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FROM THE DESK OF REV. HUGH!

We're a peculiar bunch -- we Protestant Christians I mean -- a strange lot. If someone were to arrive on this planet -- an alien from outer space -- and inquire about what goes on in church on a Sunday morning what would they think?

"What goes on in that building on 22 Main Street?"

"Well, we gather once a week on a Sunday morning -- we sing and pray and visit, but the biggest block of time -- 12 to 15 minutes -- is taken up by listening to someone tell us what they read or learned or otherwise thought up this past week."

"Oh, that's interesting. And how many times do you let her do this before you change speakers?"

"Well, it's sort of open-ended..."

"You mean you can have the same person speak to you for 15 minutes each Sunday (or every second Sunday) for five, ten, fifteen, even 20 years?"

"Or longer..."

"And people still come week after week? How much wisdom can one person have?"

Good question. How much wisdom can one person have? You know, you folks do amaze me -- especially those who are here week after week after week. You are really appreciated by me -- and the Finance committee, of course -- but you are amazing.

I sometimes sit at my desk and wonder how I could go to church and listen to the same person each week for years. I usually think this on a Saturday evening when I still haven't got a clue for an opening sentence for my reflection.

I wondered that even 30 years ago in Medicine Hat where two of us alternated each week. In that situation I got to sit and listen every second week then I got to respond on alternate weeks.

And sitting behind Carlton when he preached, I only had to remain alert enough to look interested when he turned around -- about twice during each reflection -- four to four and one-half minutes from the beginning and then soon after he began his third point.

He did fool me one week. That was the week before Christmas, 1993 when he ended his reflection by looking back. And I thought that was because I was snoring too loudly...ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

HUGH

UPCOMING SERVICES @ 10AM

February 2, 2025 Rev. Hugh MacGregor	February 9, 2025 Jackie St. Goddard	February 16, 2025 Rev. Hugh MacGregor	February 23, 2025 Karen Gusek
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The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings from coast to coast are on traditional territories of Indigenous peoples.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

Committee Chairpersons:

Submit your Annual Reports for 2024
Please email the office or stop by to drop
yours off before January 31st.
Thank you!

Ongoing Rentals at Ardrossan United (SEE CALENDAR)

Mondays—6:30-8:30pm
Board Room—1st Ardrossan Rangers

Mondays—6:15-8:00pm
Fellowship Room—1st Ardrossan Pathfinders

Wednesdays—6:30—8:00pm
Basement—2nd Ardrossan Embers

NEW Wednesdays—6:45—8:15pm
Little Church—Beavers/Cubs

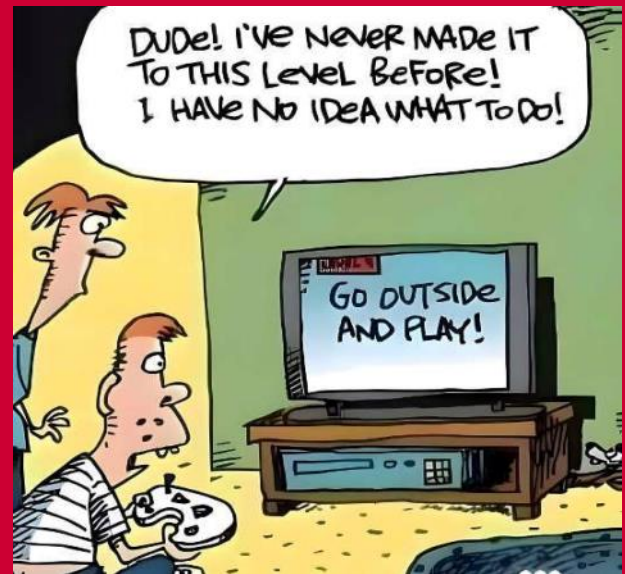


WEEKLY MEETINGS

BLESSED STEWARDS
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP
THURSDAYS AT 9:30AM

BAND PRACTICE
WEDNESDAYS—2:30PM

KNITTING CLUB
2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS EACH MONTH
10:30AM



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

At Ardrossan United Church, this year 2025, we join with United Churches across Canada to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the United Church of Canada!

Some of our Worship Services and upcoming Special Events will reflect this Celebration as we convey our thanks to the Community and continue to reach out and help people here and abroad.

You are welcome to
send your offerings by mail to:
22 Main Street, Ardrossan, AB T8E 2A2
THANK YOU FOR GIVING

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.**

**SOMEONE SAID "30 YEARS AGO"
AND MY MIND WENT TO THE 1970S.**



**BUT THEY MEANT 1995,
AND NOW I NEED TO LIE DOWN.**

COMMUNITY CORNER

SAVE THE DATE

MILL WOODS UNITED CHURCH
15 GRAND MEADOW CRESCENT,
EDMONTON, AB.

February 8, 2025
11:30 am - 4 pm

Jewelry Boutique and Coffeehouse

PREVIOUSLY LOVED JEWELRY,
SCARVES, BAGS AND PURSES

Come and Enjoy a Light Lunch
and Shop for your Valentine



If you think fireworks are
loud, try opening one of these
late at night. 😊



WHOLLY HANDMADE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th
10am - 5pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th
11am - 4pm

Come and support over 125 local handmade artisans and crafters
Free admission

Strathcona County Community Centre

— THE AGORA

401 FESTIVAL LANE

SHERWOOD PARK

Visit www.whollyhandmade.com for more info

Salisbury
Farmers
Market



Thursdays 4pm-7pm



Every week, all year-round!

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SHERWOOD PARK
**FARMERS'
MARKET**

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WEDNESDAYS 3PM - 7PM
#350, 5000 Emerald Drive

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February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		28	29 Ongoing Rentals	30 Blessed Stewards 9:30am	31 Scouts Board Room	1
2 Worship Rev. Hugh MacGregor	3 Scouts- LC 6:45-8:30pm Ongoing Rentals	4	5 Ongoing Rentals	6 Blessed Stewards 9:30am	7	8
9 Worship Jackie St. Goddard	10 Ongoing Rentals	11 UCW 1:30pm Playschool Open House 3-8pm	12 Ongoing Rentals	13 Blessed Stewards 9:30am Knitting Group 10:30pm	14 	15 Memorial Bob Romito 2:00pm
16 Worship Rev. Hugh MacGregor	17 Family Day Ongoing Rentals	18	19 Ongoing Rentals	20 Blessed Stewards 9:30am Board Meeting 10:30am	21	22
23 Worship Karen Gusek	24 Ongoing Rentals	25	26 Ongoing Rentals	27 Blessed Stewards 9:30am Knitting Group 10:30pm	28	

PLAYSCHOOL WILL RUN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAYS,
MORNING AND AFTERNOON CLASSES.