

#### Ardrossan United Church 22 Main Street, Ardrossan, AB 780-922-2255



March 4th, 2020

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#### MEETINGS/EVENTS

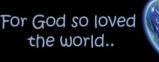
MAR 10-UCW MEETING

MAR 15-UCW IRISH STEW LUNCH

MAR 19-BOARD MEETING

HOURLY RENTALS

MAR 15-7-9PM-GUIDES





Worship Services at 10:00AM

March 8, 2020—Worship with Phyllis Greenslade Lent II March 15, 2020—Worship with Rev. Hugh MacGregor Lent III March 22, 2020—Worship with Sharon McRann Lent IV March 29, 2020—Worship with Rev. Hugh MacGregor Lent V

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# Note from Nora

If we pay careful attention, we can find profound reminders of the presence of God in our everyday settings.

The phrase that greets us on the website for the <u>Presence Project</u> is, "Surely God is in this place. Help me notice."

Last Saturday I had one of those small but profound reminders of the presence of God in an everyday setting.

I was in The Burger's Priest restaurant, grabbing a hamburger before a funeral. It was my second funeral in three days, and my thoughts were heavy. Even though we call funerals "celebrations of life," it is never easy to bid good-bye to wonderful elders.

As I waited for my burger to be ready, a man and woman with a little boy of about four sat down next to me. Their shopping bag told me that they had just been to a bookstore. In the tight quarters of a fast food restaurant, you can't help but overhear conversations. The mother, who, when she took off her winter coat, was visibly pregnant, began reading to the little boy. They had two new books, both about the experience of becoming a big brother. Along with the reading, both parents chatted encouragingly to the child about his upcoming new role.

This simple reminder of the renewal of life stayed with me as I joined the mourners at the funeral a short time later.

Surely God is in this place. Help me notice. Blessings,

Nora, (Nora Sanders is General Secretary of The United Church of Canada.)



#### <u>TAI CHI CLASSES</u> Free demonstration on Wednesday, March 4th at 2 pm in Little Church, with Paul Bromley, Instructor.

Classes will continue every Wednesday in March at a charge of \$30.00 for the month. Drop-in charge is \$10. This new program will be assessed at end of month to see if it is financially viable. *Please come out and be part of this wellness program. Improve your* 

balance, fitness and flexibility!



### <u>APRIL 2020</u>

April 5, 2020—Palm Sunday April 10, 2020—Good Friday Service @10am

April 12, 2020—Easter Sunday

April 18, 2020—Roast Beef Dinner

#### April 26, 2020—Fashion Show



'<u>Like a new bud,</u> each day unfolds in splendid beauty!' SPRING FLOWER FUND

Donations are being accepted by members of the Worship Committee until April 5, 2020. Each year the Flower Fund provides flowers in memory of loved ones and also blesses those who are in the hospital, or shut in.





WHEN YOUR KIDS ARE TOO OLD, BUT

THEY STILL WANT AN EASTER BASKET

attended with accolades to all for your commitment and dedication to AUC through all the work everyone does be it large or small for together it is huge. AUC is so thankful for everyone being one of us.

**ACTIVITY REPORT!** 

The Annual General Meeting was well

The Leap Year Perogy Supper and Fundraiser for the Happy Knitter Group was successful and many thanks go out to all who volunteered and attended... well done by all....Blessings, Doug K.

> The Knitting Group would like to thank all who supported the Leap Year Fundraiser. We raised \$410 which will buy enough wool for approximately 750 Beanies. This will keep us busy for awhile! Thanks again for donating to our group efforts. We meet Thursdays at 10:30am for anyone interested! Irene K.

**Blessed Stewards Group** Thursday morning at 9:00am for fellowship, coffee, tea and treats. All are welcome!

# IN YOUR COMMUNITY

#### Lenten Adult Education: Jesus' Healings in Story and Practice

The study classes will look at applying the healing stories of Jesus to today's way of life, led by the Rev. Kurt Katzmar, and Healing Practitioner, Margaret Langston. The classes will be held at Sherwood Park United Church (20 Fir Street), on three Mondays, March 2, 9, and 16. Sessions will be held in the mornings at 10:00 am, and repeated in the evenings at 7:00 p.m. There is no need to sign up. You are welcome to just come, morning or evening



#### Do you need help with your taxes?

As a part of our commitment to our community, Volunteer Strathcona is hosting free tax preparation for residents who meet the following income

Family Size	Max. Income		
1 person	\$35,000		
2 persons	\$45,000		
3 persons	\$47.500		
4 persons	\$50,000		
5 persons	\$52,500		
additional persons	+\$3,000		

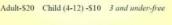
Tax March and April 2020 Call 780.464.4242 after February 17, 2020 to book your spot.



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Dinner and Family Entertainment Saturday, March 14 at 6:00 pm (Doors open at 5:30 pm)

Spirit West United Church 7003 - 199 St.



Call 780-481-1406 for more information or to reserve tickets



World Day of Prayer services in Edmonton and area (partial list):

- Edmonton (Southwest): St. Thomas More Catholic Church @ 1 PM
- Edmonton (South Central): St. Thomas d'Aguin Catholic Church @ 7 PM
- Edmonton (South East): Millwoods Presbyterian @7 PM
- Edmonton (North Central): St. Andrew Catholic Church @ 1 PM
- Edmonton (Central): All Saints Anglican Cathedral @ 10:30 a.m. .
- Edmonton (West): St. Matthias Anglican Church @ 2 PM
- Fort Saskatchewan: Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church @ 7 PM
- Sherwood Park: Sherwood Park United Church @ 7 PM
- Spruce Grove: St. Augustine's-Parkland Anglican Church @ 1 PM March 6, 2020
- Sturgeon County: Namao United Church @ 7 PM
- St. Albert: Holy Family Catholic Church @ 2 PM
- Leduc: Peace Lutheran Church @ 7 PM

#### St. Patrick's Day Supper

The Partridge Hill Women's Association is hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day supper on Saturday, March 14th from 5:30 to 7PM in the Partridge Hill Community Hall. Adults, \$18, 6-12 years, \$9; and under 6, free. For information and tickets please call Edith: 780-998-9005 or Carinne: 780-998-3035.

MARCH 2020

Our Little Friends Playschool Mondays/Wednesday—All day Tuesday/Thursday—Mornings only

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lent I WORSHIP Rev. Hugh MacGregor AGM after the service	2 Scouts mtg. 7	3	4 Tai Chi 2pm Scouts mtg. 7 Brownies/ Guides 6-8	5 Blessed Stewards 9 Knitting 10:30 Sparks 6-8	6 Tune Times 2 Cloverbar	7
8 Lent II WORSHIP Phyllis Greenslade	9	10 UCW 1:30	11 Tai Chi 2pm Brownies/ Guides 6-8	12 Blessed Stewards 9 Knitting 10:30	13	14
15 Lent III WORSHIP Rev. Hugh MacGregor UCW -IRISH STEW LUNCHEON Guides Rental 7-9	16	17	18 Tai Chi 2pm Brownies/ Guides 6-8	19 Blessed Stewards 9 Knitting 10:30 Board Mtg 1:30 Sparks 6-8	20	21
22 Lent IV WORSHIP Sharon McRann	23	24	25 Tai Chi 2pm Brownies/ Guides 6-8	26 Blessed Stewards 9 Knitting 10:30 Sparks 6-8	27	28
<b>29 Lent V</b> WORSHIP Rev. Hugh MacGregor	30	31				