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# Ardrossan United Church



## UPCOMING SERVICES @ 10AM

**May 21, 2023**  
Worship with Rev.  
Hugh MacGregor



**May 28, 2023**  
Worship with Rev.  
Hugh MacGregor  
*Baptism*

**June 4, 2023**  
Worship with Carol  
Loewen

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

John's Gospel is different. Do you remember me saying that a month or two ago? The other three are called synoptic gospels and they are very similar...similar stories...similar timelines...similar settings. John is different!

For example: included in the reading in John for this coming Sunday is Jesus' last prayer. The other three gospels have this taking place in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prays and the disciples sleep. You remember that story, "couldn't you stay awake with me one hour?"

John not only has it take place in the upper room, but the disciples are AWAKE! They hear the whole thing. Karoline Lewis says: "What difference does it make to overhear Jesus praying for you?"

For some reason, I had not realized this particular difference among the gospels until recently. I only remembered the story about Jesus praying and the disciples sleeping. There are other interesting bits in this story, but I decided that I would save those for another time. We learn something new everyday!

Bill Peddie also had some interesting things to say about the John reading. I took the title for the reflection from the last part of Jesus' prayer: *So That They May Be One*. Peddie talks about how poorly the church has done in this area. We have been the very opposite of "being one."

There is a saying: "Where 2 or 3 are gathered together...someone will start a new church." That has been too true – right from the very beginning. We heard some of that in the story of Stephen two weeks ago. For the most part, we have been terrible at following Jesus' hope...Jesus' prayer: That they may be one.

We (which usually means "me") will talk about that more this coming Sunday.

**Hugh**

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

*CHURCH COMMUNITY ALLOWS FOR US TO  
CONNECT AND WORK TOGETHER IN UNITY.  
CONNECTION HELPS US BECOME  
BETTER AT PRACTISING GRACE, KINDNESS  
AND FORGIVENESS.*

Ardrossan United Church Community honored all Women this past Mother's Day with these beautiful arrangements. Thank you for giving to AUC with your time and offerings!

Donations can be mailed to:  
22 Main Street, Ardrossan AB. T8E 2A2

*PIC: Mother's Day gifts designed and donated by  
Doug K. Given out May 14th after Sunday Service.*



### 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)
- ◇ Food Bank donations are encouraged every Sunday and are delivered each month to the Strathcona Food Bank.

### Church Weekly Activities

**Blessed Stewards** Coffee time, Thursdays @ 9:30am  
**Knitting Club** 2nd and 4th Thursdays  
monthly at 10:30am—All are welcome!

### GARAGE SALE REPORT

Many hands came together to make this Community Garage Sale a success. Thank you to the Community Life Committee all the amazing church volunteers and community members for your time and donations.

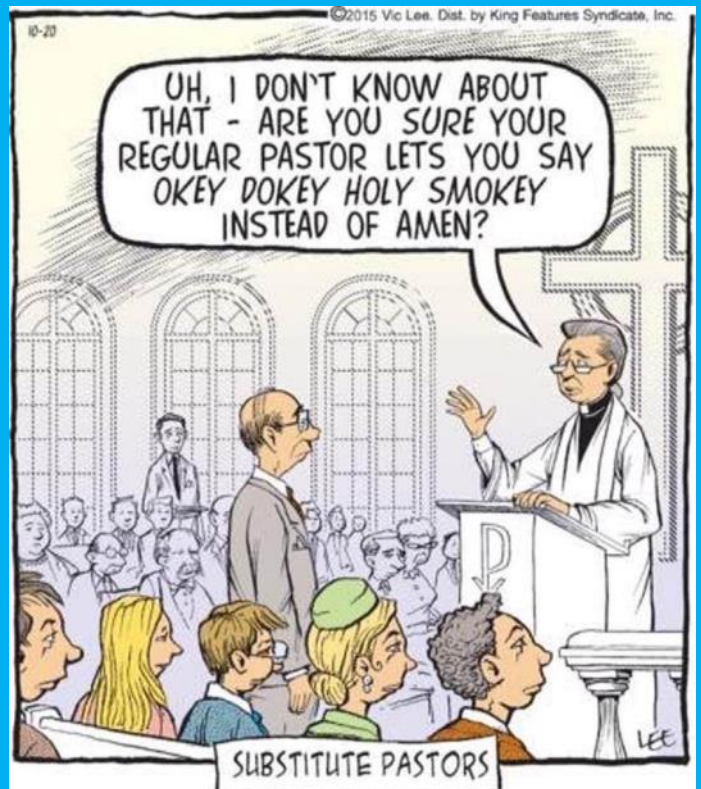
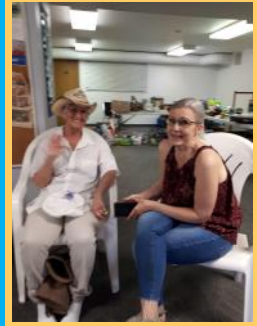
Doug Kirchner's Table was most popular with all the beautiful plants and trees for sale.

Snacks and coffee was provided for all the workers

and hot dogs, pop and ice cream were sold to all the shoppers.



The Community Life Committee will choose where to donate all the left over items!



## COMMUNITY CORNER

We Pray for Alberta Residents  
and Fire Fighters.  
May God give you  
strength and protection!  
Amen.



**WHOLLY  
HANDMADE**

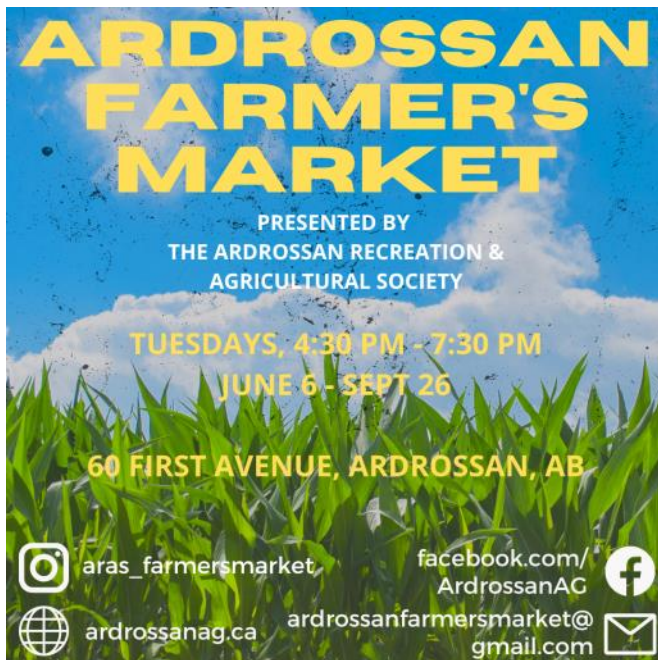
**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**  
10am - 5pm

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**  
11am - 4pm

Come and support over 130 local handmade artisans and crafters  
**Free admission**

**Strathcona County Community Centre**  
**THE AGORA**  
**401 FESTIVAL LANE**  
**SHERWOOD PARK**

Visit [www.whollyhandmade.com](http://www.whollyhandmade.com) for more info







**ARDROSSAN  
FARMER'S  
MARKET**

PRESENTED BY  
THE ARDROSSAN RECREATION &  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**TUESDAYS, 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**JUNE 6 - SEPT 26**

**60 FIRST AVENUE, ARDROSSAN, AB**

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*Queen of Hearts*

**Summer Market**  
**May 27**  
**10-4 PM**

**Ardrossan Rec Center**  
**80-1 Avenue**  
**Ardrossan**

May 2023

## Newsletter



### Parade & Picnic

**June 17th**

June 17

- Enter the Parade
- Be a Vendor
- Volunteer

Forms & Contacts  
[ardrossanag.ca](http://ardrossanag.ca)

**Parade Route**  
roads close @ 10:30am

**7-11 am:** Pancake breakfast @  
Fire Station 3

**11 am:** Parade

**12 pm:** Picnic activities open in the  
Memorial Hall green space -  
market vendors, heritage displays,  
food trucks, beer gardens

**12:30-11 pm:** Live stage  
performances

More activities @ United Church,  
Seniors' Centre & ARC



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# MAY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 930 Blessed Stewards	5	6
7 Worship with Rev. Hugh	8	9 UCW 130p	10	11 930 Blessed Stewards 1030 Knitting Club	12 <b>Garage Sale</b>	13
14 Worship with Special Guests <b>Mother's Day!</b>	15	16	17	18 930 Blessed Stewards Board Mtg 130	19	20
21 Worship with Rev. Hugh Communion	22	23	24	25 930 Blessed Stewards 1030 Knitting Club	26	27
28 Worship with Rev. Hugh Baptism	29	30	31			

## ONGOING RENTALS

**Our Little Friends Playschool**—Basement:  
Monday and Wednesday all day,  
Tuesday and Thursday mornings only.  
(following EIPS school Calendar)

**Girl Guides:** Basement: Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm  
Board Room: Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm  
Little Church: Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm

FOR MANY YEARS FRED'S SECRET  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON NAPS  
WENT UNDETECTED