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UPCOMING SERVICES @ 10AM

January 22, 2023
Worship with Rev.
Hugh MacGregor
(Baptism)

January 29, 2023
Worship with Jackie
St. Goddard

February 5, 2023
Worship with Rev.
Hugh MacGregor



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Jesus and St. Paul were playing golf one day. As Jesus got ready to tee off he pulled out a nine iron.

Paul said, "Lord, I wouldn't use that if I were you. You should use the driver. If you use a nine iron you will not be able to hit the ball over the water hazard. Only Jack Nicklaus could hit a ball that far with a nine iron."

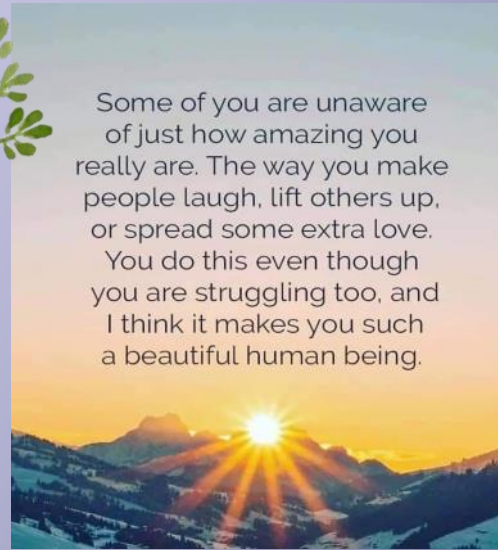
Jesus said, "Well if Jack Nicklaus can do it, I can do it." So he hit the ball and it landed right in the water hazard. Jesus went down and when he got to the water he walked out on the water to the place where the ball fell in and reached down for it. Then Jesus came back up and started to tee off again with the nine iron.

Paul interrupted and said, "Lord, please be patient with me, but I told you once if you use the nine iron the ball will land in the water hazard." But Jesus went ahead and again the ball landed in the water. Again he went down and walked across the water until he came to the place where the ball was. Just then a foursome came up and they saw Jesus walking on the water. Stunned one of them said, "Who does he think he is? Jesus Christ?" And Paul replied, "No, he is Jesus Christ, but he thinks he's Jack Nicklaus."

Who we think we are – and who others think we are – is very important. It defines what we do. People build their expectations of us based on who they think we are. If people have it in their minds that a person is one thing and that person begins acting like something else they take exception. In this story one of the golfers was shocked to see another golfer walking on water. But St. Paul wasn't because he knew that was Jesus. When we start acting out of place people get angry and say, "Who do you think you are?"

Jesus' friends thought they knew who he was. Up to the time that Jesus started his ministry at the age of thirty, he probably lived a rather ordinary life. We don't know much about it. Two gospels start with birth stories, but after that, they just jump right into it – Jesus comes to be baptized when he was about 30. The gospel of Mark starts right there. And we are going back there this week.

See you Sunday! *HUGH*



Some of you are unaware of just how amazing you really are. The way you make people laugh, lift others up, or spread some extra love. You do this even though you are struggling too, and I think it makes you such a beautiful human being.

6 Years!

In just one blink life just floats by and we wonder how we got here. Sometimes we rode smoothly in the boat, sometimes we put our life jackets on and hung on tightly. Sometimes we fell out and swam with all our might. Sometimes we needed a hand back in the boat.

It is at AUC where we all rode together and supported each other as the waves came.

Regardless of what life brings having a Community of people to support you makes the swim bearable.

6 years is small compared to many of you who have supported AUC since its beginning in 1910!

Some 10 years, 20, 30 and even 40.

6 years is how long I have been in the Church Office, and we are still sailing! How wonderful this Community is!

Take a moment to reach out to someone in your Church Community, you will make a difference in someone's voyage! Thank you to those who reached out a hand to me over the last couple months when I was swimming. I appreciate you.

Have a wonderful week!

Shauna Anderson

January 18—25 is “The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

GIVING CORNER

You are invited to mail your offerings to: 22 Main Street, Ardrossan, AB. T8E 2A2

We rely on your generosity!
May you be blessed for it!

MORE WAYS TO GIVE BACK AT AUC!

- ◇ Used Stamps are being collected to help buy Bibles for prisoners
- ◇ Shoes are being collected for donation to Soles 4 Souls.
(Blue Bin outside AUC)
- ◇ Please continue to bring Food Bank Donations throughout the year.
They will be delivered at the beginning of each month.

A little cup of coffee told me that you needed something to make you smile today.



Dear Board Chairs:

It is time to prepare your Annual Reports for the 2022 Year. Please submit them to the Church office before **February 2nd, 2023.**

As well please submit your budgets to Norma Barber before the next Board Meeting which is **January 19th at 1:30pm.**

Thank you!



Blessed Stewards
Thursdays at 9:30am
Little Church
All are Welcome!

KNITTING GROUP

2nd and 4th Thursdays
of each month.
10:30 am Little Church.



IN LOVING MEMORY

DOUG MCLENAGHAN

On Thursday, January 5th, at the age of 94, Doug McLenaghan passed away peacefully at his home in Ardrossan, with his loving wife of over 69 years, Ellen at his side and family nearby.

He is survived by his son Murray (Joan) and daughter Diane (Doug) Ryan, and predeceased by his sister Eleanor Grundberg Burke. Doug was so very proud of his 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, who considered him to be their mentor, role model, and all around best Grandpa ever.

Doug, born in Snowflake MB, was many things; beekeeper, boat builder, horseman, craftsman (wood, wool, leather), scout leader, skier, outdoor enthusiast and much more.

Above all and most importantly, he was a true gentleman and devoted family man who was well loved and will be dearly missed.

Donations in Doug's memory can be made to Ardrossan United Church or a charity of choice. A celebration of Doug's life will be held at a later date in the spring.



(Pictured above!)

Thanks to all who donated over the Christmas Season, an over full car load of love and care was delivered to the folks at Bissell Centre. These folks helped unload and were very appreciative. Thanks Ardrossan United.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Worship</i> <i>Rev. Hugh</i>	2	3	4 <i>Playschool</i> <i>Returns</i>	5 <i>9:30 Blessed</i> <i>Stewards</i>	6	7
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8 <i>Worship</i> <i>Jackie</i> <i>St. Goddard</i>	9	10 <i>UCW</i> <i>1:30pm</i>	11	12 <i>9:30 Blessed</i> <i>Stewards</i> <i>10:30 Knitting</i> <i>Club</i>	13	14
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15 <i>Worship</i> <i>Carol Loewen</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>9:30 Blessed</i> <i>Stewards</i> <i>Board Meeting</i> <i>1:30pm</i>	20	21
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22 <i>Worship</i> <i>Rev. Hugh</i> <i>(Baptism)</i>	23	24	25	26 <i>9:30 Blessed</i> <i>Stewards</i> <i>10:30 Knitting</i> <i>Club</i>	27	28
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29 <i>Worship</i> <i>Jackie</i> <i>St. Goddard</i> <i>1-5pm 4H</i> <i>Rental—Sanctuary /</i> <i>Bsm</i>	30	31				

ONGOING RENTALS

Our Little Friends Playschool—Basement: Monday to Thursdays all day
(following EIPS school Calendar) First day back January 4, 2023

Ground Control—Jiu Jitsu Classes: Little Church: Monday and Wednesday Evenings &
Thursday afternoons, CONTACT DEVEN NEEDLES FOR INFO: 780-699-1970

Girl Guides: Basement: Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm