



# Salisbury United Church

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

*"All Things  
Bright &  
Beautiful,  
All Creatures  
Great & Small."*

*Voices United  
#291*

**September 22, 2022 ENews**

## *SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV BRITT*

My 25th Ordination Anniversary has caught me by surprise. A letter from The United Church of Canada confirmed it before I had even begun to think about it. My offer to bring a cake to church to celebrate has morphed into a celebration for all of us to take part in.

I am so glad to join in marking 25 years of ordained ministry and 12 years of ministry with you at Salisbury United Church. It's a bit dazzling to think that things have come this far!!!

In the years that I have been a minister so much has changed.

I am mu-u-u-ch older than when I started out, of course!!! Canada has been through Y2K, 9/11, the war in Afghanistan, the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, Royal funerals. The United Church as well as Christian churches in general have seen changes unanticipated by previous generations: the rise of computers, the internet and smartphones, the rise of the so-called "nones" (generations who increasingly register themselves as having "no religion"), the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2008 facing up to the legacy of residential schools, supporting same-gender marriage and the right to assisted dying, the shrinking numbers of people training for ministry, the rising numbers of church closures, the pandemic changes to church life. "The times they are a changin'" is an understatement, to echo Bob Dylan.

Right now, of course there is a sense of being stretched by all of this in ways that are uncomfortable. Not only am I older, but my ideas about what works need constant amending, which can be exhausting. And sometimes little things irritate me along the way and seem more important than they are, like the way my ankle throbs when I walk sometimes, or the house repairs I haven't gotten around to doing, or the way the price I paid today for apples is double what I paid last year. But these alone are not what really bothers me deep down. It's the sense of loss that comes with change and the grief that the old me and the old church and world are not what were and there will be no going back, no magical youth potion, to reset things. Perhaps it is like that for you too?

Or perhaps you see an opportunity for faith to be more real in this post-Covid world? For spiritual life to be less about what we have always done as minister and church, and more about what we can do with who we are and what we have in order to serve God? I also perceive this time as an opportunity, which is why I have taken on Doctor of Ministry studies. I need to be open, after 25 years in ministry, to new forms of life, even with ankle twinges and domestic chaos in my life.

And so celebrating feels good right now! Doing something positive to embrace life and change and journeys of faith. I have always felt the presence of God working in my life, not to give me what I want but to push me along to be part of what God wants me to be in the world. I celebrate God's faithfulness to me and to our church. I am so grateful that our faith is one that expects God to do a "new thing" rather than only remembering past glories. "See, I am about to do a new thing," says the One on the throne in the Book of Revelation. And contrary to the misuse of the Book of Revelation to create fear, that new thing is the central theme to these closing pages of the Bible. To be part of a new thing that being Christian is all about and something we often forget as we live life.

And so as I ponder the past 25 years of ministry, half of which have been happily with Salisbury United Church, and I ponder the life of faith in which I have set my heart on being part of God's new thing. I know there is a journey still ahead, the end of which is not mine to see, nor yours, but it is a journey in which I and our church still have a part to play, even with limping feet and sore hearts.

Thank you for celebrating with me and for being in ministry with me in this place. Let us take every opportunity for joy that we can find together, because joy is the doorway to hope and the renewal of purpose which God has prepared for us.

Perhaps it's like that for you too?

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### ***UPCOMING DATES:***

- Oct. 2: Rev. Britt's 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary Celebration
- Oct. 2-5: 31<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County
- Oct. 4: Ecumenical Mission Evening Service at 7:00 pm



### ***SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 2 FOR REV BRITT'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION***

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 2 to celebrate Rev. Britt's 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary and also her 12 years with us at Salisbury UC.

There will be a special worship service at 10:30 am followed by a luncheon including Soup's On, cake, and a brief program.

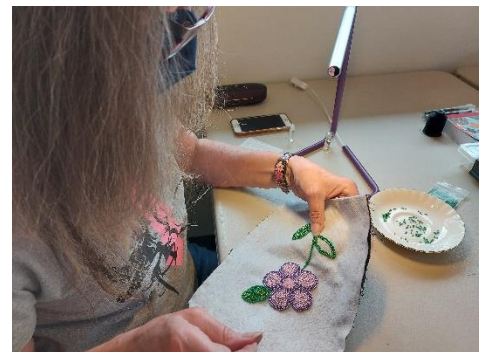


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### ***MEET OUR "ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE"***

**Starts Sunday, Sept. 25**

Thank you to Brenda McCarthy (Ojibway/Anishinaabe) who has agreed to craft beaded medallions to mark the four directions in our Sanctuary. For fall/winter 2022/23 Brenda will be our "artist-in-residence" for our Sanctuary. You can meet her on Sunday mornings when she is beading traditional four directions medallions at a workstation set up for her. We thank Brenda for bringing her gifts into our worship life at Salisbury United Church.



# The 31st Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County

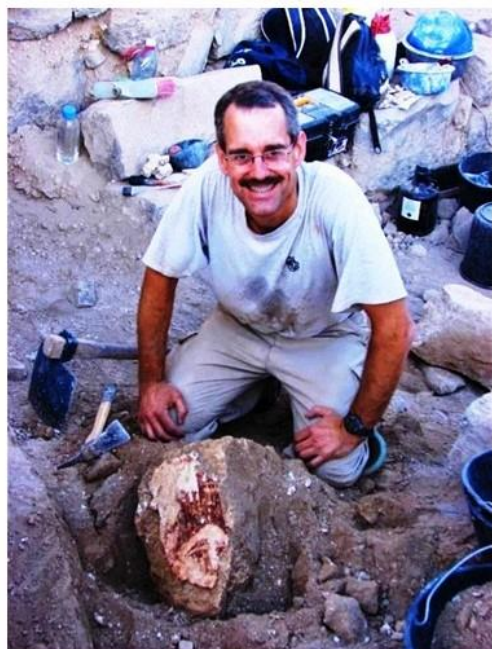


*October 2nd–5th, 2022*

**“The Stones Cry Out: Jesus and Archeology”**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Chambers, LC-C**  
*(Lutheran Church-Canada)*



Pastor Steve will be our speaker this year. For 17 years he taught at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, and served as Academic Dean. He has also taught overseas in Ukraine, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. Working with a team from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota and the University of Haifa, he spent six seasons excavating an early Christian church and monastery complex.

*Join us as we visit 8 different churches with Rev. Chambers, as he gives us 8 different presentations on how archeology informs biblical history!*

<b>Bethel Lutheran</b>	<b>Oct. 2: 7:00 pm</b>	<b>298 Bethel Drive SHPK</b>
<b>St. Thomas Anglican</b>	<b>Oct. 3: 2:00 pm</b>	<b>4A Raven Drive SHPK</b>
<b>United in the Park</b>	<b>Oct. 3: 7:00 pm</b>	<b>20 Fir Street SHPK</b>
<b>Ardrossan United</b>	<b>Oct 4: 10:00 am</b>	<b>22 Main Steet Ardrossan</b>
<b>Glory Lutheran</b>	<b>Oct. 4: 2:00 pm</b>	<b>22577 Hwy 16 SHPK</b>
<b>Salisbury United</b>	<b>Oct. 4: 7:00 pm</b>	<b>2 Mission Street SHPK</b>
<b>Mt. Olivet</b>	<b>Oct. 5: 12:00 am</b>	<b>205 Fir Street SHPK</b>
<b>OLPH Catholic</b>	<b>Oct. 5: 7:00 pm</b>	<b>13 Brower Drive SHPK</b>

Please see website: <https://ecumenicalmission.wordpress.com>

Facebook: [Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County](#)

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# Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated their time and energy for our fall clean up of the church and its property. We appreciate everyone's help!

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## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING**

With the shifts and changes in worship life which have been accelerated by these pandemic years, the Church Board recently discussed plans to welcome children and their parents to the church and rebuild our children's programming. While these discussions are underway, we recognize that expressing hospitality for families in our worship space is an important step

we can take now. For the time being, children and parents will continue to worship together in the Sanctuary. We will continue to have pew kits available for kids who would like them, but we will also try creating a "busy pew" at the back so that families know they have a place they are welcome to sit together with mobile young children. We will try this for a season while we develop other plans for including children and their families back into our church life.

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## **MEDITATION CIRCLE RESUMES ON SEPT 28 AT 10AM ONLINE**

Join us on Wednesday mornings online at 10:00 am for morning meditation led by Rev. Britt Aerhart. Everyone is welcome to attend. The link to join is posted on our website.

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## **COMING SOON...**

An announcement will be coming in October about a legacy trust fund for Salisbury United Church which is being set up by the Church Board through the United Church Foundation. This trust fund will extend our ability to receive large donations, bequests, and legacy giving in a way that offers longer term benefit to church funding.



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## **TRUEARTH ONGOING FUNDRAISER**

We are having an ongoing fundraiser with TruEarth, a Canadian company which sells environmentally friendly cleaning products for your laundry, kitchen, and bathroom.

One popular item they sell are pre-measured zero waste, hypoallergenic and plastic free laundry detergent strips. Each strip provides ultra-concentrated cleaning power that you just toss in the wash to effectively clean your laundry and its low-sudsing formula works in all types of washing machines, including high-efficiency (HE).



By purchasing any of “TruEarth’s products, not only are you helping the environment, but also Salisbury UC as we will receive 20% of the profits from any online purchase made through our link provided on our website or you by selecting the following link: <https://fundraising.tru.earth/salisburyuc>

## UPDATE

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



### **BOTTLE DRIVE, OCT 14 & 15, 10AM - 2PM**

**Save your bottles!!** You can drop them off during our next bottle drive.

50% of the money earned from your donations remains with the church and the other 50% will go to the Beaverhills Biosphere Reserve in Strathcona County. For more information about this association go to <https://www.beaverhills.ca/>

## FINANCE CORNER

Update for January 1 to July 31, 2022

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Income:	\$127,306.92	\$125,685.58
Expense:	<u>\$151,276.70</u>	<u>\$145,493.44</u>
Net Income:	<b>(\$ 23,969.78)</b>	<b>(\$ 19,807.86)</b>



For the seven months ended July 31st, net income was \$4200 short of budget, an improvement of \$2000 since June. The shortfall was \$5500 short after taking into account \$1300 in M&S donations were still to be paid out. Income was up \$1600 or 1.0% while expenses were up \$5800 or +4.0% (Insurance +\$1900, Repairs & Maintenance +\$1800). Fundraiser expense was \$2700 higher than planned because 50% of bottle drive income was donated to charities outside the church.

If you need any help with giving envelopes (new supply, pick-up, etc.) or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, E-Transfers or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact Roxanne 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. As our church is set up for automatic deposits no password will be needed.



### *NORTHERN SPIRIT WEBSITE*

Northern Spirit has a website!

Go to [www.northernspiritrc.ca](http://www.northernspiritrc.ca) for more information.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS



### *ORANGE SHIRT DAY*

On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions. The Salisbury Church Board has designated Sept. 30 as a learning day for church staff and recommends it as a learning day to all congregation supporters.

This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

**Wear your orange shirt to worship to our Sept. 28 worship service!**

## NATIONAL TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY EVENTS



### *STRATHCONA COUNTY HONOURS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION*

Strathcona County will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation statutory holiday on September 30. County offices and the Strathcona County Library will be closed, waste pickup will be as scheduled, Broadview recycling station will be open, and the Enviroservice building closed.

At the September 14 Council meeting, Mayor Rod Frank proclaimed September 30, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Strathcona County. This important day will honour survivors, their families, and communities, and commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools as part of the reconciliation process and Truth and Reconciliation calls to action.

On the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, please take time to listen and learn from Indigenous Elders, leaders, storytellers and community members and honour those impacted by the painful legacy of residential schools. There are also opportunities to do this in the County on September 30:

- **The Strathcona Wilderness Centre** is hosting a free day of learning, sharing and building relationships on Sept. 30. Events include an Indigenous Elder welcome and blessing, nature scavenger hunts, Indigenous performances and family-friendly activities. The Strathcona County Library Bookmobile will also be on site with Felice Gladue and the Métis on the Move exhibit. More information is available at [strathcona.ca/IndigenousConnections](http://strathcona.ca/IndigenousConnections)
- Take in the talents of Indigenous artists with an evening of local blues, folk and instrumental music at **Festival Place** featuring Jay Gilday with Matthew Cardinal and Chubby Cree. Tickets are available at [festivalplace.ca](http://festivalplace.ca)

**Strathcona County Library** has an all-ages book list, with titles written by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis authors. These stories range from impactful memoirs and sociopolitical commentary to beautiful graphic novels and picture books for children. You can find the book list at [bit.ly/scl-residential-schools](http://bit.ly/scl-residential-schools).



September 30 also marks Orange Shirt Day; a day to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

**Wear orange that day.**

**Orange Shirt Day tool kits** are available for people who are interested. Please call the Family and Community Services call line at 780-464-4044 or email [familyresourcenetwork@strathcona.ca](mailto:familyresourcenetwork@strathcona.ca) for more information on how to pick up your kit.

Strathcona County is located on Treaty Six Territory and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Two and Four and honours the First Peoples of this land. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee report identifies 10 principles upon which Calls to Action are based, including that “All Canadians, as Treaty peoples, share responsibility for establishing and maintaining mutually respectful relationships.”

Strathcona County has an inherent responsibility to foster healthier relationships with First Peoples and further the Calls to Action.

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## ***CELEBRATE CULTURE DAYS WITH MÉTIS ARTIST CONNIE KULHAVY***

**Sept. 24 at the Strathcona County Museum & Archives**

Join Connie Kulhavy as she walks you through the creative process behind her art. Using mixed media and acrylic paint, participants will create their own masterpiece in the style of pointillism to recreate the look of her Flower Beadwork. Materials will be provided.

Workshops are free of charge. Drop in the day of, or reserve your spot at:

<https://www.strathma.ca/culturedays>

### ***about the artist***

Cree/Métis Artist and Educator Connie Kulhavy blends traditional teachings from her heritage in the Northwest Territories with her contemporary experience. She has beaded over 700 hearts in the last five years, which can be purchased along with her paintings at the Royal Alberta Museum, Bear Claw Gallery, and Strathma.



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**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION:  
THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE FILM SCREENING AND COMMEMORATION**

Friday, September 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Dow Centennial Centre | Shell Theatre, Ft. Saskatchewan

Join us to remember and honour survivors of Residential Schools with a screening of *The Forgotten People*, produced by the Métis Nation of Alberta. A light meal will be served at 6pm and opening remarks start in the theatre at 6:30pm. The film will be followed by a Q&A, dance performances.



For more information select the following link:

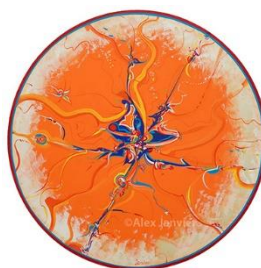
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**THE HEALING LANGUAGE OF ALEX JANVIER**

Alex Janvier, Display September 9 – November 20, 2022  
at Gallery@501 (#120, 501 Festival Avenue)

Strathcona County is honored to present an exhibition entitled “The Healing Language of Alex Janvier” by world-renowned Denesuline artist, Alex Janvier, from Cold Lake First Nations, Treaty 6 Territory.



Curated in partnership with the Janvier Gallery and Gallery@501, this exhibition features paintings, sketchbook drawings, video and audio works that reflect Janvier’s experiences within Canada’s residential school system.

This special exhibition primarily features paintings from the Janvier family’s private collection, and this will be the first time that many of the artworks are on display to the public. Gallery visitors will learn about Alex’s residential school journey from the traumatic loss of language, culture and family, to finding a voice through his art, and a way forward on the path towards healing and reconciliation.

In collaboration with Indigital Media and Gallery@501, and with funding from Canadian Heritage, Alex and the Janvier family have created powerful video and audio works to complement the exhibit. Through sharing Alex’s impactful narratives, more light will be shed onto the history of residential schools, the lasting impacts for those who experienced them and their families, and the need for calls to action, connection and understanding.

Visitors can also re-discover Alex’s public art pieces displayed on site in the Strathcona County Library (“Indigo Children” and “One Hour in Time”) from 2011, and the staircase mural in County Hall (“Tribute to Beaver Hills”) from 1976.

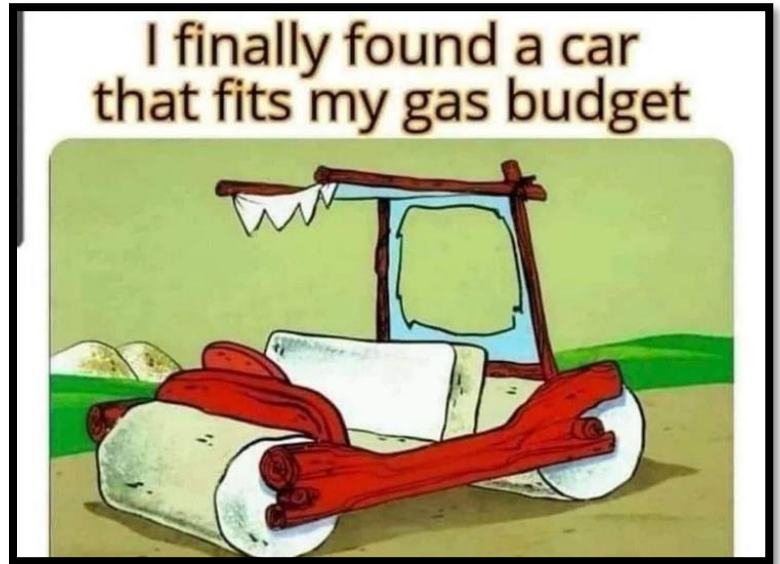




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“If I send my prayer as a text message,  
will I get a faster reply?”



## 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 ne, Assiniboine, Nakota and later the M tis people with this land, along with our ongoing treaty relationship with each other.

### Following are the email addresses that are from Salisbury United Church:

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