



Salisbury United Church

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

"The door is open..."

Acts 10:34-36

May 2025 E-News

SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV BRITT

Then Peter said: "It's clear to me now that God plays no favorites. It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you revere God and do what is right, the door is open. The message God sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, it's for everyone, everywhere! [Acts 10:34-36]"

Greetings, friends, my name is Jordan Cantwell and I am the United Church Growth Animator for the Prairie regions.

The Acts passage for Easter Sunday (Acts 10:34-43) opens in the midst of the story of the encounter of Peter and the household of Roman centurion Cornelius, in a transforming life-changing moment. At Cornelius' invitation, Peter shares the story of Jesus, who he is and his message of love. In this moment of sharing, Peter comes to understand that this message is for everyone, all people, with no exceptions.

As 2025 continues to unfold, how are we loving our neighbours? Not just those who are like us, those we naturally gravitate towards, those we feel most comfortable with, but all the neighbours God has given us. In this time of deepening uncertainty and social division, followers of Jesus must share the power of Jesus' transforming love in our own lives. Within and beyond the walls of our communities of faith, we are called to stretch ourselves, confront bias, advocate for equity, celebrate diversity, learn a new message, and extend God's loving invitation to all people with humility, respect, generosity, and openness, that all may know they have a place at the table.

This year the whole United Church is thinking not just about its past 100 years of ministry, but the years to come. There is a growing vision of a resilient, inspired, diverse, multigenerational church, present in rural and urban spaces spanning from coast to coast. This church cannot exist if we do not cross cultural, linguistic, social and generational divides. I would even daresay that our Good News is not truly good news unless we are willing to get uncomfortable, to be called out of our comfort zones and biases, and to greet the stranger with curiosity.

This Easter season, how will you be open to God's confronting vision of inclusivity and a table that has a place for everyone?

(continued...)

What is your community of faith doing to strengthen invitation, deepen relationships, offer radical hospitality, foster new friendships, share life together?

I'd love to hear your stories of what God is up to where you are, and what new things you are trying, or considering, or to beginning to wonder about in response. What kinds of support or resources might you need? How is your faith being sustained in these challenging times? As a community of faith or as an individual, what words of hope can you share?

United Church people are being invited to share "**100 Words of Hope**" that draw from deep spirituality to speak to this moment of high anxiety and change in the church, Canada, and the world. You are invited to share your own 100-word reflection, poem, or prayer that conveys hope and faith in these times [here](#).

Or, you could simply make a point of introducing yourself to a neighbour you don't yet know, someone who is different from yourself, and look for the values you find in common. This simple act of befriending the stranger can have an unimaginable impact.

Whatever you do this Spring to ground yourself in the Easter Good News story, I hope that it will bring you inspiration, new learnings, and deeper relationships with your neighbours. And, if you'd like to tell me about it, or share more ideas for ways communities of faith can work towards that vision of a resilient, inspired, diverse, multigenerational church, please reach out at jcantwell@united-church.ca

Stay faithful and resilient! We all offer our gifts and our ministries in so many ways. Your prayers, words, time, talent, support of and care for others is Christ's ministry. And so we say together: "Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

Wishing you God's richest blessings this Easter.

Prayerfully,
Jordan

Jordan Cantwell (she/they)
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UPCOMING DATES:

- May 10th – Beef Supper, 6pm (Tickets on sale until May 4th)
- May 25th – Annual Renewal Meeting (AGM), after worship, with discernment discussion to follow.
- May 29th – June 1st – Northern Spirit regional meeting
- June 8th – 100 Year Celebration of the United Church of Canada, Special Service & cake
- June 22nd – Outdoor Service & Parking Lot BBQ



ROAST BEEF SUPPER - GET YOUR TICKETS!

NEW

Tickets for the Roast Beef Supper, to be held on May 10th at 6pm in the lower hall, are on sale until **Sunday, May 4th**. Don't miss out! Tickets are \$30 Adult, \$15 Children (6-12), and Free for Children 5 & under. **For tickets, please contact Dave Banick at (780) 464-2903.**



INVITATION TO COMPLETE A GOOGLE REVIEW OF SALISBURY UNITED CHURCH

NEW



If you have had a meaningful experience at Salisbury United Church, we would greatly appreciate it if you could share your thoughts by leaving a Google review. Your testimonials not only help us grow as a congregation but also assist others in discovering the warmth and support our community offers.

To make this process as simple as possible, we've provided a QR code below. By scanning the code, you will be directed to the Google review page for Salisbury United Church.

****How to complete your review:****

1. Open the camera app on your smartphone or any QR code scanning app.
2. Point your camera at the QR code provided.
3. Tap the link that appears to access the review page.
4. Share your thoughts and rate your experience.



Your voice matters, and your review can inspire others to join our vibrant community of faith. Thank you for taking a moment to help us spread the message of love and fellowship.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL MEETING - Sunday, May 25th

NEW



Every year in May, we have an annual renewal meeting to celebrate the life and work of our congregation in worship and afterwards to receive the past year's Annual Report. This year's Renewal Meeting is planned for Sunday, May 25th after worship. Please join us as we review the Annual Report, which will be sent out in the coming weeks leading up to the Renewal Meeting.

BROADVIEW SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

NEW

If you would like to renew or begin a subscription to Broadview Magazine, **please contact the church office by May 23rd**. With our group subscription rate, an annual subscription is just \$30 each! Cash, cheque or e-transfers are welcome!



MODERATOR'S FLOURISHING WORKSHOP - Saturday, May 3rd

NEW



Thank you to Lucille Birkett, Corrine Cheng, Rena Goldgrave, BettyLou Munro and Rev Britt for accepting the invitation to spend the day with The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of the UCC, on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

At this gathering, we will engage together and with others in reflection about what it means to be individual flourishing United churches. We will also be asked to consider how we might bring collaborative solutions to the challenges facing our community and the world. If interested in attending on behalf of Salisbury, please contact the Church office, Lucille Birkett or Corrine Cheng.



MEDITATION CIRCLE - In-Person on Wednesdays at 10am

Join Rev. Britt in-person each Wednesday at 10am for Meditation Circle in the Church's Meditation Room. Details and updates on meditation circle will be posted on our [website](#).

HELPERS NEEDED FOR: LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, DOOR GREETERS & COFFEE SET-UP

Each week we are looking for help from volunteers as lay worship assistants, door greeters, and help with setting-up before worship, for coffee. Please check the sign-up sheet in the church lobby (narthex) each week, or call the church office to sign up!



FOOD BANK DONATIONS - ONGOING

We continue to accept food bank donations for the Strathcona County Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable items and drop them off in the yellow box under the coat rack in the Salisbury United Church Narthex (lobby).

For a list of most-needed items and special request items, please visit the Strathcona County Food Bank's website [HERE](#).

TRUEARTH ONGOING FUNDRAISER

TruEarth is a Canadian company which sells environmentally friendly cleaning products for your laundry, kitchen, and bathroom. By purchasing any of “TruEarth’s products, not only are you helping the environment, but **Salisbury UC will also receive 20% commission from any online purchase made through our link:** <https://tru-earth.sjv.io/SalisburyUnitedChurch>



To place an order online, go to our website and click on our unique fundraising link, or access it [HERE](#). Or, place an order over the phone, by calling: **1-888-536-4211** – just be sure to mention the Salisbury United Church fundraiser program.

FREE SHIPPING

Free shipping is available for orders over \$50 **OR** any orders that are placed as a subscription.

MONTHLY ORDERS

For those of you who are not comfortable making purchases online we have a new option for you! Salisbury United Church will make an online order on the 30th of each month. Just send your order and money to Salisbury United Church by the 25th of each month and we will place an order on your behalf.

FINANCE CORNER - Update as of March 2025

Financial results for the first few months of 2025 are looking good. Find the year-to-date highlights below:

Net Income (total income less total expenses)

We have a positive net income, compared to a budgeted

deficit. The difference between our actual net income vs. budgeted net income is nearly \$9,337.

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$64,432.36	\$62,970.99
Expense:	\$60,848.52	\$68,724.26
	\$3,583.84	(\$5,753.27)

Income (revenue)

\$1,461 higher income than budgeted, with Local Envelopes +\$618 and Rentals +\$2,528.

Expenses

\$7,875 less than budgeted with Property expenses making up a majority of that by coming in -\$6,987.

Thanks for helping our year continue on a financial positive note!

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

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 to send your donation.

LOCAL UNITED CHURCH & OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

SHERWOOD PARK UNITED CHURCH:

Women's Group in May - Monday, May 12th at 6:30pm

NEW

The meeting for the SPUC Women's Group will be one week earlier due to the long weekend. On Monday, May 12th we will meet at Wallish Greenhouses at 6:30pm. Wallish Greenhouses is located at 53218 RR 231 Sherwood Park, just north of Greenland Garden Centre. We will making up planters, refreshments will follow. Please bring a large pot. Everything else is available for purchase. Let's get together for some fun.



Seniors Tea - Wednesday, May 21st at 2:00pm

NEW

Join us for tea on Wednesday, May 21st at 2 pm. RSVP to Ruth Worobetz by Sunday, May 18th. You can contact Ruth by phone at 780-467-4549 or by email at worobetzrp@gmail.com



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



ARDROSSAN UNITED CHURCH:

NEW

Tea & Bake Sale - May 24th, 2:00-4:00 pm

Ardrossan United Church is hosting a Tea & Bake Sale on Saturday, May 24th from 2:00-4:00 pm. You're invited to join for a special tea and bake sale. Ardrossan United Church is located at 22 Main Street, Ardrossan.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH:

UCC 100th Anniversary Sunday, June 8th

St. Paul's is hosting a 100th Anniversary celebration at Fort Edmonton Park on June 8th, 2025 and you are invited to join us! Save the date for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada with the Edmonton and surrounding area cluster at Fort Edmonton Park. The celebration includes Fort Edmonton Park admission discount, worship service at McDougall Methodist, and cake! *Organized thanks to a grant by Northern Spirit Regional Council* and hosted by: St. Paul's United Church, 11526 76 Ave. NW, Edmonton.

STRATHCONA COUNTY NEWS

PITCH-IN TO HELP CLEAN OUR COMMUNITY AFTER THE SPRING MELT

NEW

(Source: Strathcona.ca)

Residents and groups are encouraged to join the cleanup effort in their own neighbourhood and around the County. Participants may use their own garbage bags or pick up complimentary bags provided by Strathcona County.

Pitch-In bags are available for pickup at the Recreation, Parks and Culture administration office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m., at 2025 Oak Street. County staff will confirm the dates and location of each cleanup site to coordinate the pickup of the filled garbage bags.



Additional information including Pitch-In event registration is available online at strathcona.ca/PitchIn or by calling 780-467-2211. Registration is open until the end of Pitch-In week on May 4. Please visit [The County's Website](#) for full article.

BUDGETING FOR STRATHCONA COUNTY'S FUTURE

NEW

(Source: Strathcona.ca)

Strathcona County has initiated a survey for its residents to provide insight for the County in preparing budgets for the County's future.

The survey is available online and the County has hired an independent vendor to conduct the budget survey on the phone, so some residents may receive a call in the coming weeks. The survey is open until Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Residents can take the survey and follow the project at strathcona.ca/budget-survey.



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE INCREDIBLE UNITED CHURCH VOLUNTEERS!

NEW



In celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 27 to May 3), Moderator Carmen Lansdowne shares [a message of profound gratitude](#) for the incredible dedication of United Church volunteers. We sing of "God's good news lived out," and you embody that spirit through your selfless service and commitment to our loving community. Join us in recognizing the countless individuals who share their gifts for the good of all. Thank you for your heart, your joy, and your unwavering support!

[Video still credit: The United Church of Canada]

TAKE ACTION FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

NEW

This May, continue to raise your voices and speak out against colonization, racism, and the injustice of Murdered and Missing Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S).

Monday, May 5 is Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S. Thursday, May 15 is Moosehide Campaign Day—a time to take action.

What can you do?

- Take time in worship to pray for action to end this epidemic of violence
- Hang a red dress outside your church and home as an act of public witness
- Participate in Red Dress activities in your community
- Wear a [moosehide pin](#), and participate in [this year's activities](#), which include a livestream, walks to end violence, and a fast
- Support the [Healing Fund](#)



[Image Credit: The United Church of Canada]

REIMAGINING OF THE LAST SUPPER: A PLACE AT THE TABLE

NEW



On Holy Thursday (April 17), The United Church of Canada unveiled a bold photographic reimagining of The Last Supper, marking a significant moment for its centennial celebrations this year. Filmed in British Columbia and revealed for the first time at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto, the reinterpretation challenges traditional depictions of the iconic scene and affirms the United Church's belief in an all-encompassing love that embraces each person as their authentic self.

[Discover the stories and people behind this historic image](#) and read the [full news post](#).

[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]



MOURNING THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS

NEW

We join with the church worldwide to mourn the passing of Pope Francis, the leader since 2013 of the world's nearly 1.4 billion Catholics. Pope Francis's last public appearance was for an Easter Sunday blessing at the Vatican's St Peter's Square. After suffering from kidney issues and bronchitis that worsened into pneumonia, the Pope passed away at the age of 88, on Monday, April 21.

Read more about Pope Francis and his legacy on the [World Council of Churches website](#).

[Image by Annett_Klinger, Pixabay]



NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL MEETING AND MORE, 29 MAY - JUNE 1, EDMONTON AND ONLINE - REGISTER NOW!

NEW

All welcome, both delegates and visitors, to our regional meeting. The agenda begins at 2:00PM Thursday May 29, runs through the evening, all day and evening May 30, including a public event, and concludes with day long sessions Saturday May 31, and a banquet Saturday evening. A letter was sent to all in the Region with more details, [available here if you missed it!](#)

More details will be posted to our meeting page as they are finalized.

[Registration is now open](#) - registration deadline is **May 10!**

MAY: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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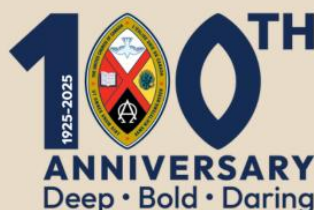


UPDATES ON THE UNITED CHURCH'S 100TH

NEW

We continue to update our [Regional Anniversary page and news feed here](#). We've added [a new set of stories to the centennial collection](#) generously written by Edmonton author and researcher Gayle Simonson. These are perfect for your bulletin, announcement, or PowerPoint.

We want your events too! [Click here to post your own event](#). Have a story from your community of faith you want to share? Send it to Chloe at chburns@united-church.ca or Julie at jgraham@united-church.ca.





NORTHERN SPIRIT WEBSITE

Northern Spirit has a website! Go to www.northernspiritrc.ca for more information.

TODAY'S FUNNIES



DEAR CHURCH
JESUS IS VERY SPECIFIC:
FEED THE HUNGRY.
GIVE WATER TO THE THIRSTY.
WELCOME THE STRANGER.
CLOTHE THE POOR.
CARE FOR THE SICK.
VISIT THE PRISONER.
SEE YOU THERE.

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, Déne, Assiniboine, Nakota and later the Métis people with this land, along with our ongoing treaty relationship with each other.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP



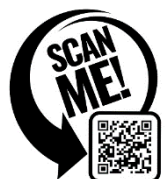
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*Salisbury United Church is a member of the Northern Spirit Regional Council and the United Church of Canada.

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.





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!

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Brittany Pelletier