

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Sunday, Community Time After Each Service
10:00 am Worship

© Check the digital sign in the Narthex for location of activities. Please feel free to take a bulletin with you after Worship.



Worship Services

July 2 - Rev. Justin
July 9 - The Strummers
July 16 - Rev. Justin
July 23 - Rev. Justin
July 30 - Rev. Justin
Aug. 6 - Rev. Justin
Aug. 27 - Dmetri Berko

Summer Greeters:

July 2 - Cathy Rivard (Greeters)
July 9 - The Strummers
July 16 - UCW
July 23 - Rachel Murray (M&O)
July 30 - Rachel Murray (M&O)
Aug. 6 - Diane Paley (Worship)
Aug. 13 - Myrna Malanik (Faith Formation)
Aug. 20 - Jan & Keith Campbell (Worship)
Aug. 27 - Tess & Harold Ashley (Greeters)
Sept. 3 - Cathy Rivard (Greeters)

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)



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VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

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, Matt Taylor-Kerr

Sunday School & Nursery Coordinator:

Erin MacLean-Berko

Email: office@stthomasunited.ca

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

Prelude

Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service

Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 Land

Greeting One Another & Announcements

Introit

Christ Candle & Silence

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Scripture

Ministry of Music

Message

Hymn

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Open Hands

Opportunity To Open Hands

✠Offertory

✠Offertory Prayer

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus

✠Commissioning & Benediction

Hymn

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musical Offerings for Summer Services: If you would like to provide a musical offering for a summer service, please contact Elaine Taylor-Kerr (taylor-kerr@shaw.ca or 403-239-8271). As Kari is on vacation in August, you will need to provide your own accompanist if you choose an August date.

The Office This Summer: Please note that I will be on holidays for the month of July so the office will be on reduced hours. Voice messages will be checked daily, and the mail will also be picked up. I will be back in the office, part-time, the first week in August and then full-time on August 14. I hope everyone has a wonderful and peaceful summer! *See you in August, Sandra*

Rev. Tracy will be on holidays June 26 through July 30 and on the Zambia Exposure Tour, July 31 through August 22. Rev. Justin will be in the office this summer. Feel free to call or stop in and see him Monday to Thursday. Please call ahead before coming to the office to make sure he is around. Rev. Justin will be covering pastoral care while Tracy is off and can be reached at 587-736-0022.

Dates to Remember:

- * Stampede Service, July 9
- * Adult Choir Advance, Sept. 2
- * Pride Parade, Sept. 3
- * Youth Choir, starts Sept. 6
- * AM Fitness, Sept. 6
- * Children's Choir, Strummers, Adult Choir, start Sept. 7
- * Marathon Bridge, Sept. 7
- * Youth Group, Sept. 8
- * Sunday School Registration & Blessing of the Backpacks, Sept. 10
- * Orchestra, Sept. 11
- * Drum Circle, Sept. 12
- * Quilting for Others, start Sept. 7
- * Tuesday's Grace Quilters, start Sept. 19
- * Welcome Back to Church Sunday, Sept. 10
- * UCW Meeting, Sept. 18
- * Primetimers, Sept. (TBA)
- * Jr. Youth Group, Sept. 22
- * Prayer Shawl Knitting, Sept. 12

Nursery: During the summer months, the nursery will not be staffed, but parents with their small children are welcome to use it.

Children & Youth: You are all invited to continue coming to church on Sundays throughout the summer; however, there will be no Sunday School program. There are activity bags available at the entrance of the Sanctuary for your use. Sunday School will begin September 10 (remember: Blessing of the Backpacks will be that Sunday as well).

Please remember the Veteran's Food Bank during the summer months. Thanks from Mission and Outreach.

Sign-up for Sunday School teachers will be available mid-August, online, and in the Narthex. All parents whose children attend Sunday school must fill a minimum volunteer requirement. A volunteer orientation/social will be held on September 7th 7:00PM - 7:30PM (kids from choir are welcome to hang out!) If you have questions, email Erin erinmacberko@gmail.com.

Come join us for drop-in Bridge every Monday at 1pm in the Mountainview Hall. Adults welcome. No expertise needed! Just have fun!

Confirmation Classes will be held on the last Sunday of each month after church beginning in September. Anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Thomas United Church is encouraged to commit to participating in the classes on the following dates:

September 24, 2017

October 29, 2017

November 26, 2017

January 28, 2018

February 25, 2018

March 25, 2018

Confirmation Sunday will be Easter - April 1, 2018

Healing Pathway, Phase One: July 17-21, Naramata Centre

Come to Naramata Centre in July to this introductory experiential course in Christian-centered energy healing. All healing comes from within. Practitioners are trained to be a heart-centred, loving presence, and to use techniques in an intentional manner to facilitate and support the healing process of an individual, for physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual well-being. Learn more [here](https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/summer-2017/): or on the Naramata Centre website: <https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/summer-2017/>