

Southminster News

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September 2024

Regular Office Hours

Mon – Fri

9am to 4pm



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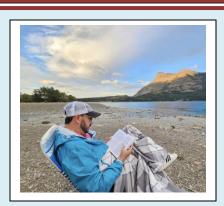
Sunday Worship Services 10:30 a.m.

In person or live streamed on Facebook

Minister's Message:

I hope you have had a restful summer. MiYeon and I have just returned home from our week at Waterton United Church. It was wonderful to see many of you who joined us there on August 18 along with the folks from Trinity United Church in Fort Macleod.

Taina, Christina, and myself are all back in the office getting things prepared for the start of another pastoral year, and I want to share with you some of the things we can look forward to in this **centennial year** of United Church union!



Firstly, we will have our "Welcome Back Barbeque" on Sunday, September 8 following worship at the Elk's Compound at the river-bottom. The Men's Club will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs for us, the rest of the congregation is invited to bring salads, or desserts along with your own plate and utensils to use. Sunday School will also resume on that Sunday as we covenant with our Sunday School teachers. I hope that you might consider making a special invitation to those in your life who have 6 to 11-year old children to give Southminster a try this fall.

In addition to children's ministry, Southminster and the other local United Churches have begun a new youth program starting this fall. Chinook Winds Regional Council has hired the tremendously talented **Baz Skinner** to serve all of our congregations in a part time position. If you know any people in your life with 12 to 17-year old youth, please also extend an invitation to try Southminster out this September.

Keeping with the youth theme, Southminster will be hosting our Regional Council's fun-filled event for youth in October which will bring youth from across southern and central Alberta for three days, Oct 4 to 6. Then they will be leading worship for us on October 6th. If you are interested in registering your youth or volunteering for the hosting of this event you can speak with Baz Skinner, or email her at: BSkinner@united-church.ca
It is sure to be a busy week at Southminster, as we are also hosting country music star **George Canyon** in concert on Thurs. Oct 3. "Canyon for Canyon" will be a fundraising concert to support the rebuilding of Canyon Church Camp which burnt down in the 2017 Kenow wildfire.

Beyond September, we have four big events you might wish to put into your calendar: Saturday, October 26 will be the **Fall Supper** hosted by the Men's Club. Saturday, November 23 will be the **UCW Christmas Tea & Bazaar**, Sunday, March 23 Southminster will host a book launch event which will serve as a centennial year celebration, and, of course, Tuesday, June 10 will be the **100**th **anniversary of our United Church of Canada**.

Finally, I wish to offer thanks to many folks who have contributed to keeping Southminster running smoothly over the summer. Thank you to **Amy** for volunteering for our joint Vacation Bible School, as well as for watering the flowers in front of the church all summer, and thanks to **Don** for watering the 11th Street lawn.

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Fall is upon us and after a quiet summer, **Church in Society** has a few things already planned for fall. Tuesday <u>Sept 10</u>, Corinne and I will be hosting The **100 Women Who Care** in the Southminster Hall at 6:45pm. All Women are welcome and invited to attend. Over the years hosting, Corinne and I have learned a tremendous amount of information about non-profit organizations in Lethbridge and area. It's a wonderful and generous way to support local organizations and give back.

As we plan for the fall, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank asks you to mark **World Food Day** – October 16th on your calendar. On this day, the global community raises awareness for the people around the world who suffer from hunger. Our faith community is invited to remember the women, men and children who must live with this injustice. A virtual gathering will take place on World Food Day, Wednesday, October 16, at 6pm MT. We'll hear from World Renew's partner, MERATH in Lebanon, about how conflict and faith intersect in their food security work. From the Democratic Republic of Congo, Canadian Baptist Ministries' Polisi Kivava will share insights from his personal experience leading the organization's African Relief and Development work. This gathering will close in a time of prayer together, standing united in our mission to end hunger and bring hope to those affected by conflict."

On Sunday, October 20th we will be hosting our Annual Canadian Foodgrains Bank luncheon after our church service. We will be looking for HOT crockpot soups for that Sunday as well as buns, bread, cookies, baked goods and kitchen help for coffee hour and clean up. Your help is greatly appreciated. Watch for a sign up in the hallway outside of the kitchen on the bulletin board. Thanks so much!

Streets Alive Mission needs your energy and support once again for the **Ride for Refuge event!** This is a fantastic chance for the community to ride or walk and raise funds to bring hope to the lives of those struggling, with the love of Jesus Christ.

Ride for Refuge will take place October 5th at Henderson Lake Park, but registration is open right now! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to support Streets Alive's Men's and Women's Life Recovery Programs.

Maybe we can start a Southminster United Church team, gather our family and friends, and help provide for the needs of those seeking hope.

Get your gears in action! It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- Visit the link to sign up your team today: https://RideForRefuge.org/Lethbridge!
- 2. Collect pledges and meet your fundraising goals!
- 3. Ride, walk, or volunteer with us on October 5th!

Have a great month transitioning from Summer to Fall. It's always beautiful to see the transition God creates from one season to the next!





TAD TALKs this fall

Saturday, September 21, at 10:30 AM Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

We will hear a guest speaker. **Tania Stilson** is the daughter of John Warren who passed away by MAID a few years ago. Last year, we saw the video of Tania's talk about the experience. She this time will speak about the practical aspect of MAID including legal requirements.

October 19th, the plan is to discuss <u>"Eternal Life"</u> as requested.

"Eternal Life" has been the core of Christian faith for a long time. Is it still our hope and dream to live forever? If not, what is the meaning of such an article of faith today?

November 16th, the plan is to share the wish for our own demise.

We all want "Good Death." What dose that mean in practical terms? Clear mind, company of loved ones, no pain nor suffering, or what else?

SILENT MEDITATION:

Are you interested in a weekly 30 minutes silent meditation in our beautiful chapel? Tad is interested to know if there is such a demand.

Archives Corner by Trish Purkis

1925 LETHBRIDGE FACTS

The first in a series of facts about Lethbridge in the year of 1925, when the United Church of Canada came into being.

- Who was the mayor of Lethbridge in that year?

 William Duncan Livingstone Hardie. He served from 1913 to 1928. W.D.L. was hired by the Galt Family for their two companies the Alberta Railway and Coal and the North Western Coal and Navigation Companies.
- What was the population of the city in 1925? 13,000
- What are the names of the city's three main parks?

 Galt Gardens Park, Henderson Lake Park, Adams Park
- ➤ How many fire halls did the city have in 1925?

 Fire Hall #1 corner of second Avenue and fourth Street and

 Fire Hall #2 Second Avenue and 13th Street North.
- What was the name of the building which later was purchased by the T. Eaton Company?

 The Dominion Block located at 4th Avenue and 6th Street suffered a fire in 1925 displacing businesses and families. The Teco Store was the earlier name for Eaton's who built a more modern building on the same site in 1955. The store moved to the Park Place Mall in 1988.



The Bulletin Board in the main hallway also has a new pictorial history of Lethbridge and more facts and events that occurred in our city in 1925. Enjoy!

SOUTHMINSTER UCW TEA & BAZAAR Sat. Nov. 23, 2024 2-4pm

TEA: Fancy sandwiches, cookies & squares are served with your choice of tea, coffee or juice \$12 BAZAAR: *Baking *Christmas Surprises *Jewelry *Attic Treasures *Crafts

- •If you are a "Crafter", & have items that you would be willing to donate, please leave them at the church office with your name and suggested prices. Any unsold items will be returned to you.
- •If you have items you are willing to donate to "Attic Treasures", "Christmas Surprises" or "Jewelry", please leave them at the church office and indicate on the parcel that they are for the Bazaar.
- •Donations of baking are most welcome for the "Bake Table". These can be brought to the kitchen door of the church by noon on Bazaar day for marking. Please label your baking so folks know what they are buying.
- •For more information, please call Carol Romses @ 403-327-1345 or Joyce Boisvenue @ 403-359-9323.

Mark your calendar, plan to attend and invite a friend to come with you! ARE WELCOME!

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Thank you to the **City of Lethbridge** for replacing the water main on 11th street. They were extremely courteous in shutting down work early one day when we had a wedding in the sanctuary. Thanks **to Christina** who kept the office open while Taina and myself were away. Thank you to everyone who read scripture, made coffee, or served as an usher in July, offering hospitality as we welcomed in the neighbouring United Churches for joint worship.

Thank you to **Steve Dobay** for his tremendous work in getting our new pickleball club off the ground. I did not expect things to pick up with it until the weather cooled, but was surprised to arrive at the church several times to see the gym filled with people playing pickleball. I know **Ted Coatham** and **Dan Gibbons** have also played key roles in spreading the news about the availability of our new courts.

Pickleball has already been a success for us, and I am sure it will only increase as the summer concludes. *It is a real testament to our congregation's ability to take chances on something new*, and to offer our facility to serve as a community hub here in Lethbridge. If you ever feel like you'd like to use our space to start a club, do not hesitate to ask. We love having a busy building that serves both our congregation and the people of Lethbridge.

May God bless all who are returning to school and those beginning new courses of study this fall.

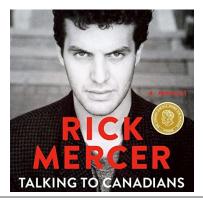
Rev. Taylor



Our newly established **Pickleball group** has been active throughout the summer and continues to grow. More info on our Pickleball Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/groups/43470
0999541413. You can book through
TeamReach (to join our group through the app, use the code Southmin01), or contact the office to find out how to book play time.

The Book Club is set to resume <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 10</u> at 4:00pm in the Lounge.

They will be reading "Talking to Canadians" by Rick Mercer. Participants are asked to please read the introduction, prologue and Chapters 1-4 for the first meeting.





Coffee and Conversation
Thursdays at 10:30 am in the
Lounge Coffee is on the house,
and topics are free!

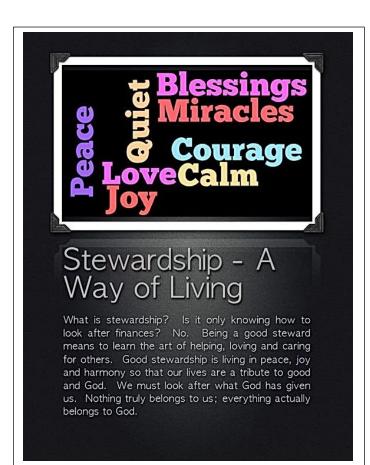
Our current YTD deficit is \$38,423

Southminster Financials January to July 2024

Please compare YTD (year to date) per day/month numbers to Budget per day/month to see where we stand at end of July compared to the budgeted numbers.

By Lori O'Leary, A Caring Treasurer

2024	daily		monthly		Annual	7
Southminster United Church	Average	Budget	Average	Budget	2024	2024
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Congregational Collections	340	389	10,200	11,667	71,399	140,000
Designated Recoveries	46	65	1,394	1,958	9,755	23,500
Rentals & Other Income	430	461	12,900	13,825	90,299	165,900
Total Funds In	816	915	24,493	27,450	171,453	329,400
Staffing Costs	693	719	20,803	21,575	145,621	258,901
Operating Costs (Office etc)	139	153	4,170	4,580	29,188	54,960
Facility Upgrades	-	14	-	417	0	5,000
Building Upkeep	-	33	-	1,000	9,402	12,000
Utilities	105	111	3,144	3,333	22,006	40,000
Committees	17	41	522	1,225	3,657	14,700
Total Expenses	955	1,071	28,639	32,130	209,876	385,561
Current Net	(138)	(156)	(4,146)	(4,680)	(38,423)	(56,161)



What do we believe? Rev. Taylor will be offering this informative evening class monthly starting in late September. We will be using "Building God's Beloved Community" as study material. The classes are open to all but they are geared towards those curious about becoming members.

Once the classes are complete in the spring of 2025 those who wish can formally join the membership of the church.

If you are interested in these classes, please speak with Rev. Taylor or register with the office — smunited@shaw.ca or 403.327.3404. There is also a sign up sheet by the Lounge.

<u>Fit for Life</u> at Southminster - now on Mondays!

More information to follow in the Friday emails.

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 per person, pay what you can

Canyon Church Camp Update August 2024

August has been a busy month at Canyon Church Camp! On August 17th we had our 80th Anniversary celebration at the camp. There was a great turnout, with about 100 people taking part in the tours, button-making, groundbreaking, flag-raising ceremony, smokeless campfire sing-along, and vespers. It was a full afternoon! Thank you to everyone that attended and to those that volunteered for the event.

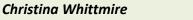
The weekend before the anniversary we had a cleaning bee to get things ready. We took off the shutters, trimmed trees, cut paths in the grass, and cleaned the inside of the buildings. Then, the weekend after the anniversary we began getting ready for construction! 13 hard workers spent Sunday, August 25 at camp removing trees and shrubs and filling a dumpster with things that are no longer good after 7 years of sitting unattended. The mice wrecked quite a few items, including the mattresses in the remaining cabins. It all had to go, and we accomplished a lot in 6 hours! This week Elevate Construction began their work, starting with the interiors of the existing buildings. The lodge has a couple of leaks in the roof, and they are the first thing they are going to fix. The lodge had 2 additions over time (the kitchen and the dish pit) and they are figuring out how water was getting in. Next on the agenda will be upgrading the plumbing and electrical in the buildings as well as trenching and replacing the existing services. We are just waiting on the results of the archeological survey of the trenching area, then they can begin digging!

We are inching closer to our fundraising goal of 2 million dollars, but we are not there yet! To replace one cabin is estimated to cost \$60,000. If you know of any organizations/individuals that would like to sponsor a cabin, please let us know. Donations can be made in the church office, or by e-transfer to campcanyon@gmail.com.

We have one upcoming fundraising event, "Canyon for Canyon", an acoustic George Canyon concert at Southminster on October 3 at 7:30pm. This is going to be a great event! Tickets are \$55 each for general seating, or \$65/person for seats in the front 3 rows. They can be purchased online at www.geomaticattic.ca or in the church office. Please note that we have sold out of the \$65 tickets in the office, but there are still some available on the above website. We are only selling 550 tickets for this event so every seat will be a good one. Get yours now before they sell out! If you know somewhere to hang a poster to advertise the concert, stop in at the church office and pick one up.

A big thank you to the following Southminster folks that volunteered for Canyon this summer: Simon and Cathy Hann, Jason Stone, Taina Arnell, Don Huxley, Lowell and Ayden Whittmire, Steve Dobay, Susan and Kai Rabchak.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at whittmirefamily@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support!



Canyon Church Camp board of directors





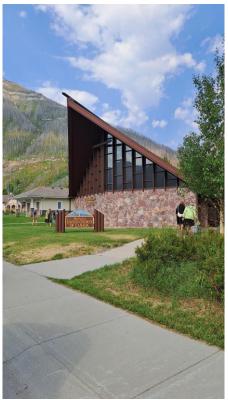














Rev. Taylor and Rev. MiYeon led worship at Waterton United Church on Sunday, August 18.

Southminster's congregation was very well represented and a large of number of Choir members along with Kade and Chris provided beautiful music.









Canyon Church
Camp, welcomed
visitors on Sunday,
August 18, after the
worship in town.
The rebuild work
began the following
day!

Russ Henderson remembers spending time at the camp about 70 years ago – a lot of history under this roof!

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