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I hope you are having a pleasant day.



Wesley  
UNITED CHURCH



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The passcode is:

wesleyuc

**Connect with us on Zoom each week!**

Meeting ID: 925 295 4319

Passcode: wesleyuc

**TUESDAY 7 pm**

(Check-in & Prayers)

**FRIDAY 11 am**

(Coffee & Hangout)



## **Worship**

**November 19, 2023**

**10:30 am Service**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost/  
Children's Sunday; Restorative Justice Week Begins**

**at Sunset United Church**

**(in person and online)**

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## **WESLEY UNITED CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Friday**

**9:30am - 3:30pm**

**For pastoral care emergencies contact**

**Rev. Jim Tenford**

**at Sunset United Church**

**Telephone 306-692-0563**

***We Care***

**Keep in touch with your friends, family and community members, particularly those who may be alone or isolated.**

**For friendly visits and general information, you can call:**

**Carolyn McBean at 306-533-9087**

**or**

**Linda Paul at 306-585-0988**

**or**

**Val Stimpson at 306-552-3036**

**JAT UPDATE**

**November 17, 2023**

**from Joint Amalgamation Team (JAT), South Regina United Community**

## **(Wesley and Sunset United communities working toward amalgamation)**

### **What happened at our November 12 Transitions meeting?**

- After worship, about 50 people attended a special gathering until 2:15 pm. They enjoyed JAT's homemade chili lunch (even homemade buns, muffins and cookies!!), listened to guest speakers and talked about our transition experiences.
- We especially thank Trina Hodgson and Christa Eidsness for planning this event. The purpose was to acknowledge the losses that are part of our amalgamation journey and to help us to look hopefully to the future.
- Christa opened the session with some words on "Holy Manners" from our United Church of Canada Manual and also shared an illustrated book called *Little Tree*, an engaging analogy on the themes of letting go.
- Rev. Jim Tenford moderated a panel of three individuals who had experienced a church closure in the past. Thank you to guests Rev. Darrell Reine of Westminster United (formerly board chair with St. John's United), Pam Norman (formerly with Whitmore Part United) and Phil Moleski (formerly with Rosemont United). The topics were on the dispersal of property, their experience of community after the closure, and their advice for us as we continue toward amalgamation.
- Trina spoke about the grieving process: it's not linear; we won't go through it in unison (!); it can be a "messy" time. We need to continue to support each other as we each make our own way through this change.
- Guest Shawn Fraser (formerly with Carmichael Outreach and currently CEO of SK John Howard Society) spoke about the transition made by Carmichael United to become Carmichael Outreach. He noted the United Church's history of building on tradition while adapting for the future.

We plan to make recordings available of the speaker portions of the meeting. Call 306-586-3613 to inquire. (Table discussions were not recorded.) We also expect to host more conversations to connect us in sharing experiences and becoming a new community together.

### **Planned for the remainder of November:**

- On November 29, our JAT meeting will focus on developing a potential new governance structure for an amalgamated church. In early 2024, the Wesley Council and Sunset Boards will both be engaged in shaping new governance.
- We will also discuss forming Hospitality Teams for support of events like funerals or special meals. At our November 12 meeting, there were a few offers of help in the kitchen (special thanks to Jean Cameron who cheerfully took over dish washing so JAT could stay in the meeting!) so we are confident this concept will readily take shape.

**JAT thanks you for your feedback and your support so far. In the time leading up to Christmas, we hope to focus mainly on settling into our worship and work together and to continue to get to know new people in our faith community.**

**PLEASE help us with communications: please remind each other there are regular online newsletters and to check your church bulletin board for posters.**



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**Joint Amalgamation Team**

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Dave Towers (S) Vice-Chair, Sunset Board 306-960-7946	Nancy McBean (S) 306-584-7662
Lenore Bewcyk (W) President, Wesley Council	Pamela Thomas (W) 306-775-1773
306 584-3128	Sheila Roske (W) 306-584-9722

**What will Wesley do with the proceeds of the building and property?**

A committee of Wesley members Paula Mills, Shirley Dodds, Linda Gunningham, Glenn Schmuland, Lenore Bewcyk and Rev Jim Tenford has been struck to make a plan for the use of funds from the sale of Wesley building and property. Our first meeting was September 20/23. The region has guidelines for the use of the money. Certain percentages are designated by the region to support:

- Indigenous ministry and justice work
- Regional Council and other initiatives of Regional Council
- Regional Council Archives
- Mission and Service

We have the ability to decide where the balance of the funds go once the expenses of the sale are covered. The receiving organization must be designated to have charitable status according to Revenue Canada. We discussed possibilities of where we thought Wesley support would be helpful:

- 40% LBC dining hall project
- 20% Mutchmore Lodge
- 15% Future Capital improvement fund – solar panels, improve sound system & lighting in 177 Sunset Drive auditorium.
- 10% St. Andrews College
- 5% Affirm – U of R PRIDE5%
- 5% Carmichael Outreach
- 5% RAPM

Please remember there are countless worthy causes and we cannot support them all. Please speak to one of the committee members or phone Lenore at 306 584-3128 h or 639 560-3108 c or email your suggestions to [lwb01@sasktel.net](mailto:lwb01@sasktel.net)

**We look forward to your ideas!**



**HEADS UP!!!**

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The Ministry and Personnel Committee (M&P) of the South Regina United Community exists to provide confidential support and supervision to all full-time, part-time and casual staff and to ensure maintenance of healthy working relationships between staff and members of the community of faith.

If any members of the community of faith have praise, concerns or suggestions about ministry personnel or lay employees, these can be shared with the committee in signed and sealed correspondence left at either church office or by email to the M&P chairperson. Any issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee.

We are blessed with staff who are committed to their work and we are thankful for this work in our community of faith. Presently chairing M&P is Bryan Tudor ([bryantudor89@gmail.com](mailto:bryantudor89@gmail.com)).

Other members (in alphabetical order) are Susan Black, Jean Cameron, Ross Macnab, Linda Paul, Jan Turner and Dave Warden.



### PLEASE NOTE

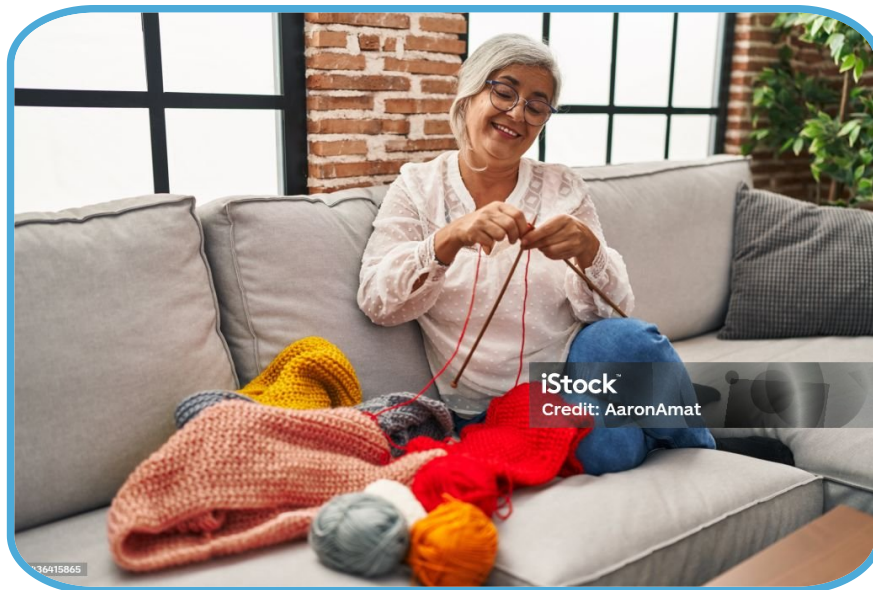
If you want to have an item included in the announcements, please submit the item to the office by **Thursday at 10:00 am**. Anything submitted after 10:00am will be included in the following week's announcements.



## **Wesley United Church Archives**

The Wesley Archives Committee is sorting through piles of history in an attempt to create some order. If you have any Wesley history you feel should be considered please drop off at the church office. These items will be discarded if not on the mandatory save list so don't give us anything you treasure. Archives is looking for committee minutes, bulletins/programs from special events and photos - labeled (who, when, what event) that tell Wesley's story.

Thank you,  
Lenore



## Knitting Group

meet at 1:30pm - 3:30pm Tuesday  
in the Kitchen Lounge



### Property Request – Church Keys

This is a reminder from the Property Committee about returning key sets to the church based on your current role at Wesley.

Or, to put it more succinctly, if you DO NOT fall into one or more of the following categories you must return your external and/or internal door keys to the church office:

- Wesley Council Member
- Chair/Convenor of a Wesley Committee

- Property Committee Member
- Head of a Wesley Affiliated group using church space (eg., Knitting
- Wesley Staff Member
- Other – Special permission required by the Property Convenor

We are hoping this reminder will result in a successful return of those keys that need to be turned in and that additional follow-up steps will not be necessary.

If you are unable to locate the keys, please notify the office.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Darwin Roske  
Wesley Property Convenor and  
Facilities Coordinator  
(306) 584-9722

# Vendors Wanted!

**SOUTH REGINA UNITED  
COMMUNITY'S  
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2,  
10AM - 3PM**

**LOCATED AT 3913 HILLSDALE  
ST, REGINA**



It's that time again!!

The Regina South United Community is having a Christmas  
Market.

This year it will be on Saturday December 2 from 10am – 3pm.

Again we are looking for Vendors for our Market.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this event as a vendor have them contact Kiera Eastley at [wesleyuc.programs@gmail.com](mailto:wesleyuc.programs@gmail.com) and she will be able to answer any questions and send you a registration form.

We are currently renting out tables at \$60 for a 5-foot and \$75 for an 8-foot table. Electrical is available at an extra cost of \$5.

Looking forward to another amazing event!  
See you there!



### **SRUC Christmas Market Bake Sale at Wesley United Church Dec 2, 2023**

- Drop off your goods at Wesley UC by 4pm Friday, Dec 1.
- Popular items: Tarts, pies, squares, shortbread, loaves, buns and bread. Gluten free goods welcome.
- Muffins are needed for coffee time so please sign up (at Sunset) to donate or contact Lee Beck 306-586-7010.
- Deli styrofoam trays are provided for packaging your goods and can be collected at Sunset UC kitchen after Nov 7.
- The committee will price the donated baking.
- Contact Lee Beck 306-586-7010 or [gordon.beck@sasktel.net](mailto:gordon.beck@sasktel.net) if you have questions.

Your generosity is appreciated.  
Without baking, there is no bake sale.







**WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**  
**MISTLETOE MARKET**

**Saturday, November 25 from 11 am to 3 pm**  
**Free Admission**

**Bake Table, Carlyle Christmas Cakes, Books,  
Craft Table, Christmas Room, Jewelry,  
Fine China, Knitting, Calendars, Olive Oil**

**3025 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Regina**  
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(1050 N. Arnason St., Mon. – Fri., 1 pm – 4 pm)





## Christmas Tea

Broadway United Church  
105 Broadway Avenue, Regina

Saturday, December 2, 2023

1:30p.m. to 3:30p.m.

Bake Sale

Christmas Craft Table

Tea, Coffee and Dessert

\$5.00 at the door



Join us at  
**Lakeview United Church**  
for our  
**Annual Christmas Market**  
Saturday Dec 9  
10:00am to 2:00pm

**“Jam and Jelly and Relish, Oh My  
Cookies, and Fruit Cake and Tarts stacked High  
Loaves and Slices and  
Luscious Pie**

**Even Quiche and Tortiere for you to Buy”**

**Stock up on holiday gifts and treats  
for yourself, family and friends.**



**In addition to our delicious baking and preserves,  
a Light Lunch may be purchased.**



[Announcements and Worship at Eastside United Church , CLICK HERE](#)



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## Living Skies Regional Council

### The Regional Rambler - Newsletter

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/regional-newsletters-archives/>

#### **Advent liturgy on witnessing to peace in Palestine and Israel.**

The [United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel](#) (UNJPPI) **offers us this Advent liturgy** (PDF file). It draws on the lived experience and stories of United Church members who have been [Ecumenical Accompaniers through the World Council of Churches](#) in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. It includes new words to O Come Emmanuel, and stories from accompaniment with Palestinians living under military occupation.

As Israelis and Palestinians continue to confront the impacts of horrific violence, in the name of the Prince of Peace may we add our prayers, worship, resources, and action to efforts to support them and to do what we can to support them in creating a just peace.

**Please support calls for an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas** Urgent action is required to prevent further mass death of civilians in Gaza. The United Church and many other groups are [calling for an immediate ceasefire in the battle between Israel and Palestinian paramilitary group Hamas](#). 2.3 million civilians are trapped in the middle, including over 200 Israelis and international citizens taken captive by Hamas October 7. [Please click here for a simple urgent action to the federal government](#), and further background to help us hear what global partners living through this terrible violence are saying.



The latest national sponsorship newsletter is out; [click here to have a look at some important updates](#). Thank you to all who are sponsoring and supporting; it has been a hard few years in this work, with many continuing complexities, and some understandable fatigue. A number of congregations in the Region are finally seeing some movement and are preparing for or working with long-awaited arrivals. Blessings to you and to those arriving here and taking the hard step of beginning a very different life.

**United Church global partners in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories** With the rest of the world, the people of the United Church are watching the terrible violence gripping Israelis and Palestinians, and longing for a different way forward. Prayer, checking in on our neighbours of different faiths and roots, honest and respectful conversations, and an eventual financial appeal are all choices we can make. In doing this, may we hold in our hearts and souls the horrific human and ecological impact of war. The United Church has particular connections to specific partner groups in the region. [Here is the link to the global partner list](#) (PDF). In Gaza, which is currently being bombed, Mission and Service supports the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, which is a very longstanding partner of the United Church. Team Leader for Global Partnerships Patti Talbot said DSPR's offices in Gaza were bombed and destroyed on October 16.

**Click Here to view Living Skies Regional Rambler for All the New Information in Our Region**

**Click here to view Regional Council Prayer Cycles for The United Church of Canada**



### What/Who is/was the BROADVIEW?

Click on the yellow button to read the information in the BROADVIEW

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### Primary Media

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### Kindergarten in a Refugee Camp

Hundreds of children have graduated from JCC's kindergarten program. Being a child in a refugee camp means facing lots of uncertainty at a very young age. In addition to food and water being scarce, education is generally not easily accessible. Some children were born in the camps, while others fled with their families at a very young age. Either way, living in a refugee camp means children may not learn crucial cognitive and social skills.

Since 1950, the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service (JCC) has provided skills training and services to refugees living in a refugee camp in Lebanon. One of their incredible initiatives is a kindergarten program where children can engage in learning in a happy and secure place.

Hundreds of children have graduated from JCC's kindergarten program with the skills they need to thrive. After graduating, children continue in schools that welcome the basic knowledge and values they have learned.

Your [generosity](#) through Mission and Service helps keep children learning all around the world. Thank you.



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The United Church of Canada and the United Church Pension, as members of the Shareholder Association for Research and Education ([SHARE](#)), co-filed a shareholder proposal asking the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and the Bank of Montreal (BMO) to conduct racial equity audits. These audits would identify and mitigate the potential harm their activities might have on racialized people.

A racial equity audit is an independent analysis of a company's business practices, intended to identify and remediate potential and actual disparate outcomes for Indigenous people and communities of colour. The audit evaluates the merits of a company's efforts, policies, and practices to tackle systemic racism in light of its racial justice commitments.

Last week, RBC committed to a review of both its employment and business practices, and to engaging a qualified independent auditor. Audit work will begin in 2024 and public reporting will be released in 2025. Although BMO has publicly committed to conducting a third-party racial equity audit, the bank's plan and timeline are unclear.

"This is another example of the power and importance of the shareholder voice in promoting corporate and societal change," says Erik Mathieson, Executive Officer, Finance, for The United Church of Canada.

"Shareholder engagement allows us to promote change and hold corporations accountable for taking action on key issues."

Proposals for such audits have become common in the United States over the past two years, but the proposals filed at BMO and RBC's annual general meetings in the spring of 2023 were the first of their kind in Canada. The proposals respectively received 42% and 37% support. However, despite the significant support, both banks were reluctant to commission such audits because they believed their racial equity pledges and disclosure were already sufficient.

The proposals stress the need for the audit's scope to address the most significant risks related to racial equity—including its Canadian, US, and international businesses, and both personal and commercial lending. As well, the shareholder proposal requests the full audit results, including auditor's findings and recommendations and a corrective action plan, should be publicly available for shareholders, so they can have confidence in the quality and robustness of the audit process.

SHARE will continue engaging the banks on behalf of the United Church, the United Church Pension, and the other co-filers in the coming years to support the implementation of these important commitments and to ensure that these audits follow existing best practices.



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