Salisbury United Church

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

"My burden is easy and my yoke is light."

- Jesus

September 2026 E-News

SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV DAVID WHITE

(As featured online by Broadview Magazine)

Last Friday, an hour before midnight, Prime Minister Mark Carney suspended trade negotiations with the United States and ordered Canada's trade delegation home, rejecting last-minute terms Washington had put on the table.

The proposed agreement would have preserved tariff-free access for most Canadian goods while reducing U.S. tariffs on key Canadian industries, including auto, steel and aluminum. But the final U.S. demands, Carney said, were unfair, uneconomic and threatened Canada's ability to make its own decisions on trade, culture and other matters of national sovereignty.

There are countless analysts writing about the political and economic factors that led to this decision. That is not my role. My role, as a United Church minister, is to first acknowledge that this decision (which I personally support) has taken us into uncharted territory; and second, to help guide my congregants and others through this tumultuous time.

Trump has made no secret that he covets our country as his 51st state. Most of us dismissed this as mere Trumpian bluster. But there is no doubt now that our sovereignty is on the line. And the economic impact of the new tariffs that Trump announced on Monday — promising 50 per cent U.S. taxes on Canadian automobiles and car parts, beginning Jan. 1 — is going to be brutal for our country.

So what is the role of the church at this time? Here are some suggestions:

● Be theological

Our role is not political or economic analysis, but rather a God analysis. How do we find and experience God in a time of chaos? Where is God if I lose my job or my business because of these tariffs? No one else will walk with people through these questions.

● Be biblical

Jesus ministered in a time of occupation, conflict and economic turmoil. Roman fishing fleets were scouring the Sea of Galilee for fish to manufacture garum, the fish sauce used in cooking across the whole empire. This made life very difficult for small fishers like Peter. Romans were also stealing land for large-scale agricultural enterprises. Displaced farmers were forced to work these now vast estates on what was their land. The gospels have a lot to say about living in chaos and difficulty. It's the perfect time to have a Bible study.

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● Be faithful

This is a year to focus on what's central to our Christian faith within the context of The United Church of Canada. It is the 20 th anniversary of our Song of Faith, a beautiful document that encapsulates and celebrates what it is to be a Christian. Why not use this over a series of weeks in worship? Focus is incredibly important when we are feeling unmoored and anxious.

● Be generous

Whose jobs and businesses are under threat in your community? Call them and offer support. Reach out to your political leaders — not with demands, but to ask how the church can help. These folks will be under tremendous pressure. Offer everyone meals and your church as a gathering place.

● Be empathetic

Many business owners will be in survival mode, frightened that something they have spent years building could vanish in weeks. Call your local chamber of commerce or business association and go to a meeting to find out what is happening. Do the same with unions in vulnerable industries.

● Be a good community partner

We can't do this alone. This is a time to form alliances — interchurch, interfaith and interagency. Coalitions of the helpers can play a powerful role in assisting all of us.

● Be prayerful

This is a time to pray… a lot. We are in a place that is unique in our history. We need prayer to connect us to the holy and the sacred. We need prayers to calm our nervous system so we can function at our best. Prayer connects us to each other and to God. We need also to take Jesus seriously when he says to pray for our enemies. So yes — we need to pray for the broken and vicious president of the United States… Donald J. Trump.

Rev. Christopher White is a United Church minister in Hamilton (Source: White, C. (2026, August 26). Where is God in the midst of a trade war? Broadview)

UPCOMING DATES:

- September 6th – Labour Day Sunday, *with Communion*
- September 6th – Congregational Meeting (flood update), *after worship*
- September 6th – Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Salisbury United Church, *after the Congregational Meeting*
- September 11th – MCT Meeting, 10am
- September 13th – Coffee Fellowship Resumes, *in the Narthex/lobby*
- September 16th – Board Meeting, 3pm
- September 24th & 25th – Bottle Drive, 10am-1pm
- September 27th – Orange Shirt Sunday & BBQ
- October 3rd – Worship Committee Meeting, 1:30pm
- October 3rd – Panel Discussion: "Love of God", Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association with Rev. Britt as a panelist, 3-5pm
- October 4th-18th – Meat Pie Fundraiser
- October 4th-7th – Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County
- October 5th – Ecumenical Mission Evening Service @ Salisbury, 7pm
- October 21st – Board Meeting, 3pm
- October 25th – Entertainment Night, TBD

BOTTLE DRIVE – SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH from 10am-1pm

NEW

Time to save your bottles! Our next bottle drive will take place at the church parking lot on Thursday, September 24th and Friday, September 25th from 10am-1pm both days. Part of the proceeds will go to a charity, as determined by the Fundraising Committee. Be sure to watch for more announcements and posters with information to share in the coming weeks.

MEDITATION CIRCLE – NEXT SESSION SEPTEMBER 9th

NEW

Meditation Circle was on pause while Rev. Britt was away. Although she returns September 2nd, ***the next Meditation session will be Wednesday, September 9th at 10am***. Join us in-person in the church meditation room or ***online***! Find details on our website under the "Weekly Meditation Circle" section on the main page.

ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 27TH

NEW

Sunday, September 27th wear orange to church in honour of National Truth and Reconciliation Day, which is Wednesday, September 30th.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW AFFIRMING COMMITTEE!

NEW

Affirm/S'affirmer
UNITED/ENSEMBLE

As part of Salisbury's commitment to becoming an affirming community of faith, we must first establish an Affirming Committee.

At the July 22nd Board meeting, the Board approved the following members for the Affirming Committee: David Banick, Poppy Cumming, Ellie McKnight, Corrine Cheng, Karen Zazzarra, and Tilman Jessen. We congratulate these members for their selfless commitment to continue the progress of our church in becoming an affirming community of faith and we look forward to sharing updates on this process soon.

CHURCH BASEMENT FLOODING UPDATE & MEETING

NEW

We will update you on the flood's impact and remediation response in the church basement (where Mr. Cakes Daycare operates) during a ***Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 6th after worship.***

THE 35th ECUMENICAL MISSION OF STRATHCONA COUNTY – OCTOBER 4th-7th

NEW

Sunday, October 4th marks the first session of the 35th Annual Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County. This year's series will be led by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen as she presents "Guest & Host: Living our Baptismal Hospitality". Posters & brochures with details will be available in the Narthex/lobby soon. ***Salisbury will be hosting the evening service on Monday, Oct. 5th, at 7pm in the sanctuary.***

FINANCE CORNER – Update as of JULY 2026

NEW

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offerings for Church Operations:	$55,670.90	$51,288.00	$4,382.90
M&S Offerings:	$10,100.00	$9,319.69	$780.31

We are deeply grateful for the incredible generosity and faithful stewardship of our Salisbury United Church community. Thanks to your continued support, our financial results for the first seven months of the year are ahead of our budget expectations.

Our local Offering income from January through July reached $55,670.90, safely exceeding our projected budget of $51,288.00 by $4,382.90. In addition, our shared commitment to global and community outreach shines brightly, with our Mission & Service income totaling $10,100.00 against a budgeted amount of $9,319.69, providing an extra $780.31 to support vital ministries.

Thank you for your ongoing gifts of time, talent, and treasure that make the ministry of Salisbury United Church possible.

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

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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:

NEW

SPUC SENIORS POTLUCK LUNCH – Tuesday, September 8th @ 12 Noon

September 8th will be our first event for this fall. Potluck Lunch in the SPUC Fellowship Hall @ 12:00 Noon, bring along your favorite Potluck dish. All are welcome to attend! Please bring along your ideas for possible events for the 2026-2027 season, as there will be a planning meeting following lunch. For more information please contact either: Fred & Dianne Aitkin at 780-467-0526 or Arnie & Marby Gibson at 780-467-0113.

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DINNER OF THE MONTH – September 16th at 5:30pm

THE BROADMOOR

Join us for dinner of the month on Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30pm at the Broadmoor Golf Course. Located at 2100 Oak Street. Please RSVP to Corinne Wiseman by Monday, September 14th at 780-940-4577. ***Always a fun time and a great way to get to know each other better.***

WOMEN'S GROUP WELCOME BACK POTLUCK – Monday, September 21st @ 6pm

Women's Group starts up again on Monday, September 21st at 6:00pm with a Potluck. If you've wanted to host a month, even with a friend, I will have a sign-up sheet available. Want to share a hobby? Know someone who can be a guest speaker? Bring your ideas and we'll hopefully fill the calendar months from October through June. Women's Group meets on the third Monday evening of every month. Exceptions would be when the third Monday falls on a Holiday, then we meet on the fourth Monday.

Bring your friend, daughter, Mom for a night of fun! *Corinne Wiseman – Women's Gorup coordinator*

ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY LUNCH & LEARN

Sunday, September 27th at 5:30pm

Enjoy a chili lunch followed by "Treaty Talk: Sharing the River of Life", a short film (the first of three produced by Dr. Pat Makokis, Indigenous Engagement facilitator and Adult Education Instructor) on Sunday, September 27th after the 10am worship service (Sherwood Park United Church – 20 Fir Street). All welcome!

For Additional Events and Connections with Sherwood Park United Church, read their Newsletter.

GriefShare®

GRACE UNITED CHURCH – GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM

NEW

Tuesdays from September 15th-December 8th, 1-3pm

GriefShare Program: Tuesday afternoons 1:00-3:00 pm starting September 15th and ending December 8. Located in the Sunshine Room (downstairs) at Grace United Church (6215 104 Ave Edmonton Alberta).

GriefShare Program is a 13 week Christian based video and workbook based program that discusses the stages of grief and helps you move through your journey. You can come to all sessions or a few. Videos available online if you are unable to come to every session. Facilitators from Grace United Church will be there to watch the videos with you and guide group discussions. All discussions are confidential. Information about the program available HERE.

You can register online or contact the Grace United Church office by email, grace.united@shaw.ca or phone at 780-466-0916.

SPIRIT OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH – JAZZ & REFLECTIONS

NEW

Sunday Afternoons from September 13th-October 25th, 3:30-5pm

Spirit of Hope United Church, 7909 82 Ave., is excited to invite you to our fall series of Jazz and Reflections. Join us on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. for an afternoon of great jazz, reflection, and community.

This fall's concerts feature the Aretha Tillotson Quartet on September 13, the Don Berner Quartet on September 20, the PJ Perry Quintet on October 4, the Alex Moxon Quartet on October 18, and the Shelley Jones Quartet on October 25.

Admission is by donation at the door, and refreshments will be served.

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH – HAWAIIAN LUNCH & SHOW

NEW

Saturday, September 19TH, 12-2pm

Pilgrim United Church (9008-135 Ave. NW, Edmonton) is hosting a Hawaiian Lunch and Show fundraiser on Saturday, September 19th and everyone is invited.

Doors open at 11:30am. Tickets are $20 and includes a sandwiches and show. Performance by CLSC Hula Honey's. To purchase tickets, contact Judith Richardson at 780-868-2000 or Pilgrim United Church Office at 780-476-5202.

ST. PETER'S ECUMENICAL CHURCH – 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Slave Lake, October 3-4, 2026

St. Peter's Ecumenical Church in Slave Lake is celebrating their 50th Anniversary and warmly invite all to celebrate! Events are as follows:

Saturday, October 3rd at 5pm:
Fellowship, slide show, entertainment & food trucks
Sunday, October 4th at 10am:
Special service & potluck

For more information call Amy @ 780-849-0340

SEEKING SALISBURY COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Plans are underway for a 50th reunion celebration on September 10 & 11, 2027.

If you are, or know of, a 1977 Salisbury Composite grad, we would love to hear from you! Please contact salcompgrad1977@gmail.com to be added to the info distribution list.

STRATHCONA COUNTY NEWS

FAMILY TRADITIONS AT GALLERY@501: CELEBRATES MAKING ART ACROSS GENERATIONS

NEW

(Source: Strathcona·ca)

[Artwork credits: “Tools”, Roberta Memogana, stencil printing, oil, ink, 2025 "Wabumun means mirror”, Emily Mosley-Delorme, Watercolour on paper, 2026]

Gallery@501 welcomes the public to Family Traditions, featuring artworks that reflect family stories passed from one generation to the next and reimagined through the artists' creative practices.

The new exhibition, open from Sept. 3 to Oct. 24, 2026, showcases intergenerational practices of printmaking and watercolour. Inuit stencil printmaker Roberta (Apun) Sukayaluk Memogana and third-generation watercolour artist Emily Mosley-Delorme honour their family histories while creating contemporary works that celebrate Inuit and Métis-Cree family traditions. For both artists, making art is a family tradition learned from parents and grandparents. Their artwork shares stories, memories, and lived experiences, carrying them forward to those who follow.

The public is invited to attend the exhibition reception on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Gallery@501. The reception will include a special artist talk and stencil printmaking demonstration by Roberta Memogana. The exhibition and opening reception are part of the Culture Days events presented by Strathcona County. Admission is free.

For more information, visit strathcona.ca/ArtGallery. Click HERE for the full news story.

ORANGE SHIRT PIN WORKSHOP – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 6-8pm

NEW

(Source: Strathma·ca)

Join Cree-Métis artist Connie Kulhavy for a hands-on beading workshop at Strathma (Strathcona County Museum & Archives). Connie will guide participants step by step as they create their own beaded Orange Shirt pin.

Connie is an Edmonton-based artist whose intricate beadwork is rooted in healing, storytelling and sharing Métis culture. She regularly leads community workshops, and her work is held in collections across Canada and internationally.

Tea will be served during the workshop. Space is limited to 20 participants. Tickets are $45. Advance registration is required.

For more information, visit Strathcona County Museum & Archives Events Page.

STRATHCONA COUNTY DIVERSITY COMMITTEE EVENT

NEW

September 28th, 7:00-9:00pm

Strathcona County Diversity Committee invites you to their event "Hometown For All of Us" on Monday, September 28th from 7-9pm in the Strathcona County Community Centre (Room 2).

Bring your ideas and voice to share about what builds a connected community. Let's talk about how growing diversity is good for all of us! Interested in signing up? REGISTER HERE. Refreshments provided.

If you have any questions, contact Strathcona.diversity@gmail.com

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

ONE YEAR LATER: LIVING INTO THE APOLOGY TO 2S AND LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITIES

NEW

One year after The United Church of Canada apologized to 2S and LGBTQIA+ people and their communities, we remember that an apology is not an ending, but the beginning of an ongoing journey toward healing, accountability, and transformation.

[Image credit: Alan Lai]

Faith communities are invited to continue living out the apology through worship, reflection, courageous conversations, pastoral care, advocacy, and action—helping create a church where 2S and LGBTQIA+ people are fully affirmed, celebrated, and empowered.

Read the full news story and explore the downloadable resources for your community.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA'S 1986 APOLOGY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

NEW

Forty years after The United Church of Canada's 1986 Apology to Indigenous Peoples, more than 100 people gathered in Sudbury to remember, witness, and recommit to the work of reconciliation.

[Image credit: Kim Uyede-Kai]

The Rev. Kellie McComb reflected on attending the original Apology as a member of the 31st General Council Youth Forum. The Very Rev. Dr. Stan McKay spoke of the Apology as a covenant and emphasized the importance of consultation with Indigenous peoples.

Participants also reflected on a question posed by Anishnaabe Elder Art Solomon after the original Apology: "What are you going to do about it?" They responded by painting commitments on stones and adding them to the commemorative cairn—a reminder that reconciliation calls for continual, meaningful action.

Read the full news story.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS

[Photo Credit: northernspiritrc.ca]

REGIONAL CONNECTION EVENT: CAMROSE OCTOBER 24-25, 2026

NEW

The next Region Connect Gathering will be held in Camrose, AB, on October 24 & 25, 2026. All are invited to this space of connection and discussion, with a special Celebration of Ministry worship service on Sunday the 25th. Registration is now open for this event, with a registration deadline of **October 1st**. Full details on our website.

NEW

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT NATIONAL CHURCH CROSS COUNTRY CHECK-IN

Join the General Secretary, members of the General Council Executive, and the Moderator for a live conversation with people across the United Church. Listen, ask questions, put faces to names, and share perspectives that can help inform the church's leadership and decision-making.

Upcoming sessions (French sessions to be announced soon!): October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. ET; November 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. ET. Learn more on ChurchX.

NEW

ORANGE SHIRT DAY/ NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30; DAY OF ACTION FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS AND TWO-SPIRIT PEOPLE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation is offering dedicated and free educational programming: Lunch and Learn series Sept. 21-25, 2026 as part of Truth and Reconciliation Week. Orange Shirt Day/ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Wednesday 30 September; Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People, Sunday October 4.

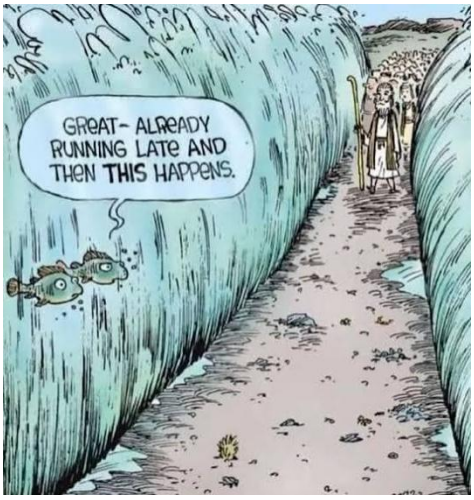
[Image credit: trw-svr.nctr.ca]

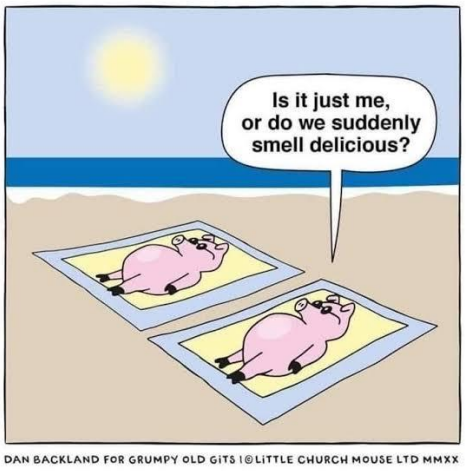
These two very significant days for committing to action for right relations are coming up soon. We will have resources for all ages posted next week. Your local planning and partnerships for and with all ages are the most important contribution. The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation is offering dedicated and free educational programming: Lunch and Learn series Sept. 21-25 2026 as part of Truth and Reconciliation Week.

NORTHERN SPIRIT WEBSITE

Northern Spirit has a website! Go to 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, Déne, Assiniboine, Nakota and later the Métis 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.**

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.

SCAN ME!

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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