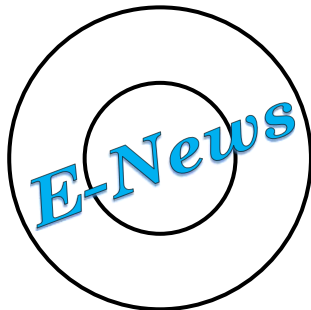


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FROM THE DESK OF REV. HUGH!

The Sunday after Epiphany...we always celebrate baptism of Jesus Sunday

Among the crowds that responded to Baptist John's call for repentance and baptism was Jesus of Nazareth. Why did he do it? What possible repentance did this unique Child of God need to make?

Some say none – others are not so sure. Why then? Was it because God was calling him to identify with others; to stand with them; to be numbered with tax gatherers and sinners. Jesus was called to throw in his lot with those who shared his human nature.

When St. Paul talks about baptism, he says that it is an incorporation into the body of Christ. Or...as in Galations 3...*through faith, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God. For as many of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ like a garment.*

In our baptism, we are placed in the new community of Jesus.

All distinctions are annulled. So Paul excitedly tells us that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free person, male nor female.

All the "otherness" for which we tend to bruise and isolate each other, no longer matters. Race, gender and class, are dismantled by God, declared illegitimate by Christ's baptism and ours. We are placed together in the one body in spite of our perceived differences.

Mini-sermon done.

HUGH

UPCOMING SERVICES @ 10AM

January 12, 2025 Community Life Committee	January 19, 2025 Rev. Hugh MacGregor	January 26, 2025 Karen Gusek	February 2, 2025 Rev. Hugh MacGregor
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The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings from coast to coast are on traditional territories of Indigenous peoples.

WEEKLY MEETINGS
BLESSED STEWARDS
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP
THURSDAYS AT 9:30AM

(Cancelled this week)
BAND PRACTICE
WEDNESDAYS—2:30PM

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

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

This will be us for the
next couple weeks

2025



2025 New Year Brings Year End Tasks

Calling on all our Committee Chairs to submit
your Annual Reports for 2024
Please email the office or stop by to drop
yours off before January 31st.

Thank you!

Thank you for giving over the past
year. Because of your faithful gifts
Ardrossan United Church continues
to move forward as a place of
Worship and Outreach
for our Community.

Now that we have mail service once
again, you are welcome to send your
offerings by mail to:
**22 Main Street, Ardrossan, AB
T8E 2A2**

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



"Fascinating. He ran on it the first few
days, but now he's just using it to hang
his clothes."

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**.

COMMUNITY CORNER

VOLUNTEER
Strathcona

VOLUNTEER DROP-IN

Thursday January 9th

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
205 - 48 Brentwood Blvd
Sherwood Park, T8A 2H5
(Our office!)



Are you interested in getting involved in volunteer opportunities around Strathcona County? Come by and learn more at our monthly drop-in evening! Enjoy refreshments and cookies while discovering how you can make a difference in our community. Everyone is welcome!



Contact Us

Gabriela Nef Ojeda
780-464-4243
volunteerstrathcona.ca

Bring your fibre project
(knit, crochet, spin, embroidery, etc)

Bring your beverage/snack

Bring your friends

Commencing Oct 1

Come Craft Together



FIDDLESTICKS

community knit night



1st & 3rd Tuesday each month
6pm - 8:30pm

Colchester Community Hall
23219 Township Road 520, Sherwood Park, AB

No Cost
Drop-In
Open to all

Follow for updates
@FiddlesticksKnit



*May you find
moments that make
you smile today!*

Happy Wednesday.

QuoteeThoughts.org



If January was an ice cream flavor



Salisbury Farmers Market

Thursdays 4pm-7pm

Every week, all year-round!

SHERWOOD PARK FARMERS' MARKET

EST. 1975

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

780-464-3354

WWW.SHERWOODPARKFARMERSMARKET.CA

JANUARY 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Rev. Hugh
MacGregor

*Playschool
Resumes*

Rental

Rental

Blessed
Stewards
9:30am
Knitting
10:30am

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Community
Life

UCW
1:30PM

Band 2:30

Blessed
Stewards
9:30am
BOARD MTG
10:30 AM

Rental

Rental

19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Rev. Hugh
MacGregor

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Blessed
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9:30am
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10:30am

26 27 28 29 30 31

Karen Gusek

Rental

Rental

Blessed
Stewards
9:30am

Deadline for
Annual Reports

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