

Southminster News

Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors



November 2025

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9am to 4pm



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Sunday Worship Services
10:30 a.m.

In person or live streamed on Facebook

Minister's Message:

On the street just outside of the church, the city has painted the crosswalk in front of the cenotaph in honour members of the armed forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. On **Remembrance Day** we remember the fallen. Southminster lost 32 young men in the First World War, a number that is absolutely unimaginable in our congregation's modern context.

We should never take lightly what that experience must have been like for the members of our church 110 years ago.

I wish to offer tremendous thanks to members of the **Men's Club** for another excellent **Fall Supper** two weeks ago. Soon we'll be saying the same about the **United Church Women (UCW)** in their hosting of the **Christmas Tea & Bazaar** on November 15th.

In November we'll also have a special treat, after a few years of saying we should do it, my spouse, **Rev. MiYeon Kim** and I will be doing a **pulpit exchange on November 23**. I'm sure everyone will enjoy an opportunity to hear from her. And the final Sunday in November will see the beginning of the season of Advent.

In the new year, I am planning to hold another **new membership course** over five evenings, please be in contact with me if you are interested in participating so I can order the correct number of books. I am also intending to do a **Bible study** during the Saturdays at Ten-Thirty in **January**, stay tuned for more information about that.

Until then, we'll look forward to a November of deeper fellowship within the congregation through many shared activities.



- Rev. Taylor



Thank you to Rachel, Ava and Kenzie who spend some time volunteering at the church during the recent Teachers' strike/lockout.

They helped to put on new covers to our More Voices, and to paint the large divider on SM Hall stage, among other things.

We appreciate you!

November brings in a new **Discipleship pod**: Amy Dodic, Jennifer Bradshaw, Brooke Culley, Sheila Hollihan, Ruth Preston Schilk, Harold Schilk and Donna & Bruce Tait.

Similar to our previous months' pods, they will look after greeting, ushering, reading Scripture, serving weekly Coffee hour and monthly Communion.

Aside from the great work done by the monthly pods, we would also like to thank **Lorna Spanbauer & family** for their many generous donations for Coffee Hour "extras" such as egg salad sandwiches and other lunch items. Such tasty treats!

Recreational Pickleball at Southminster
Mondays at 4:15pm to 6pm

All equipment provided!
Ted Coatham will offer a short lesson in the beginning of the class, followed by actual play time.

We are offering this court time for FREE! Come and try it out. It's fun!

Tad Talks in 2025-2026 - Bible Study with Rev. Tad Mitsui

Saturday, November 22nd, at 10:30AM in the Lounge

We will discuss "Miracles". It will be Christmas time soon, so it is fitting to discuss the question of Mother Mary giving birth to a child while still a virgin. Do you really believe that? If you don't, how do you interpret such a story?

Read the first few chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.



Working together to end global hunger

October brought us into our fall luncheon in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Many hands assisted in this luncheon from the sign up sheet going up by Rev Taylor, the eager sign ups for each item we needed and the hands to help set up and even add extra tables when we needed more seating! It's always a team effort and I'm grateful and thankful for so much support.

With the help of the congregation, we raised **\$780.95 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank**. Through its ongoing grant agreement with the Government of Canada, donations to the Foodgrains Bank's used for food assistance projects are eligible for a 4:1 match, up to \$25 million a year. Foodgrains Bank also enters into other grant agreements with the Government of Canada that often match donations on a 3:1 basis.

We continue to educate and raise awareness for global hunger through this fundraising luncheon yearly. Thank you so much for being supportive of this event!

Coming soon.....The Angel Tree mid November and the Mitten Tree!

Melanie Winters
Chair of Church in Society



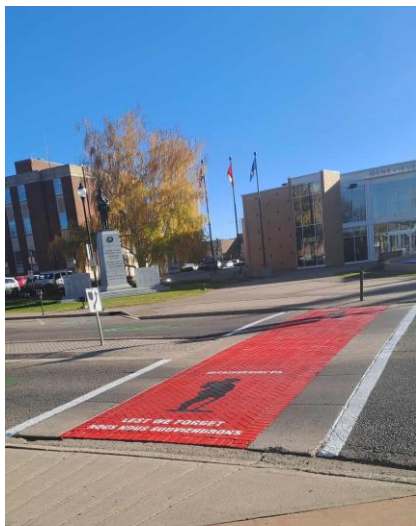
Beginner Bridge with Linda Horner on October 18th (part of the Saturdays at Ten Thirty program):



Thank you to Wanda and Joan for providing additional game sense and support!
 Next Beginner Bridge will take place on Saturday, November 29 at 10:30 in the Lounge.

The City of Lethbridge has installed a **commemorative Remembrance Day/Veterans Crosswalk** in our block at the intersection of 4 Avenue South and 10 Street South. Located near the Cenotaph, the initiative honours our veterans and continues our tradition of decorative crosswalks that reflect community values.

The crosswalk design was selected by the Lethbridge Legion. It features a soldier silhouette inspired by the Cenotaph statue, along with the phrase “LEST WE FORGET” in English and “IHTAISSKINI’PA” in Blackfoot. This term was interpreted by Blood Tribe Elder Martin Heavy Head as “So that we know”. The French version “NOUS NOUS SOUVIENDRONS” is also included.



Remembrance Day in Lethbridge

Two Remembrance Day Services will be held at the same time:

1. Lethbridge Trade & Convention Centre starting at 10:45, they are asking people to be seated by 10:30am.
2. The Cenotaph Service at City Hall starts approximately at 10:40 am.



Please support the Legion's Poppy Trust campaign again this year. General Steward Brach #4 is hoping to raise \$90,000 in 2025 through their campaign. The monies will be used for assistance to Veterans and their families in need. They are pleased to let us know that last year's campaign funds were sufficient to provide for all veterans in need, including purchasing medical equipment and appliances for Good Samaritan Park Meadows, West Highland Centre and Legacy Lodge.

Remembrance Sunday Service at Southminster

will take place on Sunday,
November 9 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Taylor.
 Special musical guest, Trudi Mason, trumpet.

We will honour Southminster's members who served, with a highlight on the WWII Veterans



The Memorial Organ

This month is for **remembrance**, and we look back on the history of our magnificent **Cassavant organ**. One hundred and five years ago the Wesley Methodist Church Official Board began a series of talks for the purpose of purchasing a pipe organ. The initial meeting was held at the beginning of 1914, however the First World War and the Spanish Influenza that followed forestalled further inquiries.

It was at the end of the war in 1918 that discussions began again. Claude Hughes, Wesley Church organist 1915-1920, was instrumental in spearheading the discussions. By the fall of 1920, the matter of a new pipe organ became a reality. The Cassavant Freres Company in Quebec promised the instrument would be delivered by October 1920 and preparations were made for its arrival and recitals scheduled.

The Cassavant organ was **dedicated in a concert January 7, 1921**. Three other recitals were scheduled for the months of January, February and March.

Through the years, the organ has been repaired and refurbished. It has been heard every Sunday morning, accompanying the hymns and choir anthems. It has been played by many guest organists who made the instrument sing and fill the sanctuary with unique sounds.

And this month we remember the organ's beginnings and the reason it is dubbed the 'memorial organ' – In remembrance of the men who served and those who died in the Great War. Their names are listed on the two plaques at the back of the sanctuary.



A Church Service was found in the Lethbridge Herald November 10, 1928:

A combined Thanksgiving and armistice services for
WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

REV. JAMES W. MELVIN D.D. Minister
MR. ERNEST F. LAYTON, Organist and Choirmaster
THANKSGIVING-ARMISTICE SERVICES

MORNING WORSHIP AT 11 am

Organ Prelude
Two Minute Silence
Call to Worship
'Holy, Holy, Holy'
Lord's Prayer in Unison
Hymn "Come Ye Thankful People Come"
Psalm 100
"Gloria Patri"
Anthem "It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks" [Adams]
Prayer
Scripture - Deuteronomy 8
Story for Y. W. - The Holy Land
Offering Solo "A Psalm of Thanksgiving"
Miss Mamie Gibson
Hymn "Swell the Anthem - Raise The Song"
Sermon - The Greatest Gift
Hymn "We Plough the Fields and Scatter"
Benediction
Seven-Fold Anthem [Stainer]
Moment of Silence
Organ Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:30 pm

Organ Prelude - National Airs
Moment of Silence
God Save Our Gracious King
Hymn "O God Our Help"
Lesson Exodus 3: 7-13
Anthem "Souls of the Righteous"
Prayer
Solo "There's A Land" - Mr. R. L. Loyd
Offertory - National Anthems of
Canada, France and England
Choir "We Are Tenting Tonight"
Address – MEMORIALS
Solo "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains"
Mrs. S. Layton
Hymn "Lord of the Lands"
The Last Post - Trumpeter Croake
Reveille
Benediction
Vesper
Chimes - Keep the Home Fires Burning

Canyon Church Camp – November, 2025

Snow has fallen several times in Waterton, so Parks Canada has closed Red Rock Parkway to traffic. Fortunately, our construction crews can still get in to complete plumbing, electrical, and flooring projects before the camp is sealed up for the winter (which will happen soon!). Work will resume at the beginning of May 2026 to prepare for **CAMP OPENING IN MID-JUNE!**

The board of directors held a planning workshop at Southminster on October 18 to get things ready for next season. We are happy to say that we will be offering 6 weeks of youth camps in July/August 2026. Here are the proposed camp dates:

July 5-10, 2026	Ages 8-11 years
July 12-17, 2026	Ages 10-12 years
July 19-24, 2026	Ages 12-14 years
August 4-7, 2026	Ages 6-9 years
August 9-14, 2026	Ages 13-15 years
August 16-21, 2026	Ages 14-18 years

You can also mark your calendars for **3 family camp weekends** (June 19-21, July 17-19, and August 7-9). You don't need to have children to go to family camp! We are also planning a **Women's Camp Weekend** as well as a **CCC Alumni Weekend**. Watch for details on those. Registrations for all camps will open online early in the new year.

We are now taking **bookings for camp facility rentals** on weekends in July and August, as well as weeks/weekends in September. For inquiries, contact campcanyon@gmail.com.

Volunteers are still needed for our various committees (including our fundraising committee). We will be having work bees every Saturday in May (and likely June) to clean, paint, and get camp ready for visitors.

Would you like to be on our communications list to receive camp updates, or be added to our email list for notifications of volunteer opportunities?

Contact me at whittmirefamily@gmail.com, or call 403-308-4153. I would love to hear from you.

Watch for our upcoming fall/Christmas fundraising campaign!

Christina Whittmire
President, Canyon Church Camp



New Cabins in October 2025
(Upper Camp area)



*"Hello Taina, Rev Taylor, and everyone else who was of service to our family for Carole Crombez's memorial on October 24th.
Thank You! Thank you for making a difficult day so effortless. Every person involved was just so incredibly efficient, knowledgeable, and kind.
The space was exactly what was needed. The decorations were perfect and the atmosphere was just exactly as we needed it to be!
Your church is a glowing example of what a church should be - welcoming to all.
It was an absolute pleasure working with everyone and I have only positive things to say about today."*
- Isabelle Crombez & Family



The Christmas Tea and Bazaar is coming fast!

Joyce and Carol want to thank everyone who has already offered to help!

Donations for the **Christmas Treasures, Jewellery and Craft tables** can be dropped off at the office any time. Please put your name and suggested price on any craft items. We are still collecting donations towards the cost of the sandwich fillings.

Baked goods either for the tea or the Bake table can be dropped off at the church any time on Friday or Saturday morning on the weekend of the Tea. If you are bringing squares, it will be very helpful if you can line your pan with parchment paper. We will cut the square at the church to assure uniform sizing.

Gluten free sandwiches and treats will be available, too, for those with intolerance to gluten.

Tickets available at the door, bring a friend!

How about that SOUTHMINSTER MEN'S CLUB

Annual Fall Dinner on Saturday, October 25?

We served about 160 Roast Beef Dinners, listened to great live music, participated in the silent auction of over 30 items... a very good evening.

Also, a great fundraiser aside from the fun.
We'll share numbers later on.

A special appreciation to the
Culinary Arts program at Lethbridge Polytechnic for
Preparing and cooking the Roast Beef.

Our Men were busy with the rest!



+ An urgent conversation: Public Health Care in Lethbridge

Join Friends of Medicare & Emergency Physician, Dr. Paul Parks:

Sunday, November 2
Doors 2:30 pm, Townhall 3:00 pm
Southminster United Church (1011 4th Ave S)

friendsofmedicare.org/HealthCareLethbridge



Join us on Sunday, November 2 in Lethbridge! An opportunity for patients, families, front-line workers and community members to come together to discuss current issues and solutions.

For this event, we're excited to also be joined by your local Family Physician, Dr. Jillian Demontigny!

November 2025 at Southminster

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:45-11:45 am Lutherans (Ch) 10:30 am Worship 2-5pm Friends of Medicare (SMH) 6-10pm Community Band (S)	3 9-11am Sportball (UH) 4:30-7pm Sportball (UH) 5-6:30pm Healing Touch (Ch) 6:30-10pm Symphony (SMH)	4 10-11am Sportball (UH) 4pm Book Club (L) 4:30-6:45pm Sportball (UH) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch) 7-9pm Vox Musica (S) 7-9pm Rollerskating (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	 5 10-11am Sportball (UH) 4:30-5:30pm Music Together (UH) 7-9pm Choir Practice (S) 7-9pm Hurricane's U18 (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	 6 10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conversation (L) 11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada 4:30-7pm Sportball (UH) 6-8:30pm It's About Music (S) 6:45-8:45pm Tutti Corda (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	7 10-10:45am Fit for Life (SMH) 3-11pm Doria (SMH, K)	8 8:45-11:45am Sportball (UH) 9am Men's Club Breakfast (L) 12-4pm Sportball BD (UH)
9 9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch) 10:30 am Worship 12pm Trustee Board (L) 1:30-3:30pm Sportball BD (UH) 6-10pm Community Band (SMH)	10 9-11am Sportball (UH) 4:30-7pm Sportball (UH) 6:30-10pm Symphony (SMH)	11 5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch) 7-9pm Vox Musica (S) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	12 10-11am Sportball (UH) 4:30-5:30pm Music Together (UH) 7-9pm Choir Practice (S) 7-9pm Hurricane's U18 (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	13 10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conversation (L) 11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada 4:30-7pm Sportball (UH) 6-8:30pm It's About Music (S) 6:45-8:45pm Tutti Corda (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	14 10-10:45am Fit for Life (SMH) 6:30-8pm Tanya Gill (UH) 9am Bazaar set up (SMH, K)	15 8:45-11:45am Sportball (UH) 9am-6pm Christmas Tea and Bazaar (SMH, K) 2-4pm Tea is served (SMH) 7-10pm Symphony Rehearsal (S)
16 9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch) 10:30 am Worship 12:30-9pm Symphony Concert (S) 3pm Concert start 6:30-8:30 pm Community Band (SMH)	17 9-11am Sportball (UH) 4:30-7pm Sportball (UH) 6:30-10pm Symphony (S, SMH)	18 10-11am Sportball (UH) 4pm Book Club (L) 4:30-6:45pm Sportball (UH) 5-7pm It's About Music (SMH) 7-9pm Vox Musica (S) 7-9pm Rollerskating (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	19 10-11am Sportball (UH) 10:30am-10pm Kids Choir (S) 7pm Concert 4:30-5:30pm Music Together (UH) 7-9pm Hurricane's U18 (UH) 7-9pm Choir Practice (Ch) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	20 10:30-12 pm Coffee and Con. (L) 10:30am-10pm Kids Choir (S) 7pm Concert 11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada 4:30-7pm Sportball (UH) 5pm Symphony (BR) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	21 10-10:45am Fit for Life (SMH)	22 8:45-11:45am Sportball (UH) 9am-3pm Vox Musica Reh (S) 10:30am SATT—Tad Talk (L) 11am-1pm Susie PB (SMH)
23 9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch) 10:30 am Worship with Rev. MiYeon Kim 6-10pm Community Band (SMH)	24 9-11am Sportball (UH) Church Decorating! 4:30-7pm Sportball (UH) 6:30-10pm Symphony (SMH)	25 10-11am Sportball (UH) 4pm Book Club (L) 4:30-6:45pm Sportball (UH) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (SMH) 7-9pm Vox Musica (S) 7-9pm Rollerskating (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	26 10-11am Sportball (UH) 10:30am-10pm Kids Choir (S) 7pm Concert 12:30-2pm Mommy Conn. (UH) 4:30-5:30pm Music Together (UH) 7-9pm Choir Practice (Ch) 7-9pm Hurricane's U18 (UH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	27 10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conversation (L) 10:30am-10pm Kids Choir (S) 7pm Concert 11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada 4:30-7pm Sportball (UH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)	28 10-10:45am Fit for Life (SMH) 5-10pm Vox Musica (S) 7:30pm Concert	29 8:45-11:45am Sportball (UH) 10:30am SATT—Learn Bridge with Linda (L) 11am-3:30pm Aurora Reh. (S) 11am-1pm Susie PB (SMH)

