

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Sunday, June 11	Community Time After Each Service
10:00 am	Worship
Monday, June 12	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
1:00 pm	Bridge
6:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
6:30 pm	Dance
6:30 pm	Sparks
Tuesday, June 13	
4:15 pm	Karate
7:00 pm	B&P Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 14	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
10:30 am	Cooking with Friends
7:00 pm	Wed. Night Book Club
Thursday, June 15	
9:00 am	Quilting
4:15 pm	Karate
6:00 pm	Strummers
7:00 pm	YAC Meeting
7:15 pm	Adult Choir
Friday, June 16	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
7:00 pm	Sewing 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

**June 11** - Thank You Sunday - Formed by Love  
**June 18** - Father's Day! - Compassion  
**June 25** - Canada 150 Celebration - God and the Sparrows - Rev. Justin (in his St. Thomas debut!)

## Today's Service

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



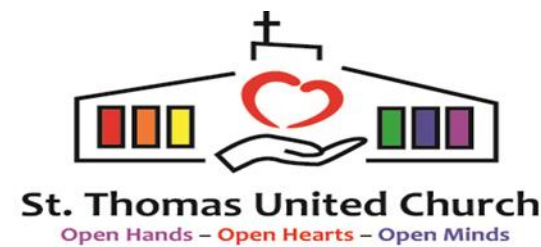
Through our gifts we commit ourselves to live out the mission and ministry of the church. Please give generously to the Mission and Service Fund to make this possible.



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))



## 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.

**Minister:** Rev. Tracy Robertson

**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](mailto:office@stthomasunited.ca)

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

Sunday, June 11, 2017

10:00 am

Theme: Formed by Love

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

**Prelude:** Kari Orosz – *A Night in Tunisia* – by Dizzy Gillespie and Frank Paparelli

**Welcome** to our Livestream Worship Service

**Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 Land**

**Greeting One Another & Announcements**

**Introit:** *River Running in You and Me* (vv 1,7)

MV#163

**Christ Candle & Silence**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* MV#30

**Scripture:** *Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

**Ministry of Music:** *The Adult Choir: Hallelujah, Get Happy!* – Arlen/ Koehler, Hawkins, Gilpin

**Message:** *And God Said, "It Is Good"*

**Hymn:** *Each Blade of Grass* MV#37

**Minute for St. Thomas:** *Pastoral Care Team*

**Invitation to Open Hands**

**Opportunity To Open Hands**

✠**Offertory:** *What Does the Lord Require of You*

VU# 701

✠**Offertory Prayer**

**Call to Prayer:** *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* (v1)

VU#374

**Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus**

✠**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Hymn:** *This Is God's Wondrous World* VU#296

**Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**On behalf of the** Joint Search Committee (including Tom Melvin - Presbytery Rep, Mark Wagner, Jeff McLean, Elaine Taylor-Kerr, Dan MacDonald, and myself - Elaine Gray), I am very pleased to introduce our new minister for Preaching & Administration. Justin McNeill will begin at St. Thomas on June 19, 2017. He is excited to grow with us, and to complete our formidable ministry team with Rev. Tracy!

**News:** St. Thomas UC received approval on May 24 from Presbytery to proceed to a Streamlined Board governance model. Anyone interested in inquiring about, or potential candidates for election to, the new Council are encouraged to speak with Linda Miller at 403-383-9045 or Jeff McLean at 403-850-7918.

**Thank you St. Thomas**, for supporting our Grocery Gift card fundraiser. You bought \$25,775 worth of cards and helped us to fundraise \$2079!! -- St Thomas Zambia team

**Huge Thanks:** Everyone at St. Thomas United would like to commend **Maxine Mendritzki and all her family** who have run the garage sale for the last many years. Also to **Brenda Roberts** who is now on board with Maxine on this project. This is a huge undertaking that they do with enthusiasm, determination, and fun. Very many thanks to you. **All at St. Thomas UC.**

**Camp fYrefly:** We invite you to join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Camp fYrefly. We need 10 volunteers to come and help make dinner on **Fri. July 8 from 4 – 7 pm.** Camp fYrefly is the “Leadership Retreat for Sexual and Gender Minority Youth” at Cochrane. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Karen Kavanagh at karenkavanagh80@gmail.com or 403-286-8073.

**MOST Pub Night** to welcome our new minister: The men of St. Thomas are invited out to Schanks at Crowfoot on Tues. June 20 at 7pm for a fun, social gathering. Our new minister, Rev. Justin McNeill will be joining us, so this will be your chance to meet him before he officially joins our congregation. RSVP to Ryan at lsandman@shaw.ca so we can reserve enough space.

**Habitat for Humanity - May 27 Women Build - Thank you!** This was St. Thomas’ 5<sup>th</sup> year supporting this mission. Due to your overwhelming support, we raised over \$2,200 which was enough to send five women to participate. Special thanks to Shelley Herman, Gisele Scott-Woo, Amy Woo, & Mya Lyse for all of their hard work landscaping and framing windows. This was our biggest group ever! Thank you to everyone for your prayers and financial support. For more information regarding Habitat for Humanity, contact me at melindaraelyse@altig.com or 403-926-2787. *Melinda-Rae.*

**St. Thomas is compiling a list of this year’s graduates** from high school, university, and college, which will be included in a June STUC announcements. We rely on the congregation to pass along the names of individuals to congratulate. Please send us names, programs completed, “next step” info if you know at this point (Name, grade 12 diploma, going to UBC, studying ..... or has accepted a job with). If they aren’t sure what the next step is, just leave that part out. Send information to Sandra in writing, either by email at: office@stthomasunited.ca, or by filling out a communication card.

**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.

**If you are single** and attending St. Thomas, we are hoping you could call the office and provide us with an emergency contact (name and phone number). This person will only be contacted in case of emergency, and only by the Minister and/or Chair people. No contact names will be shared publicly.

**Hello St. Thomas!** Zambia team here telling you all about our next fundraiser! On Father's Day, **Sun. June 18**, we are going to be holding a **cake walk!** In order to make this work, we need cake donations from you wonderful people! You can contact me (Evangeline) at evangeline@vilya.com, for more information and to register your name for a donation.

**Summer Camp at St. Thomas July 31 – Aug. 4:** Camp Caravan is a summer day-camp program for children in kindergarten to grade 6 sponsored by St. Andrew’s Regional Ministries See <https://andychurch.org/campcaravan> or call 403-259-4080 for further details. **Camp Caravan Registration Blitz Day will be June 11.**

**One Walk. One day. ALL Cancers:** On **June 24** our team will walk 25km in support of my brother Kyle Mendritzki, who recently completed treatment for a second cancer diagnosis. Funds raised support research and care here in AB. Any donations would be much appreciated! Please visit: [www.onewalk.ca/goto/andrea-sonpal](http://www.onewalk.ca/goto/andrea-sonpal). Thanks! Andrea Sonpal

**Zambia Youth Exposure Tour (ZYET) 2017:** This August, several members of our congregation will be going on an Exposure tour to the Copperbelt Region of Zambia. The St. Thomas team consists of Rev. Tracy Robertson, Andrew Taylor-Kerr, Matthew Taylor-Kerr, Richard Taylor-Kerr, Amanda Sherwin, Evangeline Robertson, and Jenn Mingo. Thank you for all of your continuing support to help make this trip a success!

**Weekend of Discovery:** On **Sept. 15 – 17** we are planning a unique opportunity to visit wonders of the world right here in our own backyard. The sign-up sheet for camping spots or Comfort Camp is now available in the Narthex. For more info contact Karen Kavanagh at karenkavanagh80@gmail.com or 403-286-8073.

**Please note: Campbells will no longer take all labels.**

**Camp Kasota West:** Camp Kasota West is a United Church camp on Sylvan Lake near Red Deer. For further information see [www.campkasotawest.com](http://www.campkasotawest.com).

**Naramata Centre 2017:** Naramata Centre is welcoming guests again this year. To register for programs and accommodations or to view the program offerings, visit [www.naramatacentresociety.org](http://www.naramatacentresociety.org) or call the Centre at 250-496-5751. We hope you will support Naramata Centre this summer by coming to stay on site and participating in one of our many programs!