



St. Thomas United Church
Open Hands – Open Hearts – Open Minds

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 begin 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: Heather Robertson,
Eden Middleton, Caitlin Hornbeck

Sunday School & Nursery Coordinator:
Erin MacLean-Berko

Office Email: office@stthomasunited.ca

Sunday, June 9, 2019

10:00 am

**Theme: The Greatest Showman
Worship Series**

VU = Voices United

MV = More Voices

Prelude: *Kari Orosz - “Interstellar” by Hans Zimmer, Alex Gibson, & Ryan Rubin*

Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service

**Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 & Region 3
Land**

Greeting One Another & Announcements

Christ Candle Lighting

Introit: *Come All You People (2x)* **MV#2**

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *On Pentecost They Gathered*
(sung to the tune of VU#331) **VU#195**

Scripture: *Acts 2:1-8, 12-18*

Ministry of Music: *The Adult Choir - “Bound for the Promised Land” - Traditional Spiritual; arr. John Leavitt*

Children's Time

Message: *“A Spirit-Powered Faith”*

Hymn: *Come, O Holy Spirit* **MV#23**

Minute for St. Thomas: *“Calgary Alliance for the Common Good” - Outreach Committee - Karen Kavanagh*

Invitation to Open Hands

Opportunity to Open Hands

Offertory: *Grateful (Chorus Only)* **MV#182**

Offertory Prayer

Call to Prayer: *Spirit of the Living God (v.2)*
VU#376

Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus

Communion

Hymn: *Dance with the Spirit* **MV#156**

Commissioning

Blessing for Griffiths

Benediction

Postlude

NEW THIS WEEK

June Birthday Sunday will be June 23.

Wanda's Preserves: This is such a busy church yeah!!!... that I have a hard time fitting in preserves sales. I plan to have preserves at church on **June 23**, and possibly June 30. Thanks for your support. Wanda Veer

Wednesday Night Book Club: We will be meeting on June 12, 6:45 pm, at Chianti's in Crowfoot to choose books for the next year. Everyone welcome!

Silent Auction & BBQ on June 9: St. Thomas is going to be holding a silent auction & BBQ! **Silent auction to open right after the service and closes at 1PM. *You do not have to be in attendance to claim the winning bid. We will contact you. BBQ to start at NOON.**

Décor Committee: Changing to Summer Hues on **Thursday, June 20** from 9:30-11:30 am. Eight volunteers needed and that would be terrific. Please call or email, Lori Weller at leweller@shaw.ca or 403-239-1705. Thanks.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who came out this past year (Sept. '18 to June '19) to make suppers for the homeless youth at **Avenue 15**. Our congregation is so supportive of the many initiatives that Outreach takes on – by way of donations of money or time. Many times there are only two or three youth on site to sit down to dinner with us so we never know if the meal really gets eaten or not. The social workers assure us again and again that it *ALL* gets eaten. These are kids that are homeless and struggling - many with mental health issues.....how could you not be if you are homeless and still trying to finish school and no longer have the support of your family. But whether the youth are there to eat with us or not, the feedback I've had is that the youth have said how much they enjoy it "when those church people come to make dinner". That says it all for me!! So thank you so, so much for all your hard work, support, and donations of toiletries and clothing and the incredible Western hospitality and compassion we exude each and every time we go out in the world to help others. I look forward to having more of you come out to help with a dinner in the next year. Stay tuned for dates and times for suppers starting in September 2019.

COMING UP

Fair Trade Coffee Orders: Just in time for your summer sipping!! We will be taking Fair Trade coffee orders at the usual table in the Narthex on **Sun. June 9**. Selection and prices remain the same. Because of your support, we are able to buy all of the coffee wholesale for the church to use – and it's Fair Trade coffee so we are all helping the farmers who grow the crops! Now is the time to stock up for the summer as the next order after this will be in September. Thanks so much for your support! Marilyn Barry (marilyn.barry4@gmail.com) and Judy Booth (jabooth@telusplanet.net).

The Affirming Group at St. Thomas is planning a fun, family-friendly event on Saturday, **June 22 from 9 am to noon**. Weather permitting, we will be painting the retaining walls of the church in rainbow colours and are inviting any and all to come, with brushes in hand, to help out. We will provide the paint and some snacks. Spread the word!

Thanks to all of you who donated to Colour to Conquer Cancer this month! RAINBOW has won by a landslide at \$168.40. In total, we raised \$404.70 for this worthy cause. Erin, Evangeline, and Rev. Tracy will be 'rainbowing' their hair in the next week or two. Thanks again!

Primetimers: Everyone is invited to join us for our last Coffee and a Chat (and some treats!) before we break for the summer months. It will be held **Tues. June 25 at 10 am** in the Narthex. A reminder: if you agree, please bring your own cup. We can store it at the church. Please call Jan Campbell if you would like to donate a treat for our table.

Correspondence Club: Everyone has something to say and should be encouraged to do so. Pen and ink or pencil and lead, coupled with paper, can be the most effective weapons in a person's communication arsenal. Whether it be for activism, information, or just plain fun, writing a letter to someone helps you to be heard. Please join the Correspondence Club. **The next meeting is June 10 from 7 – 8:30 pm** in the Lounge at St. Thomas for issue discussion and ideas for writing letters. This is a family-friendly club and children are invited to come and make their voices heard.

St. Thomas is compiling a list of this year's graduates from high school, university, and college, which will be included in the announcements on Father's Day. We rely on the congregation to pass along the names of individuals to congratulate. Please submit the graduate's name, program completed, and future plans, in writing, to Sandra by filling out a communication card or by emailing office@stthomasunited.ca.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School: We need small Mason jars. If you have any, please bring them on Sunday!

Nursery and Sunday School Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact Erin MacLean-Berko at erinmacberko@gmail.com. We are running very short of Sunday school volunteers for and June. Please considering giving your time, or we will only be offering minimal classes.

Junior Youth Group Social Event: 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, June 7** 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 to <http://stthomasunited.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2018-2019-jr-youth-group-registration-package.pdf> or at the Church the night of the meeting.

Junior Youth Sunday Morning: On Sunday, **June 9** during the service, there will be a special program geared towards children in grades 4 – 6. It will be led by one of the Junior youth leaders. The children will start the morning in the service and then leave for their program when the rest of the Sunday school and the senior youth group leave. Friends are always welcome.

Camp Kasota West: Camp Kasota West is a United Church camp on Sylvan Lake near Red Deer. Please see the newsletter for more information.

Summer Camp at St. Thomas July 22-26: **Camp Caravan** is a summer day-camp program for children in preschool to grade 6 sponsored by St. Andrew's Regional Ministries. It promises to be a fun-filled week of activities that help children learn about the Bible stories and God's power and love at work in the world. It runs from 9 am – 4 pm and costs \$125/child (financial assistance is available). See <https://andychurch.org/campcaravan/> or call 403-259-4080 for further details.

A PLACE FOR YOU

Hey, all you people, come and join our **AM Fitness and Fun** group. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings in the Mountainview Hall from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Give it a try!

St. Thomas Drumming Circle will continue to be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month from now until June. To register please email Daryl at dfenty@telus.net, or call or email the church office. Registration is limited to 30 people.

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm in the 2nd floor Lounge. All are welcome to join in. Please direct any questions to Sandra Burgess (403-701-3479). Our meetings will resume in September.

Naramata Centre: Naramata Centre is a conference and retreat centre of the United Church of Canada. See <https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/> for program descriptions, accommodation descriptions, and to register. Registration is ongoing.

OUTREACH

Avenue 15 dinners. Please join us on Sunday, **June 9** to help make dinner for the homeless youth at Avenue 15. It takes approximately three hours to prepare and eat the meal and staying to eat is optional. Any donations of toiletries, feminine hygiene products, condoms, stuffed animals, and gently used, clean clothing is much appreciated. Toiletries must be unused. For more information – or to donate your items – contact Hope Cochran at 587-581-2619 or hopeco7@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed at Side by Side Program: Side by Side is a volunteer-run day program for people with dementia, and has been offered free of charge at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church (VAPC) since 2015. The program includes a variety of activities, and takes place most Thursdays from 9:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. We have a lot of fun at Side by Side, and we are always looking for more volunteers!! There are a number of different volunteer opportunities available, but in particular, we need people who are interested in working one-on-one as partners to participants who have dementia. If you would like more information, or would like to come and visit on a Thursday to check things out, please contact Claire Huene (program co-ordinator) by e-mail at sidebyside@vapc.ca, or through the VAPC office at (403) 288-0544.

Veteran's Food Bank: Let's remember to fill up our Veteran's Food Bank box before we head out on holidays this summer. Thank you!

Protestant Communion Service at Bethany: How would you like to help out with the mini church service held once a month at Bethany Calgary, the long-term care facility (916 – 18A Street NW), just south of North Hill Shopping Centre? This is a rewarding experience and only takes 1.5 – 2 hours of your time once a month. There is lots of free street parking. As a volunteer, you could porter the residents from their rooms to the chapel and then help them hold hymnbooks, etc., or you could help with the service by reading scripture or prayers prepared by the minister and/or by serving communion. The residents greatly value the church service and would hate to lose it due to a lack of volunteers. For more information speak to Loree Irving at 403-286-6308, or call Bethany at 403-284-6000 or their Pastoral Care Office at 403-284-6004.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wanted: Volunteer Kitchen Supervisor— Come on board to help keep the kitchen areas of St. Thomas clean and tidy. You sign on for a month and periodically check on tidiness of fridges, freezers, cupboards, and labeling of goods left in same. (Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex, or read the article in the summer newsletter (out in June), for complete review of this helpful position.) Contact Lori if interested or for more info. leweller@shaw.ca or 403-239-1705.

Leadership Opportunities: We have three teams needing help: Affirming Group, Faith Formation, and Finance. Please contact Tracy or Justin if any of these opportunities call to you.

OFFICE

Twitter: We now have a new way to stay engaged with the goings-on at St. Thomas. Come and say hi. Go to https://twitter.com/st_thomas_yc.

Office Hours: Regular office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30-3:30, Fridays 8:30-12:30.

Please Note: We Livestream most Worship Services. Please go to <https://livestream.com/StThomasUnited> to watch them online.

Sign Up for St. Thomas Announcements and e-Letters: Want to know what's going on? Sign up for announcements by filling out a Communication Card or calling the office at (403)241-0366.

Please Note: The EDNS preschool will have a bin to **collect used markers**, sharpies, and dry erase markers. They will then take them to be recycled. We have been invited to bring our used markers in and add them to their bin.

OUTSIDE ST. THOMAS

Healing Touch Level 1 *courses offered June 8-9 (contact Linda Martin at 403-601-0529) and June 22-23 (contact Betty Minifie at 403-474-7399).*

Right Relations Circle at Hillhurst United: The Right Relations Circle of Hillhurst United Church meets regularly on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All are welcome. For more info contact: right.relations@hillhurstunited.com.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Community Time After Each Service

Sunday, June 9

10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am Silent Auction
 12:00 pm BBQ

Monday, June 10

9:30 am AM Fitness
 1:00 pm Bridge
 6:30 pm Worship Comm. Meeting
 7:00 pm Correspondence Club

Tuesday, June 11

4:15 pm Karate
 7:00 pm Drum Circle
 7:00 pm B&P Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, June 12

9:30 am AM Fitness
 7:00 pm Cool Choir
 7:00 pm Wed. Night Book Club
 7:00 pm YAC Meeting

Thursday, June 13

9:00 am Quilting for Others
 4:15 pm Karate
 6:00 pm Strummers
 7:15 pm Adult Choir

Friday, June 14

9:30 am AM Fitness
 11:30 am Sportball
 6:30 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm Sewing Group

Saturday, June 15

8:30 am Karate
 9:00 am Chinese School

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

Today's Service

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

Worship Services

June 9: Pentecost Sunday
 June 16: Father's Day
 June 23: Freedom and Faith
 June 30: Follow Me
 July 7: Strummers Stampede Service
 July 14: The Good Samaritan
 July 21: Martha & Mary
 July 28: Prayer
 August 4: Wordly Things
 August 11: Thieves & Treasure
 August 18: The Cause of Division
 August 25: Sabbath Healing



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. LGBTQ2 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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