

**June/July 2021**  
**At a glance**  
**Full descriptions of activities in bulletin.**  
 All worship and programming is online.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> Online Worship 10:30am with Sunset UC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Prayer Service 12pm	<b>7</b> Prayer Service 8:30am Zoom Office Hours 2- 4:30pm	<b>8</b> Prayer Service 4pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Online Worship 10:30am with Wesley UC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prayer Service 12pm	<b>14</b> Prayer Service 8:30am Zoom Office Hours 2- 4:30pm	<b>15</b> Prayer Service 4pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Online Worship 10:30am with Wesley UC	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Russell Vacation						
<b>25</b> Online Worship 10:30am with Wesley UC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
Russell Vacation						

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 11, 2021

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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:** 10:30am Worship with Wesley United Church.

Last week's attendance: 29      Offering: \$7486      Weekly budget: \$3167  
 (not incl. PAR) June

**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 Becca is working remotely. If you need to contact the Eastside United Office, please email Becca at [eastsideunited@sasktel.net](mailto:eastsideunited@sasktel.net).

- **Becca's Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays. In office Thursdays 10-11am
- **Russell's Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Russell's e-mail address: [russell.eastside@gmail.com](mailto:russell.eastside@gmail.com).
- **Zoom Drop-in Office Hours** Wednesdays from 2 – 4:30
- **Russell's summer vacation** will be July 17-August 23. Ken Powers and Jim Balfour will be on call for pastoral care, details to follow.

**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 are hoping and aiming for in person worship, (every other week) starting Sept 12.

**We still need your support as our ministry continues! We are presently behind in our revenues, both budget and with regard to expenses.** 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. **We now take e-transfers! You can send e-transfers using eastsideunited@sasktel.net.** Thanks for your generosity!

**Covid Vaccine Fact Sheet:** We are all encouraged to get vaccinated when our turn comes, to protect ourselves and other, and to return to a new normal. Download the fact sheet [here](#), and check out Saskatchewan's vaccination plan. Remember that once vaccinated you can still be a carrier of the virus so masks and distancing practices need to continue. Please keep in your household bubble until after Easter.

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

**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.** Cookie makers are also needed. **Coolers are also needed** for delivering hot meals. Let Russell (or Linda Fowler for cookies) know if you can help.

**LGBT Banning Conversion Efforts in Regina:** Recently, Russell has been speaking about the push to ban conversion therapy in Regina. If you would like to read about it, you can find the Global News piece [here](#). There is also an article from the Leader Post [here](#). If you would like to be part of the Affirming Ministry team organizing, let Russell know. Letters to your city councilor and mayor in support of the ban would be very helpful. Find the contacts [here](#). Check out <https://www.noconversioncanada.com> for information.

**The bylaw will be presented July 14 to City Council.** Contact your councilor and support the passage of the bylaw. If you wish to speak through it, contact the city clerk, following the 'How to Make a Request' directions on this [page](#). **Russell and other Faith Leaders have created a letter on the ban of conversion therapy. You can view it [here](#).**

# Ban Conversion Efforts in Regina

Visibly show your support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community in Regina and Area by sharing this poster, telling the Mayor and your City Councillor that you oppose conversion "therapy" & rallying your friends, family, and neighbours to do likewise.

**CELEBRATE  
SEXUAL  
ORIENTATION &  
GENDER  
DIVERSITY**

End Homophobia, Transphobia,  
Biphobia & Queer Oppression Now

Poster by:  
Heritage United Church

## JOIN US FOR SHARED SUMMER SERVICES!

Sundays at 10:30 am



You can join these services by using our regular worship link. More information will be included in weekly emails.

**Sunset United Church**  
306-586-3613

June 20, 27, July 4

**Wesley United Church**  
306-586-5220

July 11, 18, 25

**Lakeview United Church**  
306-586-7844

August 1, 8, 15

**Living Spirit Center**  
306-761-0556

August 22, 29, September 5

*Bread of Life - August 22*  
*Eastside United - August 29*  
*Immanuel - September 5*

**Getting involved in your local community:** If you are interested in caring for your community and assisting with neighborhood cleanups, we ask that you consider taking time to pick up garbage in your local community.

**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 Becca to see what colour and sizes are available. \$30/each.



Please share your favourite hymns with us! Let us know by filling out this Google Form [HERE](#).

**Cloth Masks:** It is now recommended that we double mask, and one suggestion is to wear a cloth mask over a surgical mask. It is very 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 Oleskon, Nancy Cranfield, Jean MacKay who are willing to make masks. More sewers are welcome!

**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](mailto:eastsideunited@sasktel.net) to let Becca know what changes you would like to make, and he will submit the changes for processing.

**Meditation Schedule:** The last meditation for regular weekly sessions was held on June 14th. There will be a mid-summer meditation on Monday, August 9. The autumn schedule will continue on September 13.



**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. They can also be found on our Facebook page.



**Text In Church:** We are trying something new! We have a 60-day trial of Text in Church which allows us to send group texts and e-mails about events and for newcomers. If you would like to receive text notifications about special services and events at Eastside, text the word 'Loop' to 306-517-6797.

**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](http://www.eastsideunited.ca) under the **What's New** heading!

**Is your SGI rebate "found money" that you would like to give to a good cause?** There was discussion at the May 30th AGM that if people would like to donate, special donations to Eastside from the rebate would be given to a chosen charity. The selected cause is Regina Native Outreach Ministry, thank you for your support! If you would like to donate, please send your donations to Eastside United clearly marked RNOM.



**Camp fYrefly will be operating this summer online!** If you would like to donate, you can click here. Camp is on Thursday, August 12 to Sunday, August 15. The last day to apply to be a camper is July 23.

**Committee Vacancies:** The Gratitude Team is gearing up for it's fall campaign and could use two more members to ease the load. If you are grateful for being part of the Eastside community and would like to inspire gratitude in others and encourage people's generosity, we'd love to have you join us! Let Russell know if interested. The Worship Feedback Team is looking for a few members as well. This team evaluates services once or twice a month and meets every six weeks to discuss.





**Financial update for May:** If you would like to view Eastside's May financial statement, please [click here](#). Eastside has experienced shortfalls in our giving this year. We appreciate all of those who give to Eastside and are thankful to all of our givers. As summer has arrived and many will be going to cabins or away for holidays, we would like to gently remind our friends that we continue to have regular expenses and appreciate your support. If you would like to sign up for regular giving through PAR, please contact Becca. We also accept e-transfer which can be sent to [eastsideunited@sasktel.net](mailto:eastsideunited@sasktel.net).

**Fall Programming:** Please see our summer newsletter for more information! We have many exciting programs to look forward to:



**FOR THE LOVE  
OF CREATION**

## Faithful Climate Conversations

As we live into the crisis of climate change and experience more and more the impacts of this crisis this resource encourages dialogue on climate change. For the Love of Creation developed Faithful Climate Conversations, a series of guides to facilitate small group conversations on climate change. There are three sessions and folk may participate in all or the ones that suit them and where they are at. If you are interested in participating in any of these conversations, let Russell or the office know, along with which one(s) and we will schedule them. The three sessions are:

- 1) **Creation, Climate and You** – Designed for people who have rarely, if ever, talked about climate change in a group setting before, this guide focuses on gently surfacing peoples' emotions and underlying thoughts about climate change.
- 2) **From Concern to Action** – For people who may have a basic understanding of climate change or are concerned about the effects of climate change, but remain uncertain about the best ways to act in light of this reality.
- 3) **Build a Better Future** – Meant for people who have already been involved in climate action at some level, this guide focuses on enacting political and systemic change to address the climate emergency.

*This resource has been developed by a coalition of organizations including Kairos.*

## courageous CHURCH

REIMAGINING OUR COMMON GROUND  
FOR THE COLLECTIVE GOOD

Join us for the Courageous Church Summit Tuesdays at 7pm on September 14, then each week from September 28. This will be both in person and online.

**Sept 14** - Diana Butler Bass, author, (Grateful, Grounded), historian

**Sept 28** - Rev. John Dorhauer, President United Church of Christ

**Oct. 5** - Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, minister Middle Collegiate Church, New York

**Oct. 12** - Brian McLaren, author (We Make the Road by Walking)

**Oct 19** - Bishop Michael Curry (Episcopal National Bishop) & Jim Wallis (Sojourners Magazine)

**Oct 26** - Rev Claudio Carvalhaes, Theologian and Professor of Worship

at Union Theological Seminary. **Register by texting 'Faith' to 306-517-6797 or contact the office**

## Are you interested in a visit?

If you would like to stay connected and are interested in visiting with Russell in person, please let him know by sending us an email. We will be able to do in-home visits soon!

## HOUSE OF DINAH IS STILL IN NEED OF A LEADER!



Following the passing of Linda Richards, House of Dinah is without a leader at this time. If you are able to fill this position, please let us know! As we near a time where in-person worship is a possibility, coordinating volunteers and ensuring these tasks can be managed is important to keeping our community safe following the pandemic

## Film & Faith Schedule

**September 24**

**October 29**

**November 26**

Stay tuned for more information in our weekly emails! If it remains feasible with pandemic protocol, sessions will be resuming in theaters!



**Stay tuned-in to our weekly announcement emails for more information about upcoming breakfasts and INI Cafe held by Indigenous Christian Fellowship!**

**Craft/Study will be resuming in the fall on September 16!** Sessions will be on Thursdays at 1:30 at the LSC and online. The book for these sessions will be *See No Stranger* by Valerie Kaur. If you would like a book ordered to be picked up at the church, please let Becca know by August 30th. For future books, please see selections below and complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/EsBExwL6itq1qXwS7> . Please submit your top four selections!