

# Southminster News

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**April 2025** 

Regular Office Hours
Mon – Fri
9am to 4pm



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# Sunday Worship Services 10:30 a.m.

In person or live streamed on Facebook

## Minister's Message:

This past week we had, hopefully, one last blast of winter, but we hope that spring will arrive to us this weekend.

I wish to offer tremendous thanks to everyone who contributed to our **centennial Book Launch event on March 23**, which I thought was great. Firstly, to *Muriel Mellow* who was the primary organizer for this event, she found our guest speakers, coordinated with the authors and the book store, she did tremendous job for us. I want to thank all of our guest



speakers, Rev. Tad Mitsui, Rev. Glenda Wert, Dr. Bill Ramp, and Dr. Jennifer Otto, they all had great insights into the art of preaching and what our spiritual heritage might be saying to us today.

I'll say a special thank you to *Debbie Argyle* who in addition to preparing for a larger than usual congregation for communion, went above the call of duty volunteering the whole day. Everyone in the March Discipleship Pod deserves a mention: *Barb Clay, Sheila Braund, Kevin Chubb, Marg Chubb, Darlene Huber, Judy Mackenzie, Anneke Nyenhuis, Dwayne Reynolds, and Carole Roberts*. There are many other folks who worked hard that day for a successful event, too many to list, but I will also mention the *YOUnited Youth* who worked hard cleaning up after coffee hour. Thank you everyone.

We are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, and I wish to commend to you all of the worship services during **Holy Week**, and the deeper meaning they will give to Easter: Palm Sunday on April 13, Maundy Thursday at McKillop on April 17, Good Friday at Southminster on April 18, and Resurrection Sunday on April 20.

As I say every year, I hope that everyone will want to come to events that we put on mid-week throughout the whole year, but if there is any time that someone comes to church outside of a Sunday morning, I hope it will be Good Friday.

After MiYeon and I wrap up what will be a very busy Holy Week, and nap for about 5 hours, we'll look forward to our annual Easter roast leg of lamb coated in pomegranate molasses and mint. I'm sure many of us are looking forward to breaking the Lenten fast with an Easter feast.

The final Sunday of April will be Camping Sunday, we'll look forward to the youth having a role in worship that day. We'll receive another update about the rebuilding of Canyon Church Camp (it's looking really good). And we'll hope to build excitement for the launch of a full camping season in 2026!

### **YOUnited Youth**



YOUnited Youth programs are open to all youth aged 12 - 17. Youth **Pickleball** is offered on Tuesdays at 3:30pm, it's a free class where all equipment and basic instruction is provided.

For more information about the youth program, please contact Baz Skinner at <a href="mailto:bskinner@united-church.ca">bskinner@united-church.ca</a>

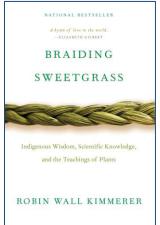
Web <a href="https://www.younitedyouth.ca/">https://www.younitedyouth.ca/</a>

### Tuesday Book Club are

now reading "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants", a 2013 nonfiction book by Potawatomi professor Robin Wall Kimmerer.

The Book Club meets every
Tuesday at 4pm in the Lounge. If
you are interested in joining the
group, please give Carol a call at
(403) 327.1345

The Book Club can also be reached via Zoom – just let the office know and we can send you the link.



### There will be no Tad Talk in April due to Easter holidays.

Next Tad Talk at 10:30 a.m. on May 17, 2025 will conclude the series of discussion on "Death and Dying".

Tad Talk will resume in September with Bible Study.

A reminder about parking in the church parking lot on the north wall. Stalls 9 – 11 are reserved for our minister and office staff. Stalls 2 and 7 are for Kade and Chris.

### Important!

**DO NOT PARK** 

in Stall #3 at any time.

It is reserved for the symphony executive who works in the building every day. They pay monthly rent for it.

### "Good Friday touch up" Friday April at 1pm

Rev. Taylor suggested that a good day to do our paint touch up is actually Good Friday April 18th. We are hosting the joint service that day and afterwards the building is empty for us to go to work!

### These are the jobs we hope to complete:

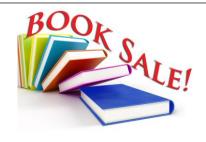
- > touch up the door frames from the hallway to the sanctuary
- touch up the base boards in the hallway
- > varnish the seats of the oak chairs in the lounge
- paint or varnish stage bull nose in the hall
- chair rail around Southminster Hall
- touch up the dividers (These are the most pressing items)

A sign-up sheet will be on the board in the hallway.

If you have a favorite paint brush or a paint roller cage, please bring them.

Replacement rollers will be available, as well as gloves and drop sheets.

Lunch, coffee and goodies will be served for our workers.



Thank you to all who donated books and puzzles for our Annual Book Sale on Feb 28-March 1.

From your generous donations, we collected \$1,492 in book sales.

The left-over books were donated to many charities, including First Baptist Church in Lethbridge for their book sale that will support the Mill Creek Children's Camp in Pincher Creek.

### A message from your Church Council Chair, Corinne Steele:

**Over our centennial year**, rather than emphasising historical milestones like we did for the celebrations of our *building*'s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, we would like to focus on the *people* who have been a part of our 100-year journey. We would like to welcome members back to the United Church, and particularly to Southminster, in a few targeted ways. Hopefully through these special invitations people will feel the encouragement and connection to return to church and be part of our community again.

We're going to have 3-4 themed Sundays, the first being **Camp Sunday** on April 27. We invite anyone who has ever been to a United Church Camp anywhere across Canada to join us for a camp themed service. There will be camp songs, some skits and lots of shared memories in this youth-led service. You're encouraged to wear a camp T-shirt or other gear if you still have some.

On May 25, we will have a **Wedding Sunday** to welcome everyone who was married in a United Church. Bring your partner and family to celebrate and remember the place where your life together officially began. The styles may have changed but the value of loving and sustaining relationships of all kinds is still at the heart of a United Church marriage.

October 19 will be **Music Sunday** and hopefully a whole music-filled weekend! This service is especially for anyone who has been involved in a United Church music program; sang in a choir, played handbells, had music lessons, was part of Anne Campbell Singers, the list includes anyone who has a connection to Southminster through music.

These highlighted services are a wonderful opportunity for you to invite friends and family whose stories make up our larger story. The centennial is the perfect time to rekindle all that church has meant to you and find your place in this community for the next 100 years.

We're also going to have a "100 Year Dance" on Friday, October 3. We'll listen to the most popular music and try some of the most recognizable dance steps from the last 10 decades. Get ready to waltz, jive, twist, disco, moonwalk, Gangnam Style, Floss and ...

Also, we'd like to have a wide community presence this year. If there are community events that you think Southminster can be a part of, let us know so we can share our centennial with as many people as possible and remind them that they can always come home to Southminster.

Thank you, Corinne

### United Church of Canada's Centennial year Local Celebrations coming up in 2025:

March 23 Book Launch at Southminster
April 27 Camping Sunday

Marca Conthuington Marriages

May 25 Southminster Marriages special Sunday

June 1 Joint Centennial celebration evening service

at McKillop at 7pm

October 3 Centennial Dance at Southminster – come

celebrate your decade's music!

October 19 Music Sunday

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CHURCH OF
CANADA

1925 - 2025

### Celebrating the Centennial year of United Church

Archives Corner by Trish Purkis

### 1925 Knox United Church (Lethbridge) facts:

### \*\* The Officers of the Knox United Church 1925 are as follows:

Reverand Thomas Taylor Faichney M.A. & B.D. 1925-1927

(pictured on the right)

Clerk of Session F.H. Wilkins
Chairman of Board William Shaw
Treasurer Wallace F. Johnson

Envelope Secretary David Donald, city assessor

Congregational Secretary S.S. Dunham

Choir Leader George E. Bower 1924-1926

Organist Miss Erika Olander

S.S. Superintendent J. D. Higginbotham, druggist

Asst. Superintendent K. W. Reike

Secretary Treasurer Miss Dorothy Terrill, member of

Sunday School's Big Sisters Class

President of Ladies Aid Mrs. A. Stolze

President of WMS Mrs. W. L. McKenzie



### \*\* There were Several Departments:

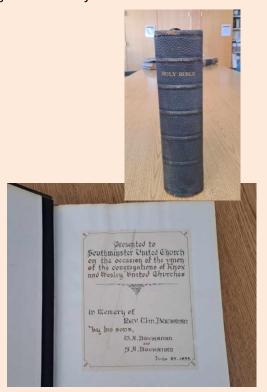
- ➤ The **Sunday School** included *Cradle Roll, Beginners, Intermediate* classes plus *The Big Sisters and Big Brothers*.
- ➤ The **Big Sisters Class** had an enrollment of 22. The president was Miss Marion Crawford for ½ year and Miss Myrtle Row for the second half of year. They enjoyed trips to Waterton, held fundraisers, a Silver Tea and another Tea & Pantry Sale and had a candy booth at the Ladies Aid Tea.
- > The **Big Brothers** enrollment was 18 and they held meetings two Sundays a month.
- Women's Missionary Society
- Junior Mission Band
- > Canadian Girls In Training CGIT
- Knox Young People's Society

### \*\* The Union of churches came into effect June 10th, 1925.

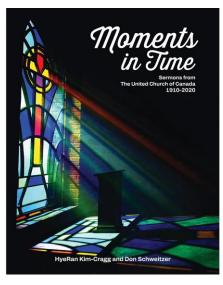
### \*\* The Pulpit Bible of the united congregation

was a gift from Senator & Mrs. W. Buchanan in memory of his father Reverend William Buchanan. The reverend was a veteran Methodist minister who had experienced two previous church unions and anticipated being present at the union of Knox Presbyterian and Wesley Methodist. (the Bible is stored in our Archives, pictured here ->)

Taken from the Annual Report of Knox Presbyterian Church of The United Church of Canada and the Knox Board of Managers minutes 1925.



# "Moments in Time: Sermons from The United Church of Canada, 1910-2020"



### "Moments in Time"

is available through the church office at a discounted price of \$30 for orders placed before April 10

This book by authors Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg and Rev. Dr. Don Schweitzer is about preaching in The United Church of Canada. It gathers together two or three sermons from each decade of the UCC's life, from 1910 to 2020. Each sermon is accompanied by an analysis of Canadian society at the time, the church at that time, the homiletical techniques being used, and the influence of each preacher and sermon.

From the opening chapters of Moments in Time, readers will be transported across the last century to survey the landscape and legacy of this beloved institution that has played such an influential role in Canadian religious history and society.

A unique, accessible, informative, and commemorative volume for the United Church's Centennial year.



# Prairie Launch event of "Moments in Time" was held at Southminster on Sunday March 23, 2025.

Panelist from the left Rev. Taylor Croissant (moderator), Rev. Glenda Wert, Dr. Jennifer Otto, Rev. Dr. Tad Mitsui, Dr. Bill Ramp, authors Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg & Rev. Dr. Don Schweitzer

### **Lenten Lunch on Thursday March 20**



Many, many thanks to all the people who helped with the Lenten Luncheon on March 20, 2025 – Carol Romses, Darlene Huber, Brenda Albrecht, Amy Dodic, Ruth Preston Schilk, Taina Arnell, Sheila Braund, Sue Amero, Muriel Mellow, Tina Britton, Debbie Argyle, Brooke Culley, Sheila Hollihan, Linda Horner, Joyce Boisvenue, Christina Whittmire, Dianne Mertz, Cathy Hann, Rev. Taylor Croissant and Joan Smith.

Because of your help, we were able to share a delicious lunch with 85 people!



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The final Lenten Lunch this year will be served at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church located at 1818 - 5th Ave South On April 10 at noon.

These simple soup-and-bun lunches are a great opportunity for fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Everyone is welcome!

### SATT Saturdays at Ten Thirty program in April/May

✓ April 5 Adult Sunday School with AMY

✓ April 12 we encourage people to attend the celebration of ECM's 30th

Anniversary under chaplain Erin Phillip's leadership at 11am in

Markin Hall Atrium at U of L

✓ April 19 cancelled for Easter

✓ April 26 Easter Eggs

✓ May 3 Walkies with Carol R

✓ May 10 Beginners Bridge with Linda H

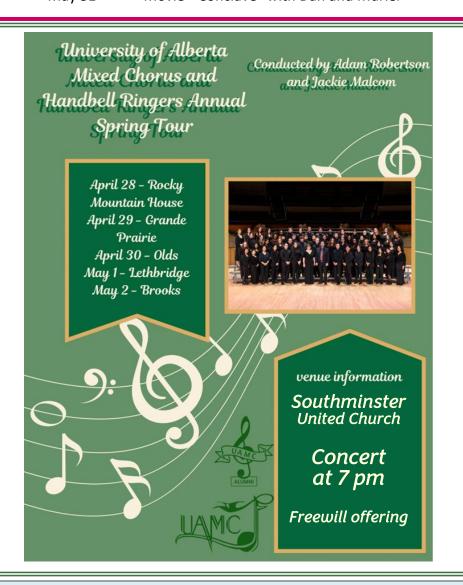
✓ May 17 TBA

✓ May 31 Movie "Conclave" with Dan and Muriel

Recreational
Pickleball at
Southminster on

Mondays at 4:15pm to 5:45pm All equipment provided!

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



# Holy Week 2025 Services April 13 Palm Sunday at 10:30 am

April 17 **Maundy Thursday** joint service at McKillop

April 18 **Good Friday** joint service at 10:30 am at Southminster

April 20 Easter Sunday at 10:30 am



Memorial Easter Mums are now available for \$12 per plant. You can pick up an envelope at the back of the sanctuary, fill in your information and cheque/cash, and put the envelope on the offering plate. You can also call the office or e-transfer your payment to

smunited@shaw.ca

The Mums will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and they can be taken home after the service on April 20.



### Fit for Life at Southminster at 10am Fridays!

**Group Fitness Class** for all fitness levels, ages and genders. Classes run for 45 minutes in a circuit style.

Exercises are designed to be easily modified if needed, while listening to fun music. All equipment provided, just come wearing indoor shoes and comfortable clothes by Donation - suggested \$5/person, pay what you can



### **Canyon Church Camp**

The signs of spring are everywhere! For Camp Canyon, this brings extra excitement as we gear up for construction and watch our camp "spring up" from the ashes.

With grants and donations from our camp and church families, we have raised \$1.9 million dollars so far! We are so close to reaching our goal of \$2 million, which will allow for the complete rebuilding of camp and "seed money" to cover our operating expenses for our first year.

Our spring fundraising campaign will focus on rebuilding the campfire area and repairing the fireplace in the lodge. Can you imagine camp without a campfire?

Southminster will celebrate Camp Sunday on April 27<sup>th</sup>, so put on your camping gear and come celebrate camping with us!

Donations can be made to Canyon Church Camp by e-transfer to <a href="mailto:campcanyon@gmail.com">campcanyon@gmail.com</a>, online through our website <a href="www.canyonchurchcamp.com">www.canyonchurchcamp.com</a>, or by cash or cheque. Donations can be dropped off at the Southminster office, or mailed to

Canyon Church Camp 210A - 12A Street North, #418 Lethbridge, AB T1H 2J1

How else can you help? Join a committee – (finance, fundraising, rentals, programming)

- Spread the word about camp. Tell your friends and family and wear your Camp Canyon gear
- Sign up for our volunteer list. We will need builders, painters, cleaners, and more!
- Pray for the camp, the volunteers, and the construction crew

Would you like to learn more about camp? Contact your camp representative, Christina Whittmire, at whittmirefamily@gmail.com, or become a Camp

Connector to get emailed our meeting minutes.
Our monthly board meetings are always open to the public. They are held on Zoom on the first Monday of the month.



Contact Christina if you would like to join us and she will send the link.

Happy Rebuild Season from Canyon Church Camp! - Christina Whittmire, president CCC

### Our Pastoral Care team

has grown and we are excited to keep us all connected. That is really is our mandate, to make calls, visits when possible, reach out on special occasions and to support each other in times of sickness or in the death of a loved one. If you know someone you think would benefit from a call or visit, please let one of our team members know, and we will be happy to reach out.

Yours in Christ, Janice Ross, Chair

Joyce Boisvenue Linda Horner Ann Marie McDonald Sheila Braund Pam Rockerbie Sheila Hollihan



# April 2025 at Southminster

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