

Ardrossan United Church

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UPCOMING SERVICES

October 11, 2026
Rev. Hugh
MacGregor
Thanksgiving
*(Bring a donation
for the Food Bank)*

October 18, 2026
Karen Gusek

October 25, 2026
Rev. Hugh
MacGregor

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Ardrossan, AB
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Rev. Hugh's Message

I am writing this on Monday. I have sat through the first two sessions of the Ecumenical Mission this year. The Rev. Dr. Ana Madsen is the guest speaker. She has been very good. She is humorous (though without the "u" – she is American), engaging, speaks so that us non-academic folks can understand her. I would tell you now that you should go and hear her! BUT...you won't read this until Wednesday evening at the earliest and the Ecumenical Mission finishes Wednesday evening. Oh well...

So instead you are stuck with listening to me on Sunday morning. This is a question that I will ask you then...

Have you ever seen a leper? I haven't. I have read several stories about them. I can imagine what a leper would look like, in fact, I can picture them quite clearly in my mind.

When I picture a leper, I see an older man. He has sores all over his body. His hair is long and tangled. His scent is rank. The ordinary tasks of everyday life are altered by the disease. By ordinary tasks, I mean – walking and talking.

That is the way I picture lepers in my mind. And no matter how they look, sound or smell, they are always outcasts. They are always despised, feared, and rejected by the rest of society.

Have you ever seen a leper? Maybe you have. Maybe we all have. Have you ever noticed the homeless woman that you drive by when you are going along Jasper Avenue? She lies on top of the metal furnace vent, just a little ways down the alley. She lies where warm steam escaping can surround her fragile frame.

You often see her smoking a cigarette and maybe we think, "If only she didn't spend so much money on cigarettes and cheap wine, perhaps she could afford a home."

She spoke to us a few years ago in the Edmonton Journal. Her name is Rabbit. She and her husband have been married for 10 years and homeless for the past 8.

She told the Journal reporter that "the general public avoid the homeless as if they were diseased." (Wednesday, October 6, 2010)

Sunday, we hear what happened when Jesus met up with lepers.

HUGH

Ongoing Giving to Note:

- Used Stamps are being collected to help buy Bibles for prisoners. You will find the stamp donation box in the Narthex of Ardrossan United Church.
- Shoes are being collected for donation to Soles 4 Souls. (Blue bin outside Ardrossan United Church.
- Food Bank Sunday is the last Sunday of each month, but you are welcome to bring donations anytime.

NEW* Please note that to receive a tax receipt for monetary donations to the Strathcona Food Bank, the minimum amount is \$25.00

BLESSED STEWARDS 9:30AM - THURSDAYS Coffee & Fellowship



Ardrossan United Church hosted the EMSC Tuesday Morning Coffee Service. Many thanks to the AUC - UCW Group who took care of Coffee, Tea and Snacks!



Guest Speaker:
REV. DR. ANNA MADSEN

The 35th Annual Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County
"Guest & Host: Living our Baptismal Hospitality"

Tuesday, October 6

Ardrossan United Morning Coffee 10 am "Counter-Cultural Life of Baptized Christians" Mark 1:9 - 13	St. Thomas Anglican Evening Service 7 pm "The Promise of Prophecy: Living the Christian life with Anticipation" Matthew 25:31 - 46
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FALL SUPPER

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Two Sitzings: 4:45pm and 6:45pm
Adults: \$35.00
Children 6-12y: \$10.00
Under 6 Free

Call: 780-464-7235 for Tickets

COME CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH US!
22 MAIN STREET, ARDROSSAN, AB

JAMS, JELLIES AND SEASONAL TAKEAWAYS BY DONATION



THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

This Sunday, we invite everyone to bring food bank donations or monetary gifts to support those in need in our community.

A collection box will be placed at the front of the sanctuary.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let's go above and beyond in gratitude for all we have and all we can share.



FOR SALE:

POP: \$1 PER CAN or \$10 FOR 12 CANS
PACKAGE OF HOT DOGS: \$8
(Pick up after Sunday Service)

KNITTING GROUP

We would welcome anyone who knits, crochets or would like to learn. We meet at 10:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the Little Church.

Your giving—whether large or small—is deeply appreciated.

If you would like to mail your givings the Address is: 22 Main Street, Ardrossan, AB. T8E 2A2

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Purchase a Fruit Tile, Leave Your Mark on Strathcona County

\$250 buys your fruit tile
to be featured at the
Nourish Centre

With your tile, you can leave a
permanent presence for your family,
your business, or your loved ones.

Limited tiles available.
Purchase yours today!



TAX RECEIPT INCLUDED. Name/Company printed on the tile.

StrathconaFoodBank.ca/Nourish-Centre-Campaign



Ardrossan Recreation
and Agricultural
Society is looking for
volunteers to be a
part of the Society.

Contact:
aras.volunteer@
gmail.com

FARMERS MARKETS IN YOUR COMMUNITY OPEN YEAR ROUND

**Sherwood Park
Farmers Market**
3:00-7:00pm
Wednesdays
3000 Emerald Drive

After Oct 7, 2026
401 Festival Lane
Community Centre

Salisbury Farmers Market

4:00 – 7:00pm
Thursdays
Outdoors till Mid October
Salisbury
Greenhouse



COMMUNITY

FALLING INTO COLOUR

Art Show and Sale

October 16-18, 2026

Opening Reception Friday 7 - 9 pm
Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 10 am - 4 pm

A.J. Ottewell Centre (Red Barn)
590 Broadmoor Blvd., Sherwood Park



Find your way to wellness

Celebrate Active Aging Week – Oct. 5 to 11, 2026 – with Strathcona County and discover free opportunities to move, learn and connect. Try something new or enjoy a familiar favourite, with activities ranging from deep-water aqua fitness and circuit training to yoga, cardio salsa and line dancing.

Registration is free, but space is limited for some activities. Explore the

[Active Aging Week | Strathcona County](#)



WE Seniors Artisan Guild Market

A Celebration of Beauty in Form & Function

Saturday, October 17 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WE Seniors Strathcona ~ 501 Festival Avenue #140, Sherwood Park, AB
2 Hours Free Underground & Surface Level Parking

Discover the incredible talents of local artisans aged 55+
at the inaugural WE Seniors Artisan Guild Market!

Join us for a one-of-a-kind market featuring high-quality, handcrafted items by local talented artisans. Explore stunning pieces in leatherwork, woodwork, metalwork, sculpting, and glasswork—each one a celebration of creativity, craftsmanship, and originality.

Whether you're looking for one-of-a-kind gifts or inspired creations for your home, you'll find something truly special.

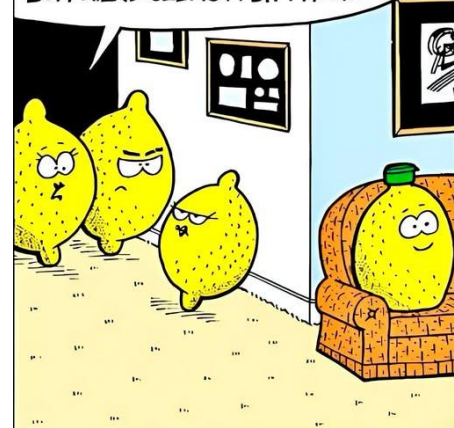
Do you mind if I strap your phone
to my forehead so I can pretend
you're looking at me when I talk?



My body creaks so much,
my doctor just wrote me
a prescription for WD-40.



TO BE HONEST, DEAR... YOUR NEW
BOYFRIEND SEEMS A BIT PHONY...



OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Sept 30	1 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am	2	3
				8 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Knitting Group 10:30am	9	10
4 Rev. Hugh MacGregor Communion	5	6 10am EMSC Morning Coffee	7			
Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County						
11 Rev. Hugh MacGregor Thanksgiving	12	13 UCW 1:30pm	14	15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Board Meeting 10:30am	16	17
18 Karen Gusek	19	20	21	22 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Knitting Group 10:30am	23	24
25 Rev. Hugh MacGregor	26	27	28	29 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am	30	31

Our Little Friends Playschool

Mondays & Wednesdays
-AM Classes Only
Tuesdays & Thursdays
-AM & PM Classes

ONGOING RENTALS EACH MONTH

MONDAYS: BOARD ROOM 6:30-8:30PM – RANGERS
TUESDAYS: BASEMENT 6:30 – 7:30PM - EMBERS
WEDNESDAYS: BASEMENT 6:30-7:00PM – PATHFINDERS/GUIDES
LITTLE CHURCH 6:30-7:30PM – BEAVERS
BOARD ROOM 7:00-9:00PM – SCOUTS/ROVERS/VENTURERS
2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH – BOARD ROOM 1:00-3:00PM- SCOUTS LEADERS MTG.