

Westminster United Church

January 20, 2019 Announcements

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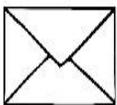
Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

This week we hold the communities of: Week of Prayer for Christian unity, Saskatoon: McClure, Meadow Lake (Meadow Lake) Mortlach, Moosomin: Bethel, Norquay. May God's compassion, light and love enfold them.

Attendance Last Sunday: 166
Offering plus weekly PAR: \$2,816.43
Operating each week: \$2,898.00
Mission & Service plus weekly PAR: \$269.50
Outreach Ministries: \$5.00

Our month at a glance:

Walking Group every Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 am
Prayer Shawl Group every Thursday 9:30 am
Choir practice every Thursday 7:00 pm
Mon. Jan. 21 Men's Coffee 9:00 am
Sat. Feb. 2 Soups On to help call
Contact Rosemary at 306-924-0423
Mon. Feb. 4 Men's Coffee 9:00 am
Sun. Feb. 10 Outreach Task Group 12:00
Wed. Feb. 20 Council Meeting 7:00 pm



Please pick up your **2019** weekly offering envelopes. If you did not receive a Stewardship envelope, there are some available in the Narthex.

All gifts are gifts of the one Spirit. Our job is to find the best way to use what we have been given.



All year end reports must be received in the office NO later than February 4th for the **Annual General Meeting** that will be held in March. Reports received after February 4th will not be included in the AGM report docket.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.
Observed from January 20-27 in Regina.

* Singing into Unity Sunday, January 20, 3pm at Westminster United Church (3025 13th Ave.).

This service of traditional hymnody, contemporary songs, and global music will reflect on the role of congregational singing in promoting Christian unity.

All are welcome. This will be of particular interest to choirs.
Refreshments and conversation following the service. Parking available at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

* Ecumenical Prayer & Reflection Monday, January 21, 2:30pm at Campion College (U of Regina). Planned together with Luther College, this service is open to all on campus and visitors. Refreshments and conversation following the service.

* A service for children Tuesday, January 22, 1:30pm at Christ the King Catholic Parish (3239 Garnet St.).

All are welcome to join in this short service with the children of St. Pius X Elementary School.

* Beer & Bible Thursday, January 24, 7pm at (Location TBA).

A study on the theme "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deut 16: 18-20). Must be 19+ to attend.

Contact Tashia Toupin, tel. 306-352-1651 or

ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca<<mailto:ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca>>.

* Concluding Worship Service Sunday, January 27, 3pm at Resurrection Catholic Parish (3155 Windsor Park Road).

A service of prayer for Christian unity in our community and throughout the world.

Preacher: Bishop Rob Hardwick, Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

Refreshments and conversation following the service.

The Week of Prayer is coordinated by the Regina Council of Churches using resources from the Canadian Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. See <http://weekofprayer.ca>. A free-will offering will be taken for the work of the Regina Council of Churches.

For further information, contact Nick Jesson, 306-352-1651 or jesson@ecumenism.net<<mailto:jesson@ecumenism.net>>

Book Study - *The Shack*

Are you interested in a fictional story that gives you a different perspective of who God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit may be? Join Darrell in reading this book and have discussions. The study will start Monday, February 18 at 10am. If you are interested please let Darrell or the office know by *January 28* so that enough books can be found/purchased.

Lenten Faith Study - The Blaikie Report

If you are interested in this book Study to start sometime at the beginning of Lent, let Darrell or the Office know By *January 28*, so books can be ordered. The cost of this study is \$20. Group size is limited.

In *The Blaikie Report*, Blaikie provides a political memoir that explores a wide range of tough political issues—including various culture wars, Medicare, First Peoples, environmental and global concerns—through the lens of his biblical and prophetic sensitivities.

As he relates details of the political wrangling over each of these issues, it's clear that the basis of his care for the world and his ongoing activism is firmly grounded in Christian scripture and tradition. His very career gives testimony that religion has much vitality and wisdom to contribute in the political arena.

Critical of conservatives

In his book Blaikie shares his struggles with both a fickle public and a partisan system. He also attacks the indifference of the secularists to religious considerations on the one hand, and the individualism of religious conservatives on the other.

He is very critical of Christians whose response to poverty, for example, minimizes the role of government and promotes the idea that "if we get Jesus into the hearts of the poor, they will get themselves out of the slums."

Blaikie turns instead to the prophets. "Did Jeremiah, Hosea, Amos and other biblical prophets bemoan the spiritual life of the orphan, the widow, the stranger and the needy, and say that if only they returned to God, they would be alright? Or did they address the inadequacies and injustices of the king, and the elite, and the court prophets who told the powerful what they wanted to hear?"

The question is not rhetorical.

Blaikie is keenly aware that the spectrum of religious belief in Canada is much more diverse than a simple dichotomy between left and right, conservative and liberal. "The task for the faithful politician is to sort out the two God squads, and articulate a third kind that is challenging for the right reasons," he insists.

*** *Sharing our Gifts***

Church leaders are hosting a volunteer blitz after the service on **January 27th**, in the fellowship hall. This is a new way of sharing our volunteer opportunities and how we can volunteer our talents and gifts. **Everyone is encouraged to attend.**