

December 2020/January 2021

At a glance

Full descriptions of activities in bulletin.

All worship and programming is online

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
13 Advent III Online Worship 11:15 Open Hearts Jar	14	15 Prayer Service	16 Prayer Service 8:30am Zoom office Hrs 2-4:30	17 Craft/Study 1:30 pm Prayer Service 4pm Online Blue Christmas Service 7pm	18	19
20 Advent IV Online Worship 11:15	21	22 Prayer Service	23 Prayer Service 8:30am Zoom office Hrs 2-4:30	24 Christmas Eve 7 pm service 9 pm service	25 Christmas Day	26
27 Online Worship 11:15	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2
Russell Off						
3 Online Worship 11:15 Communion	4	5 Prayer Service	6 Prayer Service 8:30am Zoom office Hrs 2-4:30	7	8	9

We still need your support as our ministry continues! Making your offering [online](http://www.eastsideunited.ca/donate2.html) (<http://www.eastsideunited.ca/donate2.html>) couldn't be easier. Additionally, offerings can be mailed to Eastside at: **Eastside United Church, 3018 Doan Drive, Regina, SK, S4V 1M1** Or, if you do want to drop off an offering in person, please leave offerings in the mailbox at the office door. Thanks for your donation!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 13, 2020

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*W*elcome to Eastside United. May our opportunities

of ministry offer you rest, challenge and peace on your Christian journey.

Ministers:

Minister: Russell Mitchell-Walker
Pianist: Michelle Dickie
Prayers of the People: Brian Mitchell-Walker
Tech Support: Brian Mitchell-Walker
Attendance: Brian Mitchell-Walker
Congregational Care Greeter: Delia Baidoo

Last week's attendance: 65 Offering: \$1740 Weekly budget: \$3167
(not incl. PAR) Oct 16 - 31

Worship will be happening online via Zoom [HERE](#). You can also call into the Zoom session on the phone with audio only by calling 1-587-328-1099 or 1-204-515-1268. If you have trouble with sound on your computer, you can also call in with these numbers while watching on zoom.

Office Hours:

The Living Spirit Center is closed due to concerns over COVID-19. Both Harvey and Russell are working remotely. If you need to contact the Eastside United Office, please email Harvey at eastsideunited@sasktel.net.

Harvey's Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays, In office 10-11am
Russell's Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Russell's e-mail address: russell.eastside@gmail.com. **(note change in e-mail address)**
Russell will be holding **Zoom Drop-in Office Hours** Wednesdays from 2 – 4:30. You can join Russell online over Zoom [HERE](#).

Scripture Readings: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Songs –

Come Now O God of Joy VU #35
Spirit Open My Heart MV #79
Hope is a Star VU #7
A Candle is Burning VU #6
You are Holy MV #45
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus VU #2
Christ Be Our Light ELW #715
Wait for the Lord VU #22

In-Person Worship: Consistent with the recommendations of the Living Skies Regional Council and the United Church of Canada, we will reopen our physical space and resume traditional services when we can be confident that we can do so in a manner that is meaningful for our community and is safe for every member of our congregation. We will continue to keep you informed as our plans unfold. The Leadership Team has established a "Return to Worship Task Group" to discuss the protocols and possibilities for gathering in-person. If you are interested, or have feedback, please let [Sarah Tkachuk](#) know. We will review again in January.

Meditation Schedule: The meditation group will continue to meet via Zoom for now on Monday nights. If you have any questions, please contact [Shauna Powers](#). The schedule for the next meetings are: **December 14th, January 4th, January 11th, and January 18th.**

Borrowing Hymn Books: If anyone would like to borrow hymn books to use at home for online worship, come in on Thursdays between 10 am and 11 am to ask Harvey and he will get you a hymn book to borrow!

Craft/Study: We will be meeting via Zoom on Thursday. **You can find the Zoom link [HERE](#).** The link will be sent out in Tuesday's email as well going forward. Our next books are We Make the Road by Walking for December, and White Fragility beginning in January. Books are in and available for pick up in the blue bin by the office doors. If you wish to join and need a book, let Harvey know ASAP.

CALLING ALL RECIPES: Do you have a favourite recipe, a family favourite that you'd be willing to share? If you have a recipe that you'd like to share a tasty treat with fellow Eastsiders, send it to Harvey and he will share it on the next weekly email.



Alex Pelletier is making Christmas gift bags for people who may be isolated over Christmas. He is asking for things like mitts, toques, adult size socks, candies, chocolates, oranges, granola bars, any little snacks that are wrapped, and anything else that you think might be something that wouldn't be bought usually for themselves as essential items.

Volunteers for the ICF: The Indigenous Christian Fellowship is looking for people on Fridays to make 90 lunches on-site. If you are available to help, contact Doug Scheurwater. We are also looking for those comfortable helping with deliveries. There will be an indigenous and non-

indigenous person helping. They are also looking for volunteers for cooking on the grill for Saturday morning breakfasts. Let Russell (or Linda Fowler for cookies) know if you can help.

Eastside T-Shirts: If you ordered a t-shirt, please come pick them up! They are ready! They can be picked up on Thursdays between 10 am and 11 am. If you did not order but are interested in purchasing one, email Harvey to see what colour and sizes are available. \$30/each

ICF Christmas Program Donations: Information coming soon!

Munch Lunch Revised – Our support for Glen Elm school lunches ended with the Pandemic, and school closures. Now that school is back the need for lunches continues. However, the present reality is there is no travel of students outside of the school, and no volunteers or food prepared by volunteers can go into the school. We can donate to their lunches, however. What they could use are prepackaged food such as loaves of bread, packaged meat, juice boxes, applesauce, cheese strings, granola bars, etc. and gift cards. Donations can be received into the blue bin outside under the mailbox or Thursdays from 10-11am. We also could use some volunteer drivers for delivery of the donations. If you can help with delivery let Russell know.

We are continuing the A Work of Art and Its Story during worship! If you have a piece of work that has a story or holds spiritual meaning for you and would like to share on Sunday during worship, please let Russell know.



Stewardship Campaign Update: Thank you to everyone - every donation big or small, is part of the puzzle.

We appreciate your gifts to the work of Eastside United.
Remaining amount to be raised: \$30,990.

If you have not sent in your response card, but want to, please do so soon. It can be mailed, or dropped off at the church on Thursdays between 10 – 11 am.

The Gratitude Team thanks everyone for their contributions!

Our Advent/Christmas Newsletter is out! See what is happening this season. Click [here](#) to download it.

Wanted: curious, thoughtful person who would like to know our partners at the Living Spirit Centre better - to sit on LSC Council as one of 3 Eastside reps, along with Russell. There are usually 5 meetings a year, 2 hours in length. Decisions on the LSC are made through discussion and reaching consensus. Meetings this year have been via Zoom. Please talk with current reps Bonnie Yake or Bonny Manz to volunteer/for more information.

Calendars and Broadview Subscriptions: If you would like to order a new United Church Calendar and/or renew your Broadview subscription, please let [Harvey](#) know so he can facilitate that for you.

Cloth Masks: It is important to wear masks when we are out in public, especially indoors. **It is now policy to wear a mask when in the church building.** If you would like a mask, please email the office indicating how many masks you need, and we will connect you with someone making masks. Elastic is needed if you have any! Thanks to Clare Banks, Wanda Barr, Gladys Olekson, Nancy Cranfield, Jean MacKay who are willing to make masks. More sewers are welcome!

Hello Neighbour Card Reminder: If you would like to and are healthy enough to do so, download a Hello Neighbour card that was sent with the **weekly email** to let people know you're available to help! By putting these cards in mailboxes, it allows those of use who are well to help the people around us who may need it. **This is more important again as we are asked to reduce our contacts and go out less!**



Were you unable to attend worship in the past? Don't worry about it! You can find a video recording of past services online. Visit our website [HERE](#) to find uploaded videos of service.

PAR and M & S Donations: If you would like to add or increase PAR and/or M&S offerings, please contact Harvey and he will help you get set up or make changes. Email eastsideunited@sasktel.net to let Harvey know what changes you would like to make, and he will submit the changes for processing.



Did you miss the announcements at last Sunday's worship service? Sometimes feel like an event snuck up on you and you didn't receive proper notice? Printed announcements are saved on the Eastside website each week - check 'em out at www.eastsideunited.ca under the **What's New** heading!

Financial Update: download October's financial update [HERE](#). October income showed a surplus of \$7,567, leaving Eastside in good shape for the year. The year-to-date surplus is \$7,010 and the bank balance (counting the Whitmore Park reserve) is \$50,905. PAR giving was flat to September, and the LSC account maintains a healthy balance of \$35,868. This is also an end of the year reminder to get donations in for the end of the tax season!

Join us for our
**Blue
Christmas
Service**

For those who find the season difficult for any reason.
December 17th, 2020 at 7 pm Online via Facebook Live and Zoom
Shared service with Eastside United, Bread of Life Lutheran, and
St. Philip Anglican Church

Email eastsideunited@sasktel.net, breadoflife@sasktel.net, or
stphilip@sasktel.net for more information

Join us online on December 17th for a shared service with Bread of Life Lutheran and St. Philip Anglican Church. Come online prepared to light candles. The service will be online over Facebook Live on the [Bread of Life page](#), and will be on [Eastside's Zoom](#).



Here are some advent activities that can be done at home with family! These are downloadable links for each activity:

- [Scavenger Hunt](#)
- [Advent Wreath Candle Liturgy](#)
- [Advent Journey Colouring Pages](#)
- [Homemade Clay Recipes](#)
- [Making Star Luminaries](#)
- [Wisemen Paper Chain](#)

Suspended/Moved Programming as of December 12:

- **TOPS** is suspended until further notice
- **Eastside Choir** has canceled rehearsals until further notice
- **Messy Church** is suspended until further notice. Watch for Messy Church at home resources.

