

# Southminster News

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November 2023

*Office Hours*

Monday to Friday  
9 am to 4 pm



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Sunday Worship Services  
10:30 a.m.  
*In person or live stream on Facebook*

## Minister's Message:

October was a busy month around the church. Every Sunday after worship we had multiple things happening: Rev. Tad and Rev. Carol's discussion group, new directory photos, fall supper planning. Even though we often feel pulled in multiple directions, the office staff say how thankful we need to be to have a church with lots of things going on, and multiple activities for our members to be involved with.

Speaking of the fall supper, it was a tremendous success. Not only in providing hospitality and fellowship for those who attended, but also in raising money for our congregation and the charitable works of the **Men's Club**. Many thanks to the Men's Club for hosting, as well as everyone who had a hand in the work.

During a week of Continued education in October, MiYeon and I attended the **Western Intercultural Network** event in St. Albert, Alberta. The theme explored an intercultural lens to reconciliation work within the church. There were many excellent and inspiring speakers, including Rev. MiYeon. For me the highlight was singing some of the new hymns being prepared for **Then Let Us Sing** project, a new online hymn resource that is being compiled to celebrate The United Church of Canada's centennial in 2025. We'll likely hear some in worship in the coming months.

During that week I also participated in a one-day meeting of the **General Council**, which now meets annually online to conduct business between the triennial in person meetings. The **Chinook Winds Regional Council Executive** met in Stettler on November 2-3. I could not attend the meeting in person due to a nagging injury from falling on the stairs at the church, but I was able to join using Zoom.

The Regional Council operates differently from the previous Presbytery and Conference. They are much less of a rules enforcement body, and more of companion in helping our ministries to flourish. I suspect I may have some very positive news to share with you in the coming months as a result of my advocacy for our southwest Alberta churches.

During **Advent**, we will have a 4-week **Bible study** on Sundays following worship. We will be reading the **Book of Revelation** (always appropriate for Advent). If you wish to participate, I'll invite you to read the following chapters prior to each session: Sun Nov. 26: Chapters 1-4; Sun Dec. 3: Chapters 5-11; Sun Dec. 10: Chapters 12-17; Sun Dec. 17: Chapters 18-22

Finally, on **Remembrance Day**, we remember those in the Armed Forces who have died in conflict. Members of our congregation have been working on a project this past year that we look forward to sharing with you on Nov. 5.

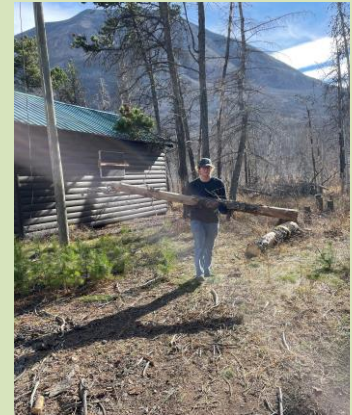
The peace of Christ be with you all.

- Rev. Taylor



**Updates on Canyon Church Camp Rebuild efforts**

Canyon Camp volunteers have been busy getting ready for **spring construction**. On Oct. 21, **Cathy and Simon Hann and Christina and Lowell Whittmire** flexed their muscles and moved many trees that had been cut down due to the danger they posed to our existing buildings if they fell. Great job crew!



The fundraising committee just kicked off a fundraiser to pay for the construction of new **washrooms** (*Let's Get Flushing!*) These are essential in order to have camp again! You can donate to this cause by sending an e-transfer to [campcanyon@gmail.com](mailto:campcanyon@gmail.com), through our GoFundMe campaign, CanadaHelps.org, or drop a cheque off at the church office. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations, so remember to include our information and mailing address. Any amount will help this project move smoothly forward!

We are also looking for large donors or sponsors that might want to support the **construction of a whole cabin/building**. For example, we need to replace **4 camper cabins** that were lost to fire, and each one will cost around \$60,000. Large donations will be recognized with a plaque on the building of their choice.

Wouldn't a **"Southminster United Church" cabin be great?** If you know someone, or an organization, that would be interested in sponsoring a building, please contact me. Help make our dreams come true!

Questions? Give me a call or an email.

**Christina Whittmire**  
whittmirefamily@gmail.com



*Saturday morning walk to the Peace installation on Oct 14.*

**Our Saturday morning at Ten Thirty** activities by Faith Formation Committee are ongoing!  
These are the upcoming Saturday programs at 10:30 a.m.

- Nov 4 Sunday School for Adults with Amy
- Nov 11 Cancelled for Remembrance Day - see you at the cenotaph
- Nov 18 Southminster Tea and Bazaar Day
- Nov 25 November walk with Amy...location TBA

## Southminster Men's Club Dinner on Saturday, October 28



The 2023 Fall Dinner was a great success! Thank you to all the men and women who helped out. No less than 26 people were directly involved in making this evening happen, a great example of teamwork.

**We want to thank all donors to the Silent Auction:**

- DOUG DOUGHTY
- JANICE ROSS
- JACK SHERMAN
- STEVE DOBAY
- BRUCE & DONNA TAIT
- LETHBRIDGE SYMPHONY
- HEAVEN HILL/BLACK VELVET
- JUDY MACKENZIE
- AMY DODIC
- LINDA HORNER
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- ANN MARIE MCDONALD
- DOREEN LITTLE
- MIKE & DIANNA GREER
- UCW
- CAROLE ROBERTS
- ROBERTA STEPHENS
- RUSS & ANN RASLASK
- CAROLE MANY CHIEF
- LORI O'LEARY
- JETTE ALLEN



A few fierce young men of the congregation, armed with the infamous "Leroys' List" of dinner supplies, took on the task of dinner preparation this year. With some magic and special kitchen tools, they whipped up a lovely dinner! Thank you to Chef Mark and the College Culinary program for catering the roast beef!

Some fun(d)raising games were also played at the event... thank you to Janice Ross for cooking those up!

We look forward to next year's Men's Club Dinner!



**CONVERSATION ABOUT DEATH AND DYING** by Rev. Tad Mitsui

- After Worship Service Event Series -

**Final session of the series on November 5, Sunday.** After the Worship Service in the Lounge. Pick up coffee and join us for Open Discussion. We will discuss whatever you want to talk about.

- Tad Mitsui

*After completing the four sessions on Death and Dying, we will decide if we want to continue next year.*



It's time for a **new Southminster member Directory!** Every Sunday in November, Taina will be taking photos in the Nursery after the service. Digital copies of the photos will be emailed to you afterwards.

**Here are some pointers for a great portrait that will stand the test of time:**

Wear solid colors in neutral shades that compliment your skin tone. Try to avoid anything that distracts from your face. Distractions may include: busy ties, high collars or ruffles, scarves, dangling jewelry, etc.

The directories will available to everyone in February 2024. The printing cost will be about \$10 per directory. If you are able to make a donation to cover the cost, that would be much appreciated.

**"A big and loud thank you to everyone in the congregation who donated their time, talent, and food to make the Canadian Foodgrains luncheon a big success. We raised \$ 667.00!"**

Thanks to all who helped set up, cook, bake, serve, and clean up for this luncheon!

The month of November brings the **Angel and Mitten Trees** to our church. [AngelTreeinfo@lfsfamily.ca](mailto:AngelTreeinfo@lfsfamily.ca)



I have heard this year they have many children requesting Barbies from the hype of the Barbie movie over the summer. If you are out and about and see any toys that would suit a child 0-18, please pick that up and bring it unwrapped to the church office. As we collect gifts, drivers can pop by and pick them up.

As always, help is needed in the toy room with volunteers to load bundles for children as well as drivers to pick up and drop off at the toy room.

Below is the information about signing up to help: <https://volunteersignup.org/WTWFM>

Have a great month,  
**Melanie**, CIS co-chair

**Friday Fit for Life at Southminster**

Friday mornings at 9:30 to 10:15 am.

*Group Fitness Class* for all fitness levels, ages and genders. Victoria is back and will lead classes in November !



**Cost: by Donation** (suggested \$5 per person, pay what you can).

Hello Southminster folks! Are you interested in a meaningful way to volunteer this Christmas season? I'd love to recruit a **Southminster group to volunteer to package gifts for the Angel Tree** recipients once or a few times. Please e mail Melanie at [melaniewinters@shaw.ca](mailto:melaniewinters@shaw.ca) if you have questions.

**A few rules of engagement:**

- Anyone receiving Angel Tree, Salvation Army or Shop of Wonders gifts, are not permitted to volunteer
- Please limit gift bundling volunteer shifts to two times
- Volunteers must be 18 years and older
- Each volunteer must complete a Confidentiality form
- A parent may accompany a younger child with permission granted

**Driver shifts:**

- ✓ **No limits on volunteering**
- ✓ Must have a valid Driver's License
- ✓ Driver procedures and protocols must be followed for each Driver position
- ✓ We may double up drivers for safety. We will assess as we go!

## During the Second World War the following happened at Southminster:

**1939** Men's Club had Major H.C. Singer from the 20th Anti Tank Battery as guest speaker. He spoke on the progression of the war.

**1940** The official board stated that an Honor Roll was being made to keep record of members & adherents of the church who enlisted

- A suitable flag for church was discussed.
- Women's Association had speakers from the armed services.

**1941** All women groups of the church were busy with sewing, quilting and knitted articles during the years at war.

- Fireside chats after church service included members of the armed services stationed in and around Lethbridge.
- The Union Jack to be hung in the church. The flag was donated by Mr & Mrs. J.T. Wallace.

**1942** An entertainment evening for the troops was hosted by Women's Association at the YMCA. There was also a Sunday Tea, a concert and dance for armed forces.

**1943** The Business Girl's Club's programs included visiting the #8 Bombing & Gunnery Hospital, collecting sewing, knitting for overseas troops, and collecting war stamps and certificates here at home.

- Every year of the war, Christmas cards were sent to the troops overseas and to those serving along the coasts of Canada.

**1944** The church **mortgage was burned**. Members of the church stand with Reverend H Muchmor at the pulpit.



**1945** Arthur Putland's arrangement of High Flight, a poem by Pilot Officer John Gillespie MacGee was presented to the congregation. Unfortunately, there is no copy in the archives.

*-By Trish Purkis, Church Archivist*



The Southminster **Christmas Tea and Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 18th from 2 - 4 pm**.

Tickets are \$12 and will be available at the door (payment in cash or debit). You will be served tea, coffee or punch and a delightful selection of sandwiches and home-made dainties.

Joyce and Carol want to thank everyone who has already volunteered to help out. We're making a change in the **Friday afternoon set-up time** to allow SUCH Hospitality group to make the sandwiches without us getting in their way. We'll meet **at 3 pm** instead of 1 pm. We are still collecting \$10 donations towards the cost of the sandwich fillings.

Donations for the **Christmas Treasures** (convened by Wanda Henderson), **Jewellery**, (Linda Horner) and **Handicraft** tables can be dropped off at the office any time. Carole Roberts and Judy Mackenzie ask that any crafts be labeled with your name and a suggested price.

Baked goods either for the tea or the **Bake Table** (Marilyn Fleming) can be dropped off at the church any time on Friday or Sat morning. We would ask that if you're making squares for the tea that you line your pans with parchment paper to make it easier to get them out of the pans. We will be using small paper cups so we would prefer to cut them up at the church.

If you have any questions, you can contact **Joyce Boisvenue** (403-359-9323) or **Carol Romses** (403-327-1345).





By Lori O'Leary, a colourful treasurer

*Dear Folks of Southminster;*

This month we – the Stewardship Committee – would like to address you with a little challenge. I could go on and ramble a bit about how we came to be where we are – but you all know the story by now. So, let's keep it short and – well, not sure if “sweet” is the right word.

Nonetheless, we are – financially - where we are. It is nearing the end of the year, and we need to catch up our Givings to come close to meeting our accepted Budget. And, Well, November IS Stewardship Month – so most of you will be expecting this anyway.

Please take a look at the Financial Summary chart. If you hadn't noticed before, it shows our expenses – compared to the annual Budget, breaking it down to the costs per week and even the costs per day VS the Budget per day.

Let's take a look at some specific expenses that are not normally recovered:

	Avg Week	Avg Day	Budget Week	Budget Day
Admin/operating – Includes:	593	85	890	127
*Insurance	319	46	336	48
*Phones & Internet	41	6	63	9
*Paper & Photocopying	110	16	182	26
Bldg R & M	135	19	385	55
Utilities (Lights, water,heat)	674	96	769	110

You can see that all our expenses are under budget. We are - and have always been – very careful about our spending.

This brings us to the Challenge Part . . . For lack of anything more creative, we can call it the “**Colour the Calendar**” Challenge.

We are offering you the opportunity to sponsor the expense of your choice and the date of your choice. We are using **November and December** as our **Make Up Months**. Here's how it works:

- For a donation to the General Fund of between \$ 5 – 10 , you can sponsor one day of the cost of communications
- Between \$ 15 – 25 – sponsor the paper & photocopying
- Between \$ 20 – 50 - sponsor Building Repairs & Maintenance
- Between \$ 45 – 55 – pay one day of Insurance
- Between \$ 75 – 100 – choose to pay all the overhead, administrative costs
- Between \$ 90 – 110 – you can cover the utilities for the day

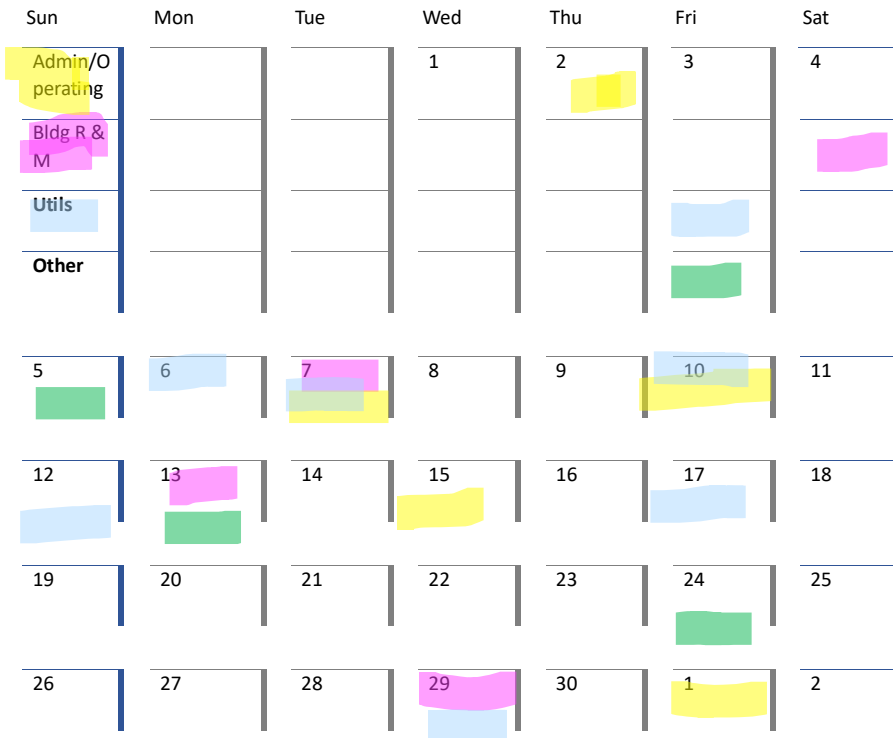
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You are most welcome to cover more than one expense on any given day – or the same expense for multiple days.

I like November 20th (Rhedyn’s Birthday) and Dec 22nd (Maeghan’s) – I will choose to cover at least – maybe more – expense for those days. Once I pay the funds in to the office, a colour specific to the expense I’ve chosen can be placed on the Calendar Poster that will be displayed in the hallway.

(Kinda like the example showing below . . . Of Course, our aim is to get all the blocks coloured on all the days. Please Help us in any amount you can.

### November 2023



### September 2023 Financial figures

2023		YTD	YTD	39	Budget	
<i>Southminster United Church</i>	<i>30-Sep</i>	<i>Average per week</i>	<i>Average per day</i>	<i>2023 Budget</i>	<i>Budget per week</i>	<i>Budget Daily</i>
Congregational Collections	87,951	2,255	322	162,500	3,125	446
Designated Recoveries	10,400	267	38	24,100	463	66
Rentals & Other Income	104,947	2,691	384	165,000	3,173	453
<b>Total Funds In</b>	<b>203,298</b>	<b>5,213</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>351,600</b>	<b>6,762</b>	<b>966</b>
Staffing Costs	165,821	4,252	607	228,413	4,393	628
Operating Costs (Office etc)	23,111	593	85	46,270	890	127
Facility Upgrades	12,468	320	46	12,000	231	33
Building Upkeep	5,279	135	19	20,000	385	55
Utilities	26,288	674	96	40,000	769	110
Committees	4,542	116	17	18,625	358	51
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>237,508</b>	<b>6,090</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>365,308</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>1,004</b>
<b>Current Net</b>	<b>(34,210)</b>	<b>(877)</b>	<b>(125)</b>	<b>(13,708)</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>(38)</b>

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