

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

## Sunday, Oct. 8 Community Time After Each Service

10:00 am Worship

## Monday, Oct. 9

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

## Tuesday, Oct. 10

10:30 am Moment of Peace  
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Knitters  
1:00 pm The  
4:15 pm Karate  
6:00 pm Brownies  
6:30 pm Pathfinders  
7:00 pm B & P Meeting  
7:00 pm Drum Circle

## Wednesday, Oct. 11

9:30 am AM Fitness  
10:30 am Cooking With Friends  
1:00 pm Art Group  
7:00 pm Wed. Night Book Club  
7:30 pm Confirmation Classes

## Thursday, Oct. 12

9:00 am Quilting For Others  
1:00 & 2:00pm Healing Touch  
4:15 pm Karate  
5:45 pm Sparks  
6:00 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Strummers  
7:15 pm Adult Choir

## Friday, Oct. 13

9:30 am AM Fitness  
6:30 pm Youth Group  
6:30 pm Jr. Youth Group

© Check the digital sign in the Narthex for location of activities.

Please feel free to take a bulletin with you after Worship.

## Worship Services

Oct. 8: Thanksgiving

Oct. 15: Stewardship

Oct. 22: Joy of Song

Oct. 29: Mission & Service

Through our gifts we commit ourselves to live out the mission and ministry of the church. Please give generously to the Mission and Service Fund to make this possible.



St. Thomas is an Affirming Ministry within The United Church of Canada. LGBT2S people are whole people and full members in this community of faith.



## The United Church of Canada

St. Thomas is proud to be part of the United Church of Canada which ministers to close to 3 million people in 3,500 congregations across the country. (For more information about the United Church visit its website: [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca))



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## Welcome to Worship!

St. Thomas United is an open, affirming, accepting, and child friendly faith community. With children present we expect noise and movement, so there's no need to leave the Sanctuary when it happens. If parents feel more comfortable with their children in nursery care, we have a nursery for babies & children under 3 years of age - just follow the posted signs.

We hope that your worship experience will feed you and challenge you on your faith journey.

Please talk to a greeter or the folks wearing an "Ask Me" badge if there's anything you are unsure of or have a question about.

There are Hearing Assistance Sets available. Ask a greeter or Ask Me person to get one.

We project everything you will need to participate in worship. You will also find hymnbooks in your seats if you'd prefer to use them.

**Newcomers** - please fill out one of our Communication Cards. This is our first opportunity to be in touch with you so that we can start to get to know one another.

**Ministers:** Rev. Tracy Robertson, Rev. Justin McNeill

**Office Manager:** Sandra Dusoswa

**Music Team:** Pam Bazinet, Barb Robertson, Dick Worton, Erin MacLean-Berko

**Accompanists:** Kari Orosz, Kloria Wen

**Youth Leaders:** Andrew Taylor-Kerr, Kirsten Carr, Heather Robertson

**Sunday School & Nursery Coordinator:**

Erin MacLean-Berko

Email: [office@stthomasunited.ca](mailto:office@stthomasunited.ca)

(A full version of this morning's liturgy is available - just ask a Greeter or Ask Me host.)

Sunday, October 8, 2017

10:00 am

Theme: Thanksgiving Sunday

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

**Prelude:** Kari Orosz - "Thanksgiving Theme"  
- by Vince Guaraldi

**Welcome** to our Livestream Worship Service

**Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 Land**

**Greeting One Another & Announcements**

**Introit:** *We Sing Thanksgiving* - by Uhrynivw/Gray  
(refrain sung 2x)

**Christ Candle & Silence**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** *Now Thank We All Our God* VU#236

**Scripture:** Acts 2:43-47

**Ministry of Music:** *The Adult Choir - Let Every Thankful Heart* - by Mock/Nolan

**Children's Time**

**Message:** *Speaking Thankfulness With Many Voices*  
- Sam Able, Gwen Campbell

**Hymn:** *We Plough the Fields* VU#520

**Minute for Stewardship:** Marj Aucoin

**Invitation to Open Hands**

**Opportunity To Open Hands**

†**Offertory:** *For the Beauty of the Earth (v.1)*

VU#226 - sung to the tune of VU#81

†**Offertory Prayer**

**Call to Prayer:** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

(vv 1&2) VU#227

**Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus**

†**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Hymn:** *Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving*

MV#185

**Postlude**

## Today's Service

Thanks to everyone who helped make this Worship service a reality.

**On Sunday October 15 at 4pm we will be celebrating Rev. Justin's Covenanting Service.** A "mashed potato bowl" supper will follow in the Mountainview Hall. Please join us in officially making Justin a part of St. Thomas.

**Our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual WILD GAME DINNER** is fast approaching so mark your calendars!! **Wed. Oct. 18** at 6pm. Dinner Menu will include: **Lasagna – Moose, Deer, or Beef. Also Gluten-free Lasagna, Salad and Buns, Selection of Super Scrumptious Desserts.** Your hosts (again): Barb and Bill Cousens. If you would like to be part of the Kitchen Crew – please contact Barb at bcous@shaw.ca or phone 403-239-5422. Suggested donation - \$10/person or \$25/family – proceeds to the STUC Kitchen Fund.

**UCW News:** Thank you to those who have purchased Fair Trade Coffee. Please remember to pick up your order in the Narthex. We always buy a few extra bags of coffee (\$15) for those who forgot to place their order, or would like to try this excellent product. Our next meeting will be held on Mon. Oct. 16 (Municipal Election Day.... Don't Forget to Vote) at 7pm in the Lounge. Our Rev. Justin McNeill will speak on his journey into ministry. All women of St. Thomas are invited to attend. Following Justin's presentation, we will have a snack and then a short business meeting. Need transportation? Contact the office or wandaveer@shaw.

**Wanda's Preserves:** Glorious crab apples and fruit this year. Just amazing what heat, sunshine, and NO HAIL does to our fruit crops. I will be selling preserves and pickles several Sundays in September and October. Thank you everyone for your donations of fruit, honey, vinegar, and JARS. I am now accepting jars of any size and shape. Proceeds go to the Kitchen Fund. 2017 donation to date is \$825.00.

**Junior Youth Group:** Junior Youth Group is for grades 4 - 6 preteens. They meet once a month for fun and community building. The children are encouraged to bring their friends. The next Junior Youth Group is on Friday, October 13 at 6:30. Volunteer leaders are Sam Abel, Evangeline Robertson, and Matthew Worton. All youth attending are requested to fill out a registration and waiver form the first time they attend during a school year. Forms are available on the website at <http://stthomasunited.ca/Junior-Youth-Group.aspx> or at the Church.

**Décor Committee:** Many thanks are extended to the "fearless drivers" who came out Mon. Oct. 2 in the first snow storm of the season, to take down summer and put up fall! These dedicated and talented volunteers were: **Diane Latter, Jan Mingo, Heather Worton, Bev Smith, Valda Clements, Betty Ann Murray, Tim and Louise Scott.** The winter glitch didn't bother us at all; we had a fun and productive time. Lori Weller, Décor Committee

**Items to Claim:** There are two cake pans, a couple of plastic containers, a new coffee go-cup, and two very nice, expensive carving knives on the table in Narthex. Please check these items out. If one is yours, PLEASE take it home and do bring it back when needed, ie: more cake!! Thanks. Lori Weller, Décor Committee

**Start saving your toonies!** We will be collecting them at our **November 12th Remembrance Day Worship Service.** All the toonies we collect will be sent to the Veterans Food Bank. Get the whole family involved in helping our Veterans!

**A new Faith Formation program, This Is the Story,** begins Oct. 22 from 11:30-12:30 in the Mountainview Hall. A very, very *different* Bible study. We'll find out what the two creation stories *actually* say, which is different from what the church has always *said* it says. The program will continue Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, and Dec. 3.

**Primetimers:** Join us for Jubilations Dinner Theatre Matinee on **Nov. 21.** \$44.60/person. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please pay Bernice Roth before Nov. 7.

**August 13, 2017:** >1,500 participants raised **\$6.7 million dollars** for the Alberta Cancer Foundation! We know it is more than just 1,500 participants. We also know it is people like you. **Team 4 All** of **9** members raised just **\$47,200.26!** Come and join us in 2018. **Team 4 All** already have 3 new people! The ride continues ... David Robertson, david.j.robertson@shaw.ca, 403-547-3123 <http://www.conquercancer.ca/goto/Team4All2018>; <http://www.conquercancer.ca/goto/DavidRobertson2018>

**A Moment of Peace:** A meditative service every Tuesday at **10:30am** and the last Monday evening of each month at **5:30pm.**

**Drumming Circles:** On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-9pm. The next drumming circle is **Oct. 10.** To register: complete a communication card or call the office at 403-241-0366.

**Healing Touch** starting Thurs. **Oct. 12.** For more info, see poster and pamphlet in the Narthex. To book an appointment please call the church office.

**Quilting For Others** meets every Thurs. morning (9am-12pm) in the Mountainview Hall, to make quilts for charitable organizations and/or members of the Congregation. Approximately 20 quilts per year are made from fabrics donated. You do not need to know how to quilt but if you can sew a straight line or hand stitch, you are needed. We are happy to mentor inexperienced quilters in the quilt-making process. We hope to see some new faces join us! If you are interested and want more information, please call Hope Cochran at 587-581-2616.

**Sign-up for Sunday School teachers** is available online and in the Narthex. All parents whose children attend Sunday school must fill a minimum volunteer requirement.

**Avenue 15:** We have our fall dates booked: **Oct. 15, Nov. 12, and Dec. 17.** It would be great if you are able to spare a few hours to help us make dinner. For more information, please contact Hope Cochran at 587-581-2619

**Habitat for Humanity - International Habitat build in Honduras February 17-25, 2018:** Spend five days working as part of a team, with an experienced leader. The cost is approx. \$1770 + round trip airfare (tax receipts issued for both) and approx. \$300 for R & R. Spots are filling up fast. If you are interested, please contact Melinda-Rae Lyse at 403-926-2787 or melindaraelyse@altig.com.

**If you usually attend St. Thomas** services and/or events alone, we would encourage you to call the office and provide us with an emergency contact name and phone number. Your contact will only be called in case of emergency, and only by the Minister and/or Chairpersons. No contact information will be shared publicly.

**Confirmation Classes** are being held on the last Sunday of each month after church (as of Sept. 24). Anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Thomas United Church is encouraged to commit to participating in the classes on the following dates: 2017: Oct. 11, Oct. 29, Nov. 26; 2018: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25. Confirmation Sunday will be Easter - April 1

**Multi-cultural Training Tour:** Sat. Oct. 14 from 10am-3pm. Discover global cultural communities in your neighbourhood. \$69 includes lunch and certificate. Please see bulletin board for more info or contact Shirley McLauren at multicultural2002@gmail.com, Or 888-897-4224.

**Please Note:** We do Livestream most Worship Services. Here is the link with info: [https://youtu.be/wel\\_ZSaZpdU](https://youtu.be/wel_ZSaZpdU).