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## Minister's Summer Reflection

As we move into summer mode, we look forward to some time of rest, relaxation, and enjoying time with family and friends. After another pandemic year, we look forward to continued ability to gather without as much concern for getting COVID-19 (though we do still need to be cautious). These past few weeks and months have been particularly challenging in the news, and quite distressing for some. In the midst of the challenges these past two

years we have learned the value of community, and supporting one another. God is with us in our joys and challenges. We have learned that in the midst of despair we can experience joy.

While we look forward to summer renewal, we also are hopeful that we will be able to offer programs in person (and some as hybrid) come the fall.

There are many opportunities proposed, some regular

programming and a few new ones.

I hope that you have an awesome summer time, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall in whatever form we are able to engage in!

Blessings

Russell Mitchell-Walker

Diaconal Minister

# Upcoming Programs

Join us for **Courageous Faith, Thursdays September 22-November 17 at 7:00 pm! Speakers will include:**

Matthew Fox, Jacqui Lewis, Brian McLaren, Trip Fuller, Anna Golladay, John Pavlovitz, Jim Keat, Rabbi Rami Shapiro



**FILM & FAITH**

Join us on the last Friday of each month for a movie and conversation following!



Register: Text "Film" to 306-517-6797  
EASTSIDEUNITED@SASKTEL.NET

Join us for Film and Faith in the Fall!

September 30

October 28

November 25



All are welcome and invited to join us for

## Eastside United Community Dinners



3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm



3018 Doan Drive, Regina



RSVP: Text "RSVP" to 306-517-6797

### Community Dinners

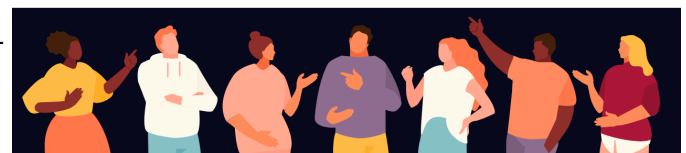
Third Thursdays of Each Month:

**September 15**

**October 20**

**November 18**

We received a significant Growth Grant from Embracing the Spirit of The United Church of Canada which will allow us to partner with Munch Café to cater the meals and reach out to the neighbourhood through initiatives to expand the participation of the dinner. We will need volunteers to set up and clean up. Please let Russell know if you wish to be on a team!



**POWWOW** with ICF on September 17

**INI CAFE** hopes to start up again in the fall!



## Craft/Study

Beginning in September, we will be reading *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass.

Physical copies that will be available at our office will cost \$20. If you would like to get on our list for the order, please let Becca know by **August 15**. Upcoming books include *The Good War* by Seth Klein, and *Do I Stay Christian?* By Brian McLaren.

“The award-winning author of *Grateful* goes beyond the culture wars to offer a refreshing take on the comprehensive, multi-faceted nature of Jesus, keeping his teachings relevant and alive in our daily lives. *How can you still be a Christian?* This is the most common question Diana Butler Bass is asked today. It is a question that many

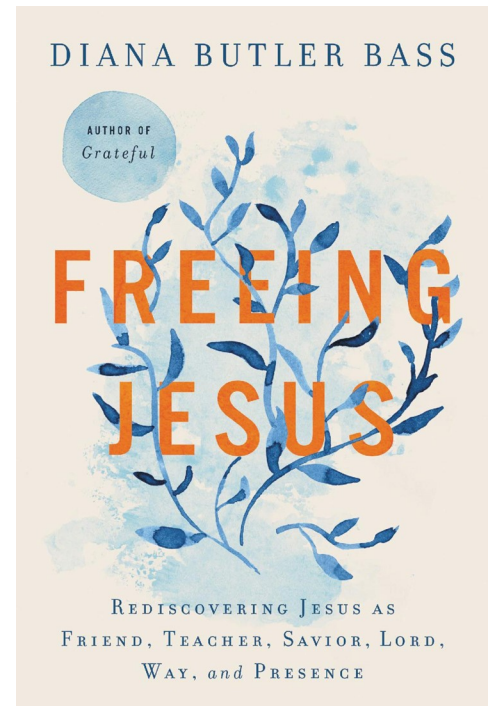
believers ponder as they wrestle with disappointment and disillusionment in their church and its leadership. But while many Christians have left their churches, they cannot leave their faith behind.

“In *Freeing Jesus*, Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life’s challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence.

“*Freeing Jesus* is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow

confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most.”

- Description provided by Indigo



## Faith Exploration

Interested in exploring what It means to be a member of the United Church of Canada? Come explore your faith and learn what the United Church believes. Dates to be determined. Let Russell know by Sept 30 if interested.



**Messy Church will be on the last Saturdays of the month!** Messy Church is an event for all families that include crafts, worship, and a meal! Join us from 4-7 pm and RSVP for our first session by texting "Messy" to 306-517-6797. You can also register by sending an email to our office.

This program is shared with the Living Spirit Centre!

## Thank you for your generosity!

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- Sign up for **PAR** with Becca at the office! Completing a simple form can get you signed up for easy automatic monthly remittances!
- Send in your **cheque or cash** offering by mail
- We accept **e-transfers**! Send your offering to our email address: [eastsideunited@sasktel.net](mailto:eastsideunited@sasktel.net)
- We also have options online with **CanadaHelps**, through our website, or by using the **offering plate** on Sundays.



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