

January/February 2019

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 27, 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: Leanne and Barry Sudom
 Congregational Care Greeter: Linda Fowler
 Prayers: Carol Hein
 PowerPoint: Stephen Poirier
 Music ministry: Michelle Dickie
 Last week's attendance: NA
 Last week's offering: \$714

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 Second Cup
 Wednesday from 2 to 4:30 pm; working from home Friday

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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15 am. If this time doesn't work for you but you would like to join in, Russell is open to considering other times.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 1-20

Songs:

I Am the Light of the World VU #87
 A Light is Gleaming VU #82
 This Little Light of Mine
 Blest are they VU #896
 Offertory Song Tune VU #541
 Be Thou My Vision VU #642, Vs 1,2,4,5
 Sent out in Jesus' Name MV #212

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27 Worship 11:15 In West Sanctuary Potluck WOP4XU service 3pm	28 Meditation 7 pm AA 8 pm	29 Prayer 8:15 am Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30	30 Prayer 8:15 am	31 Prayer 8:15 am Craft/Study 1:30 Refunding God's Ppl 7:30pm	1	2 Legacy Giving Workshop 10 am
3 Worship 11:15 Communion	4 Meditation 7 pm AA 8 pm	5 Prayer 8:15 am Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30 Stewardship Buzz 7 pm	6 Prayer 8:15 am	7 Prayer 8:15 am Cong Care 10 am Craft/Study 1:30 Refunding God's Ppl 7:30pm	8	9 Women's Breakfast 8 am
10 Worship 11:15 Open Hearts Jar	11 Meditation 7 pm AA 8 pm	12 Prayer 8:15 am Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30	13 Prayer 8:15 am	14 Prayer 8:15 am Craft/Study 1:30 Refunding God's Ppl 7:30pm	15 INI Café (ICF) 6pm	16
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Russell in Toronto for Anglican-United Dialogue						
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TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly
 AA = Alcoholics Anonymous

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, January 28, 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!

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 last week 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!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Concluding Worship Service • Sunday, January 27, 3pm at Resurrection Catholic Parish (3155 Windsor Park Road). A service of prayer for Christian unity in our community and throughout the world. Preacher: Bishop Rob Hardwick, Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle. *Russell is assisting with this service.* Refreshments and conversation following the service.

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.

Concertino Regina presents "The Best of the B's" Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 pm at the LSC. "The Best of the B's" features works of Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms:

- J.S. Bach, Sonata in G Major, performed by Cameron Lowe (cello) and Judi Levesque (piano)
- Ludwig van Beethoven, Duo for Violin and Bassoon, performed by Adrian Casas (violin) and Arlysse Quiring (bassoon)
- Johannes Brahms, Piano Trio in B Major, performed by Djoï Louise Mercado Anacio (violin), Cameron Lowe (cello), and Judi Levesque (piano)

Admission: Freewill offering at the door.

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.

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:

Planned & Legacy Giving with Kathryn Hofley

Saturday, February 2 from 10 am to 12 pm at Knox-Metropolitan United Church. Did you know there are many different ways you can support a church or charity through legacy giving? At any stage of life, this session will provide valuable information to help individuals and families make thoughtful plans on how best to support organizations they care about. Even those still currently working and earning wages may be interested to consider the tax benefits to such planned givings. This event will purely informational. Participants will not be pressured to make any commitments.

“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 Hillsdale 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.

Update on JNAC

As many of you are aware, this fall Eastside established a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (“JNAC”). The purpose of the JNAC process is to create a snapshot of the pastoral charge—the faith community and resources—in order to make a recommendation for what future ministry leadership the pastoral charge needs to live out God's mission in the world. As part of this process, the committee engaged with Eastside in a number of ways including group discussions during worship, individual surveys, focus groups, engagement with committee and one on one discussions. Thank you to all that participated and shared your views.

In December, the JNAC met and determined that based on the feedback received, we required additional assistance from Region 4 (formerly the Saskatchewan Conference and Wascana Presbytery) in order to move forward. As a result of these discussions, Region 4 has recommended that Eastside undergo a Review Process which involved interviews with the Reviewers this weekend, and as a result the JNAC has been put on hold in order to move forward with this review. Once the Review is complete, we will reengage and determine the next steps for the JNAC.

We ask for your patience as we move forward in this process and continue, with the assistance of the greater United Church, to determine the best path forward for this community. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact Sarah Tkachuk at stkachuk@kpmg.ca or 306-527-5060.

Cam Fraser is the Pastoral Care person appointed to Eastside for this process. . Anyone with concerns about the process, or who just needs someone to talk to outside of Russell or the Eastside team can contact Cam at camfraser@knoxmetregina.org.