

February/March 2019
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 3, 2019

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Welcome to Eastside United. May our opportunities of ministry offer you rest, challenge and peace on your Christian journey.

Ministers:

Minister: Russell Mitchell-Walker
 Greeting: Debbie and Perry Morehouse
 Congregational Care Greeter: Clare Banks
 Prayers: Delia Baidoo
 PowerPoint: Taylor Balfour
 Music ministry: Michelle Dickie
 Last week's attendance: 72
 Last week's offering: \$2452

Russell's e-mail address: russell.eastside@sasktel.net

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Russell's Office Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday, with coffee shop office hours at *Woodhams Drive Brewed Awakening* Wednesday from 2 to 4:30 pm; working from home Friday

PRAYER SERVICE: Russell is committed to praying for the church at this time and is inviting anyone who wishes to join him for this short service of prayer. NEW SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY! *Tuesdays at 12 noon, Wednesdays at 8 am, and Thursdays at 4 pm.* We're hoping this schedule allows you to join us more easily – let us know!

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6: 7-21

Songs:

You are Holy/Hamba Nathi MV#45
 Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU#374
 Down by the Riverside
 There is Your Heart
 We Give our Thanks to God (Reamo Leboga) MV#187
 What a Friend we Have in Jesus VU#664
 Ameni/Ba-ba-ba-bum MV#223

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 Worship 11:15 Communion	4 Meditation 7 pm AA 8 pm	5 Cards 9:30 Prayer 12 pm TOPS 6:30 Stewardship Buzz 7 pm	6 Prayer 8 am	7 Cong Care 10 am Craft/Study 1:30 Prayer 4 pm Refounding God's Ppl 7:30pm	8	9 Women's Breakfast 8 am
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St. Philip Senior Ministry Outreach card playing program, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the East Sanctuary at the Living Spirit Centre. Whist and lessons to those that would like to learn. Come out and enjoy fellowship, coffee and card playing. If you need a ride call Rod 306-789-1388. Everyone is welcome.

LSC Meditation Group: Monday, February 4, 2019. We'd love to have you join us whether you're new to meditation or an experienced practitioner. All are welcome, remember to wear comfortable clothing.

Eastside's Craft/Study Group Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the East Sanctuary! Join us as we share in discussion, handiwork and coffee time following. We are reading *Daring Greatly: How The Courage To Be Vulnerable Transforms The Way We Live, Love, Parent, And Lead*. We have an extra copy of the book if you'd like to jump in! (Chapter 3)

Eastside United Church is no longer collecting money for Mission & Service. We still strongly encourage you to make Mission & Service giving a part of your life! We encourage you to continue to give to M&S directly, the following webpages have information about this:
<https://www.united-church.ca/donate>
<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/ways-give>

If you are currently donating to M & S through PAR, please contact Suzanne at eastsideunited@sasktel.net to discuss your options to adjust your PAR. You can also contact Suzanne if you are interested in signing up for PAR. If you have any questions please contact Nicole Haynes (haynesnd@gmail.com) or Sarah Tkachuk (stkachuk@kpmg.ca) from the Leadership team.

The Leadership Team met recently and reviewed the end of year financials. We would like to extend an enthusiastic **Thank you!** to the congregation for their generosity and response to our needs. We have a small surplus and \$22,000 cash in the bank to start the year (this includes \$6400 from Whitmore Park UC and \$3500 grant for the Community Dinners). As a result the LT agreed to pay \$5000 toward our M&S debt as well as remit the outstanding \$533.86 from the Open Hearts Jar. We are grateful for your continued support and generosity.

PIE DAY, MARCH 14, 2019: Pi Day is observed each year on March 14 since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of π . **Affirming Ministries of the United Church is planning its first ever PIE Day and Eastside United is taking part!** *Public. Intentional. Explicit. Those are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become Affirming or affirming.* Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details around this event scheduled to take place Thursday, March 14 at 6 pm. **We will need donations of pies as well as helpers for set up and clean up.** Talk to Russell!

Knox-Metropolitan United Church is having its **annual book sale** on April 26 and 27. We are accepting donations of books, vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles. No encyclopedias, text books or magazines please. You can drop them off in the front entrance any time that the church is open.

A **Take Two free clothing program** is kicking off January 29 at Lakeview United Church (3200 McCallum Avenue). We will be open every second Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm. Everyone in the community is welcome to access good used clothing for free. Foster families are especially welcome and can contact us to arrange assistance outside of scheduled hours at taketwofreeclothing@gmail.com.

INI Café – Indigenous & Non-Indigenous Café will be hosted by Indigenous Christian Fellowship (IF) and Eastside, each month starting March 15. Doors open at 6 pm with performances starting at 7 pm. This is an all ages free gathering at ICF. A canteen will be available for light food and refreshments. Volunteers will be needed. If you have a talent to offer (music, poetry, story, dramatic monologue, etc) or can help out, please talk to Russell.

World Day of Prayer worship service is being hosted by the congregations of the Living Spirit Centre this year! Planned for Friday, March 1, 2019 at 2 pm, we need a few volunteers from Eastside to help make this happen. Each year, on the first Friday of March, the World Day of Prayer brings Christians together in worship around the world and in more than 2000 communities across Canada. Christian women of many traditions come together to observe a common day of prayer. This year's service has been written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Slovenia. The theme is "Come – Everything is Ready!" For more information and to volunteer, please contact St. Philip's Rita Brann at 306-757-3173.

"Stewardship Buzz! 6 steps to take right now!": a time together that will include six steps you can take this year that will inspire and get your congregation's stewardship ball rolling! Tuesday, February 5 from 7 to 9 pm at Wesley United Church, 3913 Hillside Street. This will be a "no-tech" evening ... no PowerPoint or anything like that! Kathryn Hofley is planning for a roundtable conversation that will include your ideas and insights around stewardship. So please come prepared to share some of what your congregation has done in the area of stewardship in recent years.

First Nations Spirituality: Professor, Administrator, Author, Dr. Blair Stonechild will meet with Wesley's Sunday morning study group at 9 am on Sunday, February 10th to help us explore First Nations spirituality. Join us at Wesley United Church, 3913 Hillside Street! The discussion group welcomes anyone who wishes to come to hear about indigenous spirituality.

As we move through our financial challenges, one of the areas where we can improve is stewardship education and leadership. Are you excited about what Eastside has to offer and want to communicate it to our members? Do you have some interest in encouraging others to share their time, talents, and treasure with the church? **We need a small team of people** to lead a **Stewardship Campaign** using the resources of the United Church, *Loving Our Neighbours*. There is a three-week webinar to introduce and train folk in using this resource, February 5, 12, and 19. The sessions will introduce the new material and features of this year's program. Each of the sessions will also focus on one of the three key practices that encourage generosity, giving and gratitude. Russell plans to take this webinar and would welcome others to take it as well. You are welcome to participate in one or all of them. For more information see this link: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/238-loving-our-neighbours-inspire-invite-thank>. If you are interested in offering some time in this area, let Russell know. And please consider checking out the following stewardship events in our community:

Can you help? From time to time, we get requests from individuals in the community for donations of non-perishable food items and grocery and gas gift cards. To ensure we can meet these needs in a timely fashion, we would like to have a small pantry of food items on hand, as well as a few gift cards we can leave locked in a safe place. If you would like to help by making a donation, please leave food and gift cards in Suzanne's office. Thank you!

LSC Women's Spirituality Breakfast, Saturday, February 9 from 8 to 10 am. This month's guest speaker is Regina Author, Donna Gartshore. Come and hear Donna's story about writing for Harlequin Love Inspired. Donna writes for the Love Inspired line of Harlequin which is their inspirational line, stories with a Christian world view. Harlequin is an international publishing company. Donna's first book *Instant Family* was released December, 2017. Her second book is to be released in March, 2019. She also writes short stories, poetry and devotions. **All women are welcome. Please bring two toonies to help with breakfast costs.**

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SHROVE TUESDAY: Eastside is hosting the **Annual LSC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, March 5. We would love your family to come and help us make this happen! Hosts, servers, and cooks needed. Please let Russell know if you're interested. We have information on file of grocery lists, past quantities served, etc.

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