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# Ardrossan United Church



## UPCOMING SERVICES @ 10AM

**November 19, 2023**  
Worship with  
Rev. Hugh MacGregor

**November 26, 2023**  
Worship with  
Rev. Hugh MacGregor

**December 3, 2023**  
Worship with  
Karen Gusek  
*Advent I*

**December 10, 2023**  
Worship with  
Rev. Hugh MacGregor  
*Advent II*  
*White Gift Sunday*

### MINISTER'S MESSAGE

"There are millions of people today – well over eight million in the United States alone – who claim to know what death is like. They have “died” in the sense that they have suffered cardiac arrest or have been otherwise declared clinically dead and then have regained consciousness.

"Others, under the influence of various anesthetics, in the throes of giving birth, at moments of extreme crisis and danger, or simply in a “natural” out-of-body event, report curiously similar perceptions of a transitional state of being between this world and another. All have come back from this experience remarkably changed and with an amazing story to tell." (Tom Harpur, *There is Life After Death*)

Dr. Raymond Moody first described this phenomenon in 1975 in his book *Life After Life*. I remember reading it in the early 80s thinking it was amazing!

"So much more has been written on this subject in the period since that first book by Moody, and so much invaluable research has been done by doctors and scientists, among others, that we must now attempt to come to terms with the possibilities and problems raised. (That is Tom Harpur talking).

(He continues...) What light does Near-Death Experiences throw upon the belief in life after death? The fact that the experience does occur on an extraordinarily vast scale in all cultures and climes is not in doubt. Researchers who are officers of the International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS)...report that as many as 35 – 40 percent of all those who have almost died can recall a near-death experience.

Oops – sorry – for those of you who might not have been here several weeks ago, we are spending our reflection time on three Sundays exploring Tom Harpur's book *There is Life After Death*. Part one was in early October. This is the second week continuing this reflection. On Sunday we will look at Near-Death Experiences.

*Hugh*

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

### UCW TURKEY PIE SALE

Turkey Pies (5 inch)

1— FOR \$8

2—FOR \$15

CONTACT:

JANET MARLER: 780-922-3279

OR HAZEL MODIN: 780-922-2461

Limited number left.... Get yours today!



### Western Service Band

Thank you to our talented musicians and singers for supporting a wonderful service of celebrating classic hymns and worshipping together last Sunday!

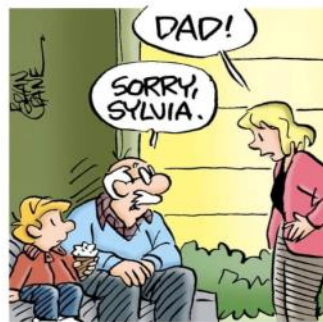
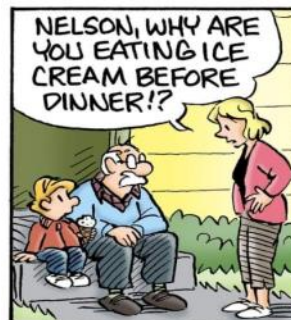


# Game Night

All are welcome TONIGHT!!!

November 15, 2023—6:30pm to 8:00pm

Cards will be available  
Bring other games if you desire!  
See you at Game Night at AUC.



**Board Meeting, Thursday,  
November 16 @10:30am**

### 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.**

### What Can I Do?

There are so many ways people can give, maybe it is just a smile or an encouraging word. Maybe it is giving a little food to the food bank or to your neighbor who is struggling with grocery prices. Whatever you can do is more than enough.

*May you be blessed for sharing what you can with others!*

*Ardrossan United Church appreciates your support too, thank you for your kind offerings.*

**Donations may be mailed to  
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# COMMUNITY CORNER

**ARAS**  
ARDROSSAN RECREATION & AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
Est. 1948

**STRATHCONA**

**LAUNCH HOMES**

**SWITCH INSURANCE**

## Ardrossan Winter Market

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**ARDROSSAN RECREATION COMPLEX**

30 VENDORS  
KIDS CRAFT,  
BALLOON ARTIST,  
&  
**\$5 PANCAKE BREAKFAST FROM 10 AM - 1 PM**

SPONSORED BY:  
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RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

November doesn't have afternoons. It's just morning until 2, then night.



My guardian angel looking at my life decisions



## CHRISTMAS SALE & SANTA'S GIFT SHOP

New & gently used gifts for all ages & budgets

Local vendors      Crafts

Beef on a bun      Baking

Pie & ice cream      Gift Wrapping

1-2 pm Visit Santa

Secret shopping assistants for kids

**Sat, Nov. 25      10 AM - 3 PM**

Spirit of Hope      7909-82 Ave NW

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## CHRISTMAS MARKET

Pilgrim United Church  
9008-135 Ave.  
November 25, 2023  
10 AM-4 PM

Baking, Handmade & Vintage Treasures for the Holidays.  
Refreshments provided.

## Salisbury United Church

2 Mission Street

### Bake Sale and Light Lunch

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**\$5.00 Admission (Children 6 and Under Free)**

**Delicious Baking, Light Lunch & Door Prizes!**

# NOVEMBER 2023

| Sun   | Mon                    | Tue                     | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                              | Sat                       |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|   |                        |                         | 1  | 2<br>930am Blessed Stewards                          | 3<br>Preparation for T. Supper   | 4<br>Annual Turkey Supper |
| 5<br>Worship with Rev. Hugh Remembrance<br><i>Rental-L.C 12-3pm</i> | 6<br>*Ongoing Rentals  | 7                       | 8<br>*Ongoing Rentals  | 9<br>930am Blessed Stewards<br>1030am Knitting Club  | 10<br><i>UCW Turkey Pie Day.</i> | 11                        |
| 12<br>Worship with Karen Gusek Western Service                      | 13<br>*Ongoing Rentals | 14<br><i>UCW 1:30pm</i> | 15<br><i>Game Night -Little Church 630-800pm</i><br>*Ongoing Rentals | 16<br>930am Blessed Stewards<br>1030am Board Meeting | 17                               | 18                        |
| 19<br>Worship with Rev. Hugh  | 20<br>*Ongoing Rentals | 21                      | 22<br>*Ongoing Rentals   | 23<br>930am Blessed Stewards<br>1030am Knitting Club | 24                               | 25                        |
| 26<br>Worship with Rev. Hugh  | 27<br>*Ongoing Rentals | 28                      | 29<br>*Ongoing Rentals   | 30<br>930am Blessed Stewards                         |                                  |                           |



The last Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday.

## \*ONGOING RENTALS

**Our Little Friends Playschool**—Basement:  
Monday and Wednesday half days, Tuesday and Thursday full days.

**2nd Ardrossan Pathfinders:** Board Room—Wed. 6:30-8:30pm  
**Ardrossan Embers:** Basement—Wed. 6-7:30pm  
**1st Ardrossan Pathfinders:** Fellowship Room: Mon. 6:15—8:00pm  
**Ardrossan Rangers:** Board Room—Mon. 6:30-8:30pm