. 7 Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
Thur. Nov. 8 Prayer Shawl Group 9:30 am  
Thur. Nov8 Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
Sat. Nov. 10 Wedding in Sanctuary  
Mon Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> stat holiday- Men's' coffee and the walking group will be cancelled for today.

Wed. Nov. 14 & Fri. Nov 16 Walking Group 9:00 am  
Thur. Nov. 15 Prayer Shawl Group 9:30 am  
Thur. Nov. 15 Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
Fri. Nov. 16 set up for Mistletoe Tea 9:30 am  
Sat. Nov 17 Mistletoe Tea 1:30 pm  
Sun. Nov. 18 Congregational Meeting after Worship with pot luck lunch.  
Mon. Wed. Fri. Walking Group 9:00am  
Thurs. Nov. 22 Prayer Shawl Group 9:30 am  
Thurs. Nov. 22 Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
Mon. Wed. Fri. Walking Group 9:00am  
Thurs. Nov. 29 Prayer Shawl Group 9:30 am  
Thur. Nov. 29 Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Telling our stories helps shape a culture of generosity.

### Great News!

The final count from our Fall Rummage Sale was **\$3,596.40!!!** A huge "Thank-you" from the members of the Anniversary Unit to everyone who helped make this project such a success. We could not have done it without you!



**Bread for Life Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>.** Donations of bread and cash for Carmichael Outreach are graciously appreciated.

**The Canadian Bible Society Auxiliary Fall Tea**  
Tuesday **November 6**, 2018 1:30-4:00 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church 12<sup>th</sup> Ottawa St. Regina, Sk.  
Tickets available from Elaine 306- 584-5526.

Looking for a couple of people to come in and wash down parts of the Sanctuary woodwork Please contact Darrell.

**Welcome Home Basket-** Thanks to your coins at Coffee Time in our **Change for Change** can, and other generous donations, we have now raised \$750 for a "Welcome Home" basket to help a homeless Regina citizen transition from life on the streets to his or her own apartment. Your contributions help fulfill Westminster's mission to make a difference in the lives we touch.



**Mistletoe Tea and Bake Sale**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

We hope you are planning to attend our Mistletoe Tea and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Donations of sandwiches and dainties for the tea, as well as baking for the Bake Table would be greatly appreciated, and helpers are still needed.

Besides the tea (served in our lovely bone china cups and saucers) with fancy sandwiches and delicious dainties, there will be a bake table, a selection of books, a Christmas Room and a boutique with some interesting collectibles.

**Please see the sign-up sheet – in the narthex before church and downstairs during Coffee Time.**

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The Cathedral Christmas Craft Market will be happening on the upper level of the Fellowship hall from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, so plan to attend both events.

**YAYAC Youth Retreat**

YAYAC is hosting an event in November. Youth Retreat is an opportunity for young people (grades 7 – 12) to gather together, explore spiritual practices and reflect on their faith.

It is happening *November 30 to December 1* at St. Paul's United Church in Estevan. It starts at 7 pm on Friday and ends at 7 pm on Saturday.

There is no cost for this event. Youth need to register by November 20th.

**Emergency Response: Asia Pacific Region**  
Please help our Mission & Service partners respond to the devastating typhoons, earthquakes, and tsunami which recently struck the Asia Pacific Region. United Church partner ACT Alliance is concentrating their resources to reach the most remote and under serviced communities. Mark your donations "Asia Pacific Region fund"

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SK Conference calls on the government to allow charities to address root causes of injustice On July 16, an anti-poverty charity, Canada Without Poverty, won a landmark court challenge against the Canada Revenue Agency regarding political activity audits. An Ontario Superior Court judge ruled that the Income Tax Act infringes on charities' constitutional right to free expression. In other words, the rule that limits charities' ability to speak out on behalf of Canadians has been overturned. This is definitely a big step in the right direction, but concerns remain.

The federal government can appeal the ruling and if this happens, it would be a clear signal that the Prime Minister has abandoned his promise to "allow charities to do their work on behalf of Canadians free from political harassment, and modernize the rules governing the charitable and not-for-profit sectors."

Conference President Bonnie Morton and Local-Global Advocacy Network Conveners Linda Stumpf and Catherine Christie have sent a letter to the Prime Minister, asking on the Conference's behalf that the Charities Act be revised, and the government's promise to Canada's charitable sector be kept. Ask Darrell for a copy of the letter if you would like to read it.

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