

## UPCOMING SERVICES

May 3, 2026  
Jackie St. Goddard

May 10, 2026  
Karen Gusek  
*Mothers Day*

May 17, 2026  
Pastor Bev Sesink

May 24, 2026  
Rev. Hugh  
MacGregor

May 31, 2026  
Worship Team



### *From The Desk of Rev. Hugh MacGregor*

Two weeks from today we will be stepping off the ferry onto the Island of Iona off the western coast of Scotland. It has been a long time coming. Many clergy go to Iona on their sabbatical but I went to Cape Breton instead. Iona is an island and an abbey that has a long history...back to the origins of Christianity in Scotland. Its renewal in the late 1930s and its subsequent establishment as a site for retreats and as a worship centre makes it one of the pilgrimage spots for modern Christianity. Not being much for a long retreat or pilgrimage, an afternoon of sightseeing will be just fine!

Here is part of a writeup from online...no, not from Wikipedia! From National Geographic Traveler.

"People seeking a spiritual escape often instinctively make for far-flung places: to the ashrams of India, the ayahuasca retreats of the Amazon or the mossy gardens of the Balinese hills. But the British Isles also has its own deep history of spiritual retreats; of early Christian saints who withdrew to windswept places along the Atlantic shore. These solitary wanderers installed themselves on storm-lashed islands, kept company with breaking waves and squawking seabirds and sought their own private wildernesses — for it was here, they believed, their prayers would most clearly be heard.

"Foremost among them was Iona, a rocky, near-treeless landmass in the Inner Hebrides that served as a first foothold of Christianity in early medieval Britain. Monks here followed a mystical, nature-focused faith, under the guidance of Saint Columba, who'd famously braved the fury of the Atlantic sailing to Iona from his native Ireland in an improbably tiny coracle. Today (for all but a few people), getting to Scotland's holy island demands travellers make a long, challenging journey by road, rail and ferry. In effect, it demands a pilgrimage for those who seek to step on its shores."



*Visitors at Ardrossan United Church wondering what happened to Spring this past weekend!*



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. Thank you for supporting the Strathcona Food Bank!

### BLESSED STEWARDS

9:30AM  
THURSDAYS  
LITTLE CHURCH  
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



### KNITTING GROUP

Anyone wishing to share in conversation and coffee while knitting is welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday morning of each month. 10:30am in the Little Church

### Beef Supper

#### Spring Takeaway Table

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great looking selection of items for donations!



## **CLEANING BEE**

**Tuesday, May 5 and  
Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.**  
Please mark your calendars and join us.

Bring along some cleaning clothes and a bucket

**May 5:** Cleaning the main sanctuary and entrance

**May 19:** Cleaning and tidying the Little Old Church, the Board Room, and the Fellowship Room and possibly windows.

**Thank you in advance for your help and enthusiasm.**

*Please note: an outdoor cleanup day will be scheduled later.*

Thank you to everyone who

**braved the weather,**

to support our **Annual Beef Supper.**

Your presence and community spirit made the evening special.

We hope you enjoyed the meal. Unfortunately, yorkshire puddings were unavailable this year, as our usual supplier had none in stock.

A **sincere thank-you** to all who volunteered their time and energy on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Your hard work—and the smiles that came with it—helped create

a welcoming experience for all.

These events are only possible because of the dedication of our congregation.

The funds raised help keep the doors of Ardrossan United Church open, supporting our ministry and our place in the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Dianne Thornton, Chair  
Community Life Committee**

GET OUT THERE AND BE THE SURPRISE ONION RING IN SOMEBODY'S FRENCH-FRIES TODAY!



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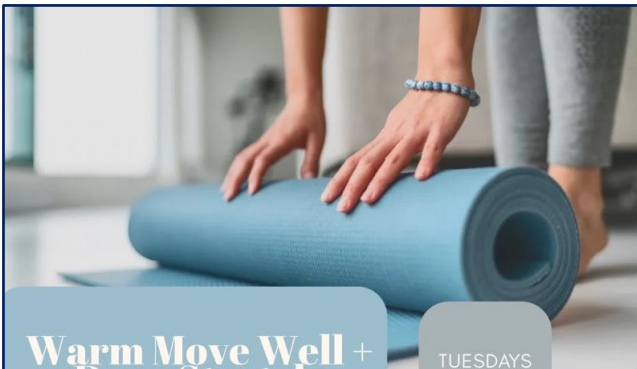
### **BROADVIEW**

**MAGAZINES ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE  
NARTHEX FOR YOU TO  
BORROW AND ENJOY.**

**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



**Warm Move Well + Deep Stretch**  
Nourishment for your mind, body & spirit

TUESDAYS  
9-10:15AM

8-WEEKS \$120      ARDROSSAN MEMORIAL HALL      MAY 5-JUNE 23

Register at [brandiboothyoga@gmail.com](mailto:brandiboothyoga@gmail.com)



**ARDROSSAN FARMERS MARKET**

Memorial Hall • 60 FIRST AVE

TUESDAYS  
4:30 - 7:30PM

JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER



ARAS  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## FARMERS MARKETS IN YOUR COMMUNITY OPEN YEAR ROUND

**Sherwood Park Farmers Market**  
3:00-7:00pm  
Wednesdays  
401 Festival Lane  
Community Centre

**Salisbury Farmers Market**  
4:00 – 7:00pm  
Thursdays  
Salisbury  
Greenhouse



**COMMUNITY**



## JOIN OUR ACTION GROUP!

### VISION

A community where every person, regardless of circumstance, has access to safe shelter and meaningful supports, where people **experiencing housing insecurity** are respected as part of the community, and where collective action ensures dignity and inclusion.

### MISSION

We are a collective of Strathcona County residents coming together in solidarity with those experiencing **housing insecurity or in need of temporary shelter**. We listen, learn, and work alongside individuals with lived experience, community partners, and service providers to raise awareness, share knowledge, and push for meaningful, community-driven ways forward that recognize housing as a fundamental human right.

Interested in joining? Contact  
[Schousingrightsaactiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:Schousingrightsaactiongroup@gmail.com) for more information or to join this grassroots group.



## GARAGE SALE



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**  
6215 – 104 Avenue

FRIDAY, May 1, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
SATURDAY, May 2, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Antiques and collectibles, household items, clothing, jewellery, toys, books, sporting goods and more!  
*(proceeds to the church)*

**Spring Concert 2026**

Men's Chorus & Bells in Harmony  
**Josephburg**  
[josephburgchoralsociety.com](http://josephburgchoralsociety.com)

**Songs from Coast to Coast**

FORT SASKATCHEWAN - MAY 2nd, 7pm.  
First United Church, 10409 100 Ave.  
SHERWOOD PARK - MAY 9th, 7pm.  
Trinity Baptist Church, 22550 Twp. Rd 530

TICKETS at the door: Adults \$20, Youth 15 and under FREE

We are hosting a HAMPER DRIVE for the FOOD BANK

Alberta Foundation for the Arts      STRATHCONA COUNTY



DARELL IS SHARING HIS PET WITH US TODAY! I'M SURE THE WHOLE CLASS WILL FIND THIS VERY ENTERTAINING!

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EARL, COME SEE THIS...

LOOK AT NELSON. HE'S PLAYING WITH MY OLD STETHOSCOPE.

SO?

I JUST KNOW OUR GRANDSON IS GOING TO GROW UP TO BE A DOCTOR.

WELCOME TO MCDONALD'S. MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?

**Rentals**  
**1st Ardrossan Pathfinders**  
 Mondays: Little Church 6:30–8:00pm  
**1st Ardrossan Rangers**  
 Mondays: Board Room 6:30-8:30pm  
**1st Ardrossan Sparks/Embers**  
 Tuesdays: Basement 6:00-7:30pm

**Rentals**  
**153rd Ardrossan Scouts**  
 Wednesdays: Little Church 6:30-8:00pm  
**153rd Ardrossan Scouts**  
 Fridays: Board Room 7:00-8:30pm



# May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	2
				Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am		
3 Jackie St. Goddard	4	5 Cleaning BEE 10:30am	6	7 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am	8	9
10 Karen Gusek Mother's Day	11	12 UCW 1:30pm	13	14 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Knitting 10:30am	15	16
17 Pastor Bev Sesink	18	19 Cleaning BEE 10:30am	20	21 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Board Meeting 10:30am	22	23
24 Rev. Hugh MacGregor	25	26	27	28 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Knitting 10:30am	29	30
31 Worship Team						



**Our Little Friends Playschool**  
 Monday & Wednesday—Morning Classes  
 Tuesday & Thursday—Morning and Afternoon Classes