



# Salisbury United Church

*"Connecting hearts, minds, and lives  
in community with God"*

*"Seek justice,  
love kindness,  
walk humbly  
with your God."*

## June 2026 E-News

### *SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV BRITT*

June is anniversary month. Anniversaries are not like birthdays. Acknowledging birthdays can be tricky - you don't always want to own the candles on the cake. Anniversaries, however, are seen more as opportunities to acknowledge the grace of persistence and faithfulness over many years.

The United Church of Canada turns 101 on June 10th. Some of us alive now can still recall family conversations about the birth of our denomination. From the perspective of 2,000 years of Christian history, we are still on our infancy as a church. Yet here we are: an unlikely union of several often clashing denominations that began something unique in world terms - a coming together, not a division, a blending, not a conquest, a merger, not a take-over.

One of my early mentors in my ministry career used to joke that the Presbyterians and the Methodists spent so much energy trying to gain the upper hand in creating The United Church of Canada, that the much smaller Congregationalists came up the middle and ultimately prevailed. It is probably fairer to say that the Congregationalists along with the Union Churches of the prairies counterbalanced the tension between the two larger denominations, so that no one denomination took pride of place. Instead, what was crafted was a union which allowed local places to keep the memory of their earlier faith ancestry while moving toward the new thing they were becoming across Canada.

On June 27, 1924 the Government of Canada nationally incorporated the new denomination by passing the United Church of Canada Act. The United Church of Canada officially began on June 10, 1925. The name of the new denomination was chosen deliberately at the time to reflect that it would be self-governing—a church independent from overseas church management, a church "of" the nation in which it was formed. History has tended to show that when churches tie themselves too closely to the fate of nations, a door is opened for aspirations of power and nationalism that do not align with the dynamics of the Christian gospel. This has always been the Achilles' heel of being The United Church of Canada. Therefore, in our 101 years, we have had to make reparations, one being our church's treatment of Indigenous peoples and nations in concert with the Canadian government. Yet to this day, we uniquely remain a church "of" and not just "in" Canada—a self-governing denomination which is still part of the fabric not only of local communities like ours but of the country itself.

On June 7, the Sunday which falls closest to the June 10, I invite you to offer prayer with me on the occasion of our anniversary, both for our denomination and our nation. As the first Sunday of the month, June 7 is also Communion Sunday in our church's worship cycle. We will be summoned to the table of God around which there are no barriers, no walls, no rejections based on prejudice or claims to status. At that table we will be reminded that although we are The United Church of Canada, we belong to a much larger federation—a federation of the Spirit which transcends nationalisms and national aspirations. We belong to the community of God's people where the only boundaries should be kindness, justice and a humble walk with God.

101 years is not long at all to be a church, but it is long enough to learn the lesson that first and foremost we are here to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves.

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- June 10<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting, 3:30pm
- June 16<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup> – Brittany away (*Church Office open with revised hours as posted*)
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Britt's Convocation Luncheon, *after worship*
- July 1<sup>st</sup> – Church Office Closed for Canada Day
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Church Office Closed
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – MCT Meeting, 10am



## REV. BRITT'S CONVOCATION & CELEBRATION

NEW

The Salisbury Community of Faith extends heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Britt on the successful completion of her Doctor of Ministry Degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Rev. Britt graduated at convocation ceremonies held on May 17, 2026 in Austin, TX, marking an important milestone in her ministry and academic journey. We give thanks for her dedication, leadership, and commitment to lifelong learning, and we celebrate this significant achievement with great joy and pride.

The Salisbury United Church Community of Faith will honour Rev. Britt with a special luncheon following worship on Sunday, June 28th. Everyone is warmly invited to join in this celebration. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex.

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## CONVOCATION LUNCHEON - JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

NEW

To celebrate and honour Rev. Britt's Doctor of Ministry graduation, Salisbury United Church is hosting a luncheon after worship on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is warmly invited to join in this joyous occasion! Please sign up to bring a salad or dish to share. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex.

We look forward to honouring Rev. Britt for all her hard work and dedication over the past few years!

***Congratulations Rev. Britt! We are so very proud of you!***



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## CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR AWAY MID-JUNE TO MID-JULY

NEW

Beginning Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> our Church Office Administrator Brittany Pelletier will be away for medical leave followed by her summer holidays in early July. We anticipate she will return better than new on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>!

In her absence, we welcome Kathy Jackson of Sherwood Park United Church who will be filling in for Brittany during her leave. Kathy was the Northern Spirit Regional Council Office Administrator for many years, so her experience and knowledge of the United Church are much appreciated. We are confident that the church office will continue to run smoothly in Brittany's absence and wish her a speedy recovery and restful time away. ***Updates to church office hours will be posted on the church office door and at the top of the stairs at the south parking lot entrance (daycare entrance).***

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## INVITATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Spring is a great time to consider arranging for a transfer of your community of faith membership to Salisbury United Church. If you are moving from another United Church, simply ask your past congregation for your transfer certificate to be sent to Salisbury United Church. If you were part of a community of faith in another denomination, they may be able to issue you a similar membership form that we can receive here in our church. Alternatively, speak to Rev. Britt about what might be needed to receive you into the membership registry of this congregation. We welcome you with open arms!



## MEDITATION CIRCLE - WEDNESDAYS @ 10am

Join Rev. Britt in-person each Wednesday at 10am for Meditation Circle in the Church's Meditation Room and **also now online!** Details and updates on meditation circle will be posted on our [website](#) under the "Weekly Meditation Circle" section on the main page.



## FINANCE CORNER - Update as of April 2026



As of the end of April 2026, our offering status for the current year is:

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Offerings for Church Operations:</b>			
M&S Offerings:	\$32,380.90	\$29,152.00	\$3,228.90
	\$5,100.00	\$5,306.68	(\$206.68)

Salisbury United Church's financial position remains positive to the end of April, with offerings totaling \$3,228.90 greater than budgeted. In addition, total expenses are currently \$12,208.95 below budget. We give thanks for the continued generosity and careful

stewardship of our congregation. At the same time, we encourage members to consider increasing their contributions to the Mission & Service Fund so that we can fully meet our shared outreach goals. Remember, if you donate through PAR (pre-authorized remittance), please review your monthly contributions for the remainder of the year to ensure we keep ahead of inflation and increased Property expenses. Contact the church office with any revisions.

*As we look forward to finishing the first half of the year,  
we thank you for your continued financial support.*

If you need any help with giving envelopes – new supply, pick-up, etc. – or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, e-transfer or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact: Brittany at the Church Office. Phone: 780-467-7310 E-Mail: [salisburyuc@telus.net](mailto:salisburyuc@telus.net)

**Thank you for your support of Salisbury United Church and congratulations for helping your church to meet ongoing ministry obligations.**

[Click Here](#)

**TO DONATE ON-LINE WITH CANADA HELPS**



We are now set up to accept Interac ETransfers. If you are familiar with Etransfers, just use our email address [salisburyuc@telus.net](mailto:salisburyuc@telus.net) to send your donation.

## LOCAL UNITED CHURCH & OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### SHERWOOD PARK UNITED CHURCH:

NEW

#### ***GARAGE SALE - June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>***

Our Garage Sale will run from Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-7pm on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday will be 9am-3pm. Drop off dates will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-7pm. No clothing, magazines, large items or broken items please. We are looking for some volunteers for sorting, pricing, signage and running various areas during the sale. For full details, please see the link to the newsletter below.



#### ***DINNER OF THE MONTH - June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm***

Join us for dinner of the month on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Taste of Vietnam. Another popular restaurant for folks to share good food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Corinn Wiseman by June 14<sup>th</sup> at 780-940-4577 or email at [Corwall@shaw.ca](mailto:Corwall@shaw.ca).



**For Additional Events and Connections with Sherwood Park United Church, please access their most recent Newsletter [HERE](#).**

## STRATHCONA COUNTY NEWS

### ***STRATHCONA COUNTY CELEBRATES SENIORS' WEEK***

NEW

*(Source: Strathcona.ca)*

From June 1 – 7, 2026, Strathcona County will celebrate Seniors' Week and the important work and contributions older adults make in our community.

To celebrate, Strathcona County and WESeniors Strathcona are hosting a free Seniors' Week Celebration on Monday, June 1, doors open at 9:30 a.m. and event activities run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The celebration is being held in the Community Centre Agora at 401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park. This event is open to all older adults in the community. Rural transportation will be available from Ardrossan, Josephburg, and South Cooking Lake. Transportation details including departure locations will be available upon registration. Registration closes on May 29.



This event will kick off Seniors' Week and celebrate the older adults in Strathcona County that make our community so special. Attendees will be able to enjoy a variety of activities, including guest speaker Haidong Liang, Executive Director of WESeniors, music by WESeniors Strathcona's Live Music Circle, outdoor games, a free BBQ, door prizes, information booths and more.

Visit [strathcona.ca/SeniorsWeek](http://strathcona.ca/SeniorsWeek) to register and learn more.



## ***STRATHCONA COUNTY HOUSING RIGHTS ACTION GROUP***

Strathcona County Housing Rights Action Group is a collective of Strathcona County residents coming together in solidarity with those experiencing housing insecurity or in need of temporary shelter. Interested in joining?

Contact [Schousingrighsactiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:Schousingrighsactiongroup@gmail.com) for more information or to join this grassroots group.

### **UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS**

#### ***UNITED CHURCH RAISES ALARM OVER BILL C-12 RISKS TO REFUGEE COMMUNITIES IN CANADA***



The United Church of Canada has urgent concerns about the implementation of Bill C-12, warning that refugee claimants—including families with young children—are being denied hearings and placed at risk of deportation without adequate protection. Through partnerships with migrant justice and refugee advocacy organizations, the church is hearing growing concern from communities across the country about the impacts of the legislation. The United Church is calling for the repeal of Bill C-12, or immediate amendments to ensure all current applicants have access to a fair hearing and protection from removal while their cases are unresolved.



[Image credit: Wikimedia / Daniel Arauz]

[Contact your local Member of Parliament](#) and help raise awareness of this issue in your community. [Read the full story](#) and take action.

#### ***NEW BLOG! OPEN SPACE, A VIBRANT PLACE, AND SACRED CONNECTIONS***



On May 17, communities around the world marked the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia. In recognition of the day, read this reflection from Knox United Church in Calgary, where Affirming Lead Graham Loudon-Khan describes the congregation's decades-long commitment to becoming a safe, welcoming, and affirming community through worship, leadership, partnerships, and public witness.



[Image credit: Photo by Graham Loudon-Khan]

To support reflection, accountability, and action during Pride season, we're offering resources focused on the church's apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ communities, including a [national webinar](#) (on June 9), a [downloadable apology resource](#), and a [Pride prayer for worship](#). [Read the full blog](#) and explore all the resources.

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER 2026

NEW



[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]

Activities to mark June 21st which is the federally designated National Indigenous Peoples Day take place across the country. The [searchable national list](#) from Canadian Heritage is one source of event information, alongside the many local and regional lists on line.

The goal of the day is to celebrate the rich culture and traditions of Indigenous peoples. If you are looking for resources to support educational efforts on Indigenous issues, have a look at the [curated lists](#) available from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS

### 100 TABLES RETURNS NATIONWIDE

NEW

As spring blooms and our centennial year draws to a close, we are excited to once again invite all United Church communities of faith to take part in 100 Tables! New ideas for projects and favourites from last year are welcome, and we highly encourage both communities who participated in 2025 and those who couldn't make it to join in the fun. Communities who haven't yet received a \$225 RONA gift card to purchase their picnic table are still eligible to do so. Participants from last year will receive more information in the coming weeks. [Please read more here!](#)



[Photo Credit: Trinity United Church, Newmarket, Ontario]

### TAKE ACTION FOR GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME

NEW

Everyone deserves to live with dignity. Across the country, people are struggling to afford basic necessities. That's why the United Church is calling on the federal government to create a **Guaranteed Livable Income program**. It's a practical, compassionate solution that would help ensure no one is left behind. By providing a consistent income floor, it can reduce poverty, improve health outcomes, and give people the stability they need to thrive. You can help make this change happen. We've made it easy to contact the Senate Committee who is reviewing Bill S-206 for the creation of a Guaranteed Livable Income. **Add your voice today** with just a few clicks: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>. Together, our voices can help build a more just and compassionate Canada.



[Video still credit: The United Church of Canada]



# CALL FOR ARTICLES FOR THE ALBERTA UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA HISTORICAL JOURNAL 2026

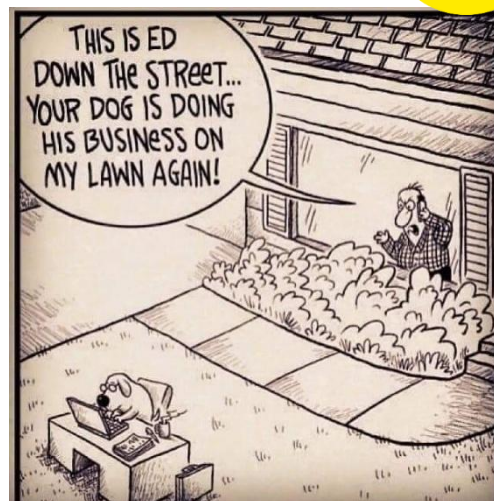
The Alberta United Church Historical Committee, previously known as the Historical Society, is looking for any articles for their yearly newsletter on the history of the United Church - histories of congregations, milestones, or any personal reminiscences that you feel would be of general interest are welcome. If you have a story to share please sent it to Chair [Willie Korendyk](#), and it will be reviewed for the forthcoming Journal issue!



## NORTHERN SPIRIT WEBSITE

Northern Spirit has a website! Go to [www.northernspiritrc.ca](http://www.northernspiritrc.ca) for more information.

### TODAY'S FUNNIES



### RECOGNITION OF LAND



We worship with respect on land where people have lived, prayed, and held ceremonies since long before Canada was a nation. This is Treaty Six Territory, and we affirm the traditional relationship of the Cree, Blackfoot, D ene, Assiniboine, Nakota and later the M etis people with this land, along with our ongoing treaty relationship with each other.

### RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP



NORTHERN SPIRIT  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



\*Salisbury United Church is a member of the Northern Spirit Regional Council and the United Church of Canada.

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## WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN QR CODE

We have posted a QR code on the door of the sanctuary. When you arrive for worship, you can scan the QR code on your cell phone and it will appear in your downloads for you to use. We also e-mail our bulletin each week for those who prefer to print one at home and bring it with them.



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## WELCOMING VISITORS TO SALISBURY UNITED CHURCH



If you notice an unfamiliar face or have invited a visitor to Salisbury United Church during one of our worship services, would you kindly direct them to our “Welcome” information brochure (at left) or the Worship Service “Program Flow” insert (at right)? Both are available on the table in the Narthex.

Doing so will help all guests feel welcomed and included. Not only do these informative guides provide important information about the Church and our Worship Services, but it also gives us an opportunity to extend a heartfelt *Welcome* to all guests of Salisbury United Church. Thank you for your hospitality!



Also, be sure to check out some of our other brochures, which have recently been updated. These include: “Wedding Ceremonies”, “Funeral & Memorial Services”, “Facility Rentals”, “Baptisms” and more to come... Keep your eye out for them in the Narthex!

## Salisbury United Church E-mail Addresses

**Church Office Administrator:**

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**Rev. Dr. Britt's email:**

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**Minister:**

Rev. Dr. Britt Aerhart

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Church Office: 780-467-7310



**Music Coordinator:**

Lucienne Holzman

**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



**Church Office**

**Administrator:**

Brittany Pelletier