

Southminster News

Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors



April 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:

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

From both Rev. MiYeon and myself, our household wishes to offer you a happy Easter. May the Good News of Jesus' resurrection, the abounding love and grace of God, and rejuvenating power of the Holy Spirit inspire hope that all things are possible within the promise of new life in the springtime.

April will indeed be a month of rebirth and festivity at Southminster, with several big events on the calendar. Easter Sunday will, once again, be a fabulous celebration of the holiest day in the Christian calendar. Along with our weekly worship contributors: Hilary, Kade, Chris, and the choir, we are so honoured to welcome back Bridge Brass, who make our holy feast days so spectacular with their music.

On Friday, April 21st we will be celebrating the **110th anniversary** of the building of Southminster United Church, an opportunity to just enjoy fellowship with the members of our congregation. Our "Dinner on the Danube" will feature a meal of eastern European cuisine, catered by our friends at the Lethbridge College Culinary Arts program. Thanks to Jack and Barry who have donated the wine we will enjoy during our meal. It will surely be a wonderful evening, and tickets will be available until Sun. April 16th, though I would recommend getting tickets early to be safe.

This month we will also be making a very important **decision regarding becoming an affirming ministry**. This designation conferred by the national network *Affirm United* within the United Church, identifies communities of faith who have completed a period of directed study on being a truly welcoming community. Over the past 14 months we have considered the ways we can be more inclusive of people regardless of race, physical and mental ability and health, family composition, class, and most explicitly sexual orientation and gender identity. These last two receive the most attention due to members of the Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ community being explicitly not welcome in other Christian churches. If you are still finding yourself with questions about becoming an affirming ministry, please do give me a call at the office. I would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

The congregational meeting where we vote about **becoming an Affirming Ministry** is scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd following an abbreviated worship service.

Also on Sunday, April 23rd, we will hear about the exciting news Canyon Church Camp has to share with us about their rebuilding process following the Kenow wildfire.

There is so much to be grateful for at Southminster this spring, as we prepare to celebrate our anniversary, I wish to offer a "Thank you" to each and every one of you who make Southminster the special place it is.

Happy Easter,

- *Rev. Taylor*



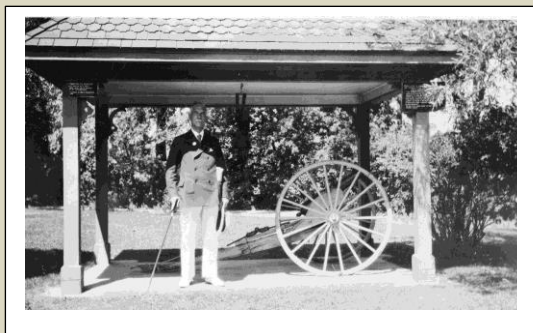
Trish Purkis entertains us with tidbits from the archives in her monthly Archives Corner!

Found in the Archives



Mrs. Fetterley’s **Sunday School Class** September 1925_ Wesley Church. *An A. E. Cross photograph*
 Back row 1-r: Doris Dunham, Elleda Levitt and Jean Galbraith. Second row: Charlotte Ernst, Helen Redmond, Jean Hamilton, Corrine Fox, Winogene Brandow. Seated: Miss Wetheral, Mrs. Fetterley, and Jessie Chappel.

Rotary men before the train car_ between 1959 and 1960. Men with their wives pose before an observation car. Some memorable names from the group - Don Rylands, C. R. Daniels, Ralph Tennant, Ben Martin, A. K. Putland and Isobel Wilkins.



J. D. Higginbotham, Lethbridge’s first pharmacist, and **Wesley United’s superintendent** 1923-1929, poses with the Fort Whoop Up cannon, a 2 inch muzzle loader field gun brought to southern Alberta for the defence of the fort.

Coffee House the Crimson Cove dir. Don Doram director of the churches’ Christian Education. There were 125 seats and the coffee house was open every Saturday from 7:30 to 11.30 P.M. early 1970s.



The Drop In Centre: 1970s the opening program cover for the Golden Mile Drop In Centre which was housed in the basement of Southminster United Church in the early 1970s.

By Trish Purkis

Saturdays at 10:30 (SATT) program in April

- April 8 **Easter Saturday**
- April 15 **Tad’s Bible Study** in the Lounge
- April 22 **Affirming Ministry** information morning with Hilary Squires in the Lounge
- April 29 **Writing “without a leader”.** Those who wish to attend this informal workshop in the Lounge, please bring some writing you have done in the past (short stories, poetry, travel story, you name it...). The attendees will provide each other constructive feedback and comments. If you don’t have any old works, why not write a new “chapter” before April 29.

Bible Study with Rev. Tad on Saturday, April 15 in the Lounge at 10:30 a.m.

The group has agreed to pick "Death in the Bible" as the theme for the April Bible Study.

Why does the Bible term death as the result of rebellion against God though death is natural? All life forms die.
Read: Genesis 2: 17, Romans 6:23, I Corinthians 15:25

From Rev. Tad: *'There are too many references to death and dying in the Bible. It's why I chose to pick only three passages to make my point rather than attempting to do a thorough analysis of all the words for death in the Bible. I decided to omit the Hebrew concept of "netherworld" for example.'*



Upcoming Southminster Events

- Apr 7 Maundy Thursday at 7pm in the Chapel
- Apr 21 110th Anniversary Dinner
- Apr 23 Congregational Meeting (Affirming vote)
- May 13 Men's Club Breakfast
- May 28 Pentecost, New members Sunday with Food Trucks!



Teenagers!

We can't believe it but on April 9th, Mason and Jada turn 13....teenagers times 2!

Where has the time gone!!

Remember to pick up your Easter Mums after the Easter Sunday service on April 9th. All plants will be clearly marked with your name so you know which ones belong to you.

If you are not able to attend the service, the flowers will be kept safe in the kitchen until you can come to pick them up.



Thank you to all who purchased an Easter Mum in memory of a loved one. This is a long time Southminster Easter tradition, and the fresh flowers help us celebrate on Easter morning. **Don't forget to water them daily as they are very thirsty!**

SOUTHMINSTER CHURCH 110TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

**DINNER ON THE DANUBE
A SALUTE TO EASTERN EUROPE**

**Southminster Hall
Friday April 21
Drinks 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm**

**Menu:
Cabbage Rolls
Pyrogies
Pork Chops
Roasted Veg
Dessert**

**Great Food
Great Fun
Great Music**

Tickets \$25
Must be pre-purchased

**Tickets at:
Sunday @ Coffee Hour
Church Office 403-327-3404
or email: smunited@shaw.ca**

Tickets available now at Coffee Hour, or through the church office during the week. The dinner is catered by the Culinary Arts program at the College. Door prizes, too! Don't miss it!

End of February 2023 Financial Figures

- by Lori O’Leary, a Seeding treasurer

2023		YTD	YTD	9	Budget	
<i>Southminster United Church</i>	Feb-23	Average per week	Average per day	2023 Budget	Budget per week	Budget Daily
Congregational Collections	19,449	2,161	309	162,500	3,125	446
Designated Recoveries	1,286	143	20	24,100	463	66
Rentals & Other Income	14,881	1,653	236	165,000	3,173	453
Total Funds In	35,616	3,957	565	351,600	6,762	966
Staffing Costs	36,185	4,021	574	228,413	4,393	628
Operating Costs (Office etc)	4,855	539	77	46,270	890	127
Facility Upgrades	358	40	6	12,000	231	33
Building Upkeep	596	40	6	20,000	385	55
Utilities	11,410	1,268	181	40,000	769	110
Committees	669	74	11	18,625	358	51
Total Expenses	54,073	5,982	855	365,308	7,025	1,004
Current Net	(18,457)	(2,024)	(289)	(13,708)	(264)	(38)



You Reap What You Sow . . .

- Sow Seeds of Kindness . . . *Grow Friendship*
- Sow Seeds of Research . . . *Grow Knowledge*
- Sow Seeds of Training . . . *Grow Ability*
- Sow Seeds of Compassion . . . *Grow Wisdom*
- Sow Seeds of Action . . . *Grow Community*
- Sow Seeds of Acceptance . . . *Grow Inclusion*
- Sow Seeds of Reflection . . . *Grow Faith*
- Sow Seeds of Pennies . . . *Grow Security*
- Sow Seeds of Gratitude . . . *Grow Giving*
- Sow Seeds of Wheat . . . *Grow Freedom*
- Sow Seeds of Integrity . . . *Grow Peace*

It is All In Our Hands

Holy Ship!



**Ever tried paddling a Dragon Boat?
There is room for you on Southminster’s Holy Ship!**

Are you available to paddle during the Lethbridge Dragonboat festival weekend of June 24 & 25, 2023 and 2 – 4 practice sessions in May & June?

If yes, then Join Us!

Feel the Excitement. Feel the Encouragement.
Feel the Fun and Fellowship. Feel the Passion.
Feel the muscles you didn’t know you had.

Contact Lori: Holyship22@gmail.com
or 403-393-1153

**Total beginners and old dragons both welcome!
Our Team Wants YOU!**

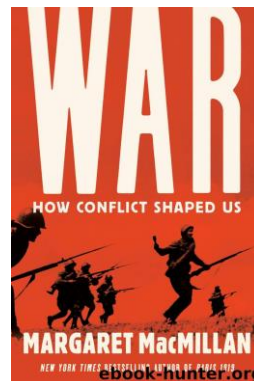
Pictured here is...

- a) New fitness class at Southminster
- b) Two gentlemen trying to fish a lost loonie from underneath the oven
or
- c) PIE Day preparations (lighting the gas oven pilot)



Tuesday Book Club news:

Beginning April 4, 2023, they are reading “War” – How Conflict Shaped Us by Margaret Mac Millan. The group meets in person at Southminster in the Lounge from 4pm to 5pm, and there will also be an option to join the discussion via Zoom!



Still time to join to read this book! They read one or two chapters of the current book and hold a discussion afterwards. For more information, call Joan Smith at 403-328-4771

FRIDAY FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES AT SOUTHMINSTER



Friday Fit For Life at Southminster

New at Southminster: **Friday mornings at 9:30 am to 10:15 am.** Circuit Training Group Fitness Class for all fitness levels, ages and genders.

Our instructor is Victoria de Groot.

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

Classes begin Friday, April 14. Come and Try it!



Thank you to Kevin Chubb for finding this photo at the Galt Archives, printing, and framing it for us. You can view it in the main hallway by the Lounge. The image shows the front of the church before the Buchanan Chapel was built in the 1960s. Can you guess what year the photo was taken?