

Third Ave News

From the Pews . . . and beyond
March 8, 2015

The Mission of Third Avenue United Church is to reach out with love and provide a welcoming place, especially for downtown people. We offer strength, courage, and support in a safe nurturing environment.

We welcome everyone to worship this morning.
 If you are a guest or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books at either of the back entrances.
 If you would like information on the church activities, contact us at:
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 secretary.thirdaveunitedchurch@sasktel.net
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To Make Your Experience Here Even Better



If you use a cane or walker, please use our elevator entrance on 3rd Ave.



Headsets at the back of the Sanctuary for those who need assistance hearing the service.



Please remember to shut off your cell phone during the service.



There are visitor offering envelopes folded in the pews if you wish to make an offering to our ministry.

VIV – Very Important Volunteers

You have tremendous value to God and to this church. We could definitely utilize your gifts.

On Sunday mornings, greeters are a welcoming face at the door. Our VIV also assist people entering the church – holding open doors, handing them a bulletin, directing them to specific locations in the building and inviting them downstairs to join us for lunch.

Imagine you have never been to Third Ave United before or have never been to any church.

Wouldn't you want to be greeted when you enter and treated like the very special person you are?

Wouldn't you want to like to be told about the lunch or what is happening in church today?

Wouldn't you like to know at least one person when you decide to come down for coffee?

Wouldn't you want to know who to ask if you have questions?

We also need scripture readers for each week.

Sign up sheets are easy to find on the Narthex bulletin board.

We are fortunate to have such a helpful congregation.

Let's see if we can get volunteers from now until the summer break.



Volunteers

Scripture Readers

Today:

Wonderful Name Here

Next Sunday:

Your Name Here

Ushers

Today:

Debbie Underwood

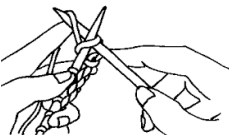



Next Sunday:

Debbie Underwood

Favourite Hymn

Each Sunday a favourite hymn will be included in the service. There are papers in the Narthex to write the title of the hymn and your name. Please submit your request in the offering plate.

This Week at 3rd Avenue – March 8 - 15

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Lent 3 Service 12:00p.m. Lunch 12:15p.m. Lenten Study 12:15p.m. Sanctuary Booked	Church Office Closed 7:00p.m. Knit and Crochet 	10:30a.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30p.m. Russian Preschool	11:30a.m. WW 3:00p.m. Third Ave News Deadline 5:30p.m. Russian Preschool 7:30p.m. Finance Mtg.
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
2:00p.m. Oliver Lodge Service 7:15p.m. Choir Practice  Choir Rehearsal	1:00p.m. Irish Stew Prep and Set up 	Church Office Closed 5:30p.m. Irish Stew Supper 	Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Lent 4 Baptism Service 12:00p.m. Lunch 12:15p.m. Lenten Study 12:15p.m. Sanctuary Booked

Third Avenue United Church Events and Info

Irish Stew Supper

We will be hosting an Irish Stew Supper with Entertainment and Silent Auction.



March 14
Supper at 5:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$10
and 10 & under \$5



Available at the office and the door.

Lenten Study

Rev. Donna will be leading a Lenten Study every Sunday in Lent after the community lunch.

The Study is called Longing for Home.

To follow the United Church video series:

<http://www.garypaterson.ca/2015/02/18/longing-for-home-lenten-study-week-one/> facebook discussion: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LongingforHome/>

Lenten Easter Eggs

In this time of Lent the Sunday School Class has come up with a way to help other people.

If you have any loose change in your pockets or purse please place it in the Easter egg that the children will provide. These eggs will be collected every week of lent before they go down to Sunday school The project the class is working towards is purchasing chickens and goats.

For every 25 dollars we raise, 3 chickens or 1 goat will be purchased for a village in Juja central Kenya.



Choir Concert

STORYTELLERS

Presented by Edmonton Children's Choir is coming to Third Avenue United on Monday, March 16. 7:30 p.m.

Freewill Donation

All donations to Third Avenue United Church.

Coffee, Conversation and More

Please join us for coffee in the Narthex before service or lunch downstairs after the service.

If you are able please bring baking or goodies to go with our lunch and time of fellowship on the week corresponding to the start of your last name. Please feel free to bring extra items that could be frozen for use when donations are slim.

This Week: Last names starting with A – L.

Next Week: Last names starting with M - Z.

Please try to come early to set up if you are able (10:00a.m.)

We can also use help with clean up and dishes. Thank you for all your help and we hope you enjoy this time together.

Stew Chefs & Auction Items

We are looking for items for the fundraiser on March 14

- *Auction items of all kinds
- *set up and kitchen prep on Friday, March 13 1:00p.m.
- *chefs to help cook the stew
- *serving, dish washers
- *clean up



For more information please contact Michelle Aalders.

Givings – Feb 15

General (Local)	\$ 1905.00
Mission & Service	\$ 65.00
Loose	\$ 9.00
Coffee	\$ 10.00
Total Offering	\$ 1989.00

Church School Easter Eggs raised enough money on Lent 2 to purchase 2 goats.



Readings March 15

Numbers 21:4–9

A bronze serpent heals the people.

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22

(VU 831, Parts One and Two)

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Ephesians 2:1–10

We are not saved by our own doing, but by grace.

John 3:14–21

For God so loved the world.

NEW!!

Youth Game Night



Bring your favourite table top game or play one of ours and join the fun.

On the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Starts on March 17

Tell your friends.



Church Duties

Today: Roger Giesbrecht Next Sunday: Philip Bray

are responsible for opening and closing of the church

In The Community

Alex Neve, Secretary General, Amnesty International Canada, visits Saskatoon, Tuesday, March 10th, 2015.

He will address two events:

Protecting Refugees: Remove the Barriers. Tuesday, March 10th 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Mennonite Central Committee, 600 – 45th Street West, Organized by Amnesty International Group 33 and the Saskatoon Refugee Coalition.

For Information, Helen Smith-McIntyre, 306-717-5111

Canada, Let's Right the Wrongs – Protect Indigenous Rights,

Tuesday, March 10th, 2015, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saskatoon Farmers' Market, 19th Street and Ave. B South. Organized by Amnesty International Group 33 and Iskwewuk Ewichiwitochik (Women Walking Together).

For Information, Helen Smith-McIntyre 306-717-5110 or Darlene Okemaysim-Sicotte, 306-203-3660.

Martyn Joseph -Singer/Songwriter

Live at St. John's Cathedral!

Friday March 13, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds to support the Cathedral Refugee Fund. Martyn Joseph is a performer like no other. Shades of Springsteen, John Mayer, Bruce Cockburn and Dave Matthews there may be - but he stands in his own right, built on a reputation for giving what thousands have described as the best live music experience of their lives. www.martynjoseph.net Tickets: \$15 advance; \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets at the Cathedral Office (306-242-5146); McNally Booksellers, and online at www.picatic.com

