



st.martin's united church

Our Core Purpose: To nurture Christian faith, purpose and joy  
An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada  
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# MESSENGER

**February 4, 2018**

*Fifth Sunday of Epiphany*

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AT THE ST MARTIN'S WEBSITE: [www.stmartinsuc.com](http://www.stmartinsuc.com)

## Thank You To The Following People For Their Participation

### Greeters

9:30 a.m. – Don & Bunny Pfeifer  
11:00 a.m. – Roy & Janet Smith

### Readers

9:30 a.m. – Pat Turner  
11:00 a.m. – Mavis Bristow

### Communion Servers

9:30 a.m. – Pat & Ken Turner  
Bunny & Don Pfeifer  
Garnet Harmon & Len Wudrich  
11:00 a.m. – Roy and Janet Smith,  
Williamson Family (2), Bill & Shirley  
Woodward, Marj McKinnon &  
Gladys Kemmer

### Cup Washers

If you can help wash cups after the 11:00 a.m. service, please consider signing up on the "Sign Up Center" on the bulletin board just outside the Sanctuary. Thank you!

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, February 4

**Worship Service – 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Joint Search (Lg) 2:00 p.m.  
SAI 2:00 p.m.

### Monday, February 5

Stroke Recovery (San) 12:00 p.m.  
Taiko (Lg) 6:30 p.m.  
AA (LL) 8:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 6

Prairie Songstress (Ch) 4:00 p.m.  
Hand Bells (San) 6:00 p.m.  
Contemporary Choir (San) 7:15pm  
Yoga (Lg) 7:00 p.m.  
AA (LL) 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 7

SCCW (Lg) 9:00 a.m.  
Prairie Songstress (Ch) 4:00 p.m.  
Band Together (San) 7:15 p.m.  
NA (LL) 8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, February 8

Messy Church 5:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir (Ch) 7:00 p.m.  
AA (LL) 7:00 pm

### Friday, February 9

Yoga (Ch) 4:00 p.m.  
Taiko (Lg) 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, February 10

Indian Dance (LL) - 9:30 a.m.

### Sunday, February 11

**Worship Service – 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Refugee Committee Talk 12:00 p.m.  
SAI 2:00 P.M.

## Retiring Offering

Today we are collecting for the Food Bank. Please consider donating to the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre. You can leave your donation in the collection plate to your left as you leave the Sanctuary today. These donations allow the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre to purchase nutritional items needed for their hampers. Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this worthy cause.



## Messy Church!

St. Martin's will be hosting our first Messy Church event on

February 8 from 5pm to 7pm. Messy Church is a family focused event which features supper, faith based crafts and activities and a short worship service. The event is free but donations are accepted. The theme of this Messy Church is St. Valentine's Day

## Are You Interested in Confirmation??

- What is confirmation? In the United Church confirmation is a "liturgical act" in which an individual "professes their faith" in the tenants of Christianity, thereby "confirming" the baptismal vows made by parents. If a person was not baptized as an infant, baptism and confirmation occur concurrently.
- What is the consequence of confirmation? Confirmation is intended to be a spiritual milestone in which an individual is willing to publicly declare their commitment to the Christian Way. Practically speaking, confirmation is the final step in church membership and enables people to participate fully in the Boards, Committees and decision-making of the church.
- Who participates? Confirmation is intended for those capable of reflecting on "naming and owning" their commitment to

the Christian way. Normally, those of high school age through adult are participants

- What is involved? A period of instruction and discussion looking at the tenants of the faith as understood by the United Church occurs in a small group process. This often involves four to six hours of instruction/discussion.

When will this occur? Confirmation classes will be offered during Lent. Depending on the participants the classes may occur weekly on evenings for a few weeks; after church with lunch for a few Sundays or an all-day Saturday event. Confirmation and the Profession of Faith would occur during worship on the Sunday following Easter, April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Gluten-free pancakes available  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
5:30 p.m.

Service of ashes to follow.

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**During the Lent Season** Brian will be examining some "old churchy" words to explore what they might mean in contemporary times. During Advent we invited members of the congregation to offer their wisdom related to the theme of the day. During Lent we are hoping that some of you will be willing to share your wisdom based on the following question:

- Why (choosing a word from the list below) is no longer relevant in my Christian life  
... OR ...
- Why (choosing a word from the list below) is still relevant in my Christian life.

The churchy words (theological concepts) to be considered will be:

- March 4<sup>th</sup> - Sin/Evil
- March 11<sup>th</sup> - Salvation/Atonement
- March 18<sup>th</sup> - Heaven/Hell
- March 25<sup>th</sup> - Jesus

If you would be willing to take two minutes to share your views at both services it would surely enhance our time together. Please call the church office or email me at [brian@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:brian@stmartinsuc.com). Thanks for your consideration of this request.

## Outreach News

- **Help still needed for Chop and Chat.** Chop and Chat is a program of our inner-city ministry that provides a lunch every Wed. at the Kinsmen Activity Centre on Ave. V. We still need 2 helpers – one for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and one for Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Time requirement: from 9:45 to about 1:30. This is a great experience – please consider helping. Sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board. For information call Maureen McPherson at 306-934-2421.
- **The Refugee committee** is pleased to welcome two speakers from the Saskatoon Open Door Society on February 11 at 12pm to talk about the changing face of immigration in Saskatoon. Join us in the church sanctuary to welcome our guests! A silver collection will be taken up for lunch.
- **The Coldest Night of the Year Walk is on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>!** The walk is in support of the inner-city work of The Bridge on 20<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Centre, 1008 20<sup>th</sup> St. West. Last year we had 23 walkers and 7 volunteers. We raised over \$5,000 and were the top fundraiser in Saskatoon. Let's see how well we can do this year! We invite you to walk, volunteer and/or donate in support of our walkers. Our team is the St. Martin's Speedsters and our team captain is Dick Neal. Get registration information and forms in the lounge. To volunteer, call the Bridge at 306-382-2855.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you donate to the church using offering envelopes, they are here and can be picked up by the Church Office. Some of the envelopes had to be renumbered, which the Finance and Stewardship committee has done. If you are still receiving envelopes and no longer wish to use them please let Brandy know. If you have any questions you can speak to Brandy or call Mavis McPhee at 343-7624. Thank you!

## Steps on the Journey to Reconciliation

(a weekly guide to personal examination of Reconciliation)

**Understanding what Reconciliation Means to Us**

**Film Showing at Grace Westminster United Church "Reserve 107"**

**Wednesday, February 21 7:30 p.m.**

**Film Synopsis ~ Reserve 107 - Reconciliation on the Prairies**

Indigenous rights and title to the land remains a taboo topic for many across Canada, but in the small town of Laird, Saskatchewan, an old injustice is providing new opportunities for dialogue, friendship and a fierce determination to right the wrongs of the past. "Reserve 107 is a beautifully photographed, wonderfully accessible documentary – part history lesson, part current affairs class - that teaches us that reconciliation is about relationships and that relationships evolve, need nurturing, and are built on foundations of friendship, sharing and respect. From Reserve 107 we learn that while the road to reconciliation is a bumpy one with many switchbacks and more than a few obstacles, the destination is well worth the journey. By tackling the land issue head on, and by letting those closest to this remarkable story talk openly and honestly about all the emotions this journey generated for them - fear, apprehension, anxiety, guilt, hope and pride – the Stoney Knoll experience will resonate with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people across the country who find themselves similarly entangled in history. It should be required viewing for everyone in Canada who is serious about reconciliation and, perhaps more importantly, for those who are not."

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**The St. Martin's United Church Affirming Action Group hopes you will join on February 21 to view this important movie. Please prayerfully consider attending.**



### St. Martin's needs your help!!

Please prayerfully consider filling one of the following much needed roles in the

life and work of our church. Job Postings are located on the Job Jar bulletin board on the north wall of the Sanctuary.

Current postings in the St. Martin's JOB JAR for this week are:

- A Helper for the Good Food Box Program-Time requirement: about 3 hours every other Wednesday afternoon.

- Chairperson- Affirm Action Group- required immediately
- Christian Education Committee Chairperson-required immediately
- Christian Education Committee – 1 committee position required immediately
- Board Chair Elect-required immediately
- Lay Pastoral Visitors- 2 positions required immediately
- Ushers for the 11:00 am service- 2 Positions required immediately- This is a consistent face at the door to act in a hosting role. These folks hand out messengers and hymnbooks if requested, deal with seating issues, find offering people, handle assisted hearing devices, and are generally responsive to whatever might come up on a Sunday morning. Alternates are available when Ushers need to be away.
- Presbytery Representative-1 position required immediately

**\*\* If you are taking a job posting out of the job jar, please provide signed posting to Keith when completed or be in contact with him about a completion date. To speak to Keith directly, email at [keith@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:keith@stmartinsuc.com); or call 306-343-7101**

Please note that we are in the midst of changing the way we do bookings here at the church. There will still be a printed calendar with all upcoming events located by the church office, but it will not be used to book spaces in the church. We are moving to an online calendar, and until we can get this up and running please call Brandy at the office 306.343.7101 to check for availability. We will keep you updated with changes as they come. Thanks!

### **\*\*Save the Date\*\***

**St Martin's Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting with worship at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!**

