



**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:** Tracy Robertson & Justin McNeill

**Office Administrator:** Vacant

**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

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

**Sunday, July 7, 2019**

**10:00 am**

**Theme: Suffering, endurance, character, hope and love**

*A Stampede Service Organized and Led by The Strummers*

**VU = Voices United      MV = More Voices**

**Prelude:** *"When the Wagon Was New"* by Sam McGee  
*"I Can Hear Alberta"* by Bradley Bischoff

**Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service**

**Acknowledgement: Treaty 7 & Metis Region 3**

**Greeting One Another & Announcements**

**Introit:** *"Come In, Come In and Sit Down"*      **VU#395**

**Christ Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *"Whispering Hope"* by Septimus Winner

**Reading:** *"Sore Places"* by Ed Brown

**Hymn:** *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

by Elisha Hoffman

**Scripture:** *Romans 5:1-5*

**Ministry of Music:** *"Sweet Alberta Home"*

by Bill Stains (localized by Ron French)

**Invitation to Open Hands:**

**Opportunity to Open Hands**

**Ministry of Music:** *"Cowboy's Delight"* by John Denver

**Offertory:** *For the Gift of Creation*

**VU#538**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Reading:** *"My Dreams"* by Todd-Michael St. Pierre

**Hymn:** *"Wings in the Morning"* by Johnny Cash

**Reading:** *"God's Goodbye"* by Claire Pollock

**Ministry of Music:** *"Good Day to Ride"* by George Canyon

**Hymn:** *In the Sweet By and By"*

by Sanford F. Bennett & Joseph P. Webster

**Call to Prayer:** *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

**MV#85**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**      **VU#959**

**Reading:** *"Thank You God"* by Joel T. Batts

**Ten Cowboy Truths**

**Commissioning**

**Benediction:** *"Happy Trails"* by Dale Evans-Rogers

**Postlude:** *"I'm Just An Old Chunk of Coal"*

by Billy Joe Shaver

*"Little Cow Herd"* by Neil Sedaka Revised by Ringling 5

## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

If your **birthday is in July or August**, you will not be forgotten! Plan to be in church on Welcome Back Sunday, September 8th and we will celebrate with cake!

## BOOK CLUB

Get ready for the September Book Club by reading "*Becoming*" by Michelle Obama.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Summer Camp at St. Thomas July 22-26:** Camp Caravan runs from 9 am – 4 pm and costs \$125/child (financial assistance is available). Details at <https://andychurch.org/campcaravan/> or call 403-259-4080. Want to send a kid to camp? Let us know!

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

**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. Sunday School will begin September 8 (remember: Blessing of the Backpacks will be that Sunday as well).

**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. Stay tuned in the fall for a date for the volunteer orientation/social. If you have questions, email Erin [erinmacberko@gmail.com](mailto:erinmacberko@gmail.com).

## ONGOING

**Correspondence Club:** Whatever the reason, writing a letter to someone helps you to be heard. We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday night from 7—8:30 pm. All welcome.

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

**Leadership Opportunities at St. Thomas:** We still have two teams needing help: Faith Formation and Finance. Please contact Rev. Tracy or Rev. Justin.

## AFFIRMING GROUP

**Pride Parade** is Sunday, September 1st starting at 11 am. *There are many ways you can show your support:*

- Prior to Parade Day you can **bake Rainbow Oatmeal Cookies**
- Sign up, take a recipe, and bring the baked cookies, individually packaged, back to the church freezer.
- **Walk in the parade** following the St. Thomas banner. Be there by 10 am.

Contact Karen Kavanagh at karenkavanagh80@gmail.com for more details.

**Pride Parade is a great way for St. Thomas to show its commitment to being an Affirming Congregation and welcoming to all.**

## CALGARY ALLIANCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good (CACG or Alliance) has announced that it is holding a Founding Assembly on Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm at Knox United Church. This is where the membership of the Alliance will declare the establishment of the collective Alliance as a force for common good. At that Founding Assembly, all of the delegates of St. Thomas will be invited on stage to show their support and state, as a group, why we are a part of CACG. Please come, show your support and demonstrate to the numerous City Councillors, MLA, and MPs at that Assembly, that many of their constituents are a part of this group. Please talk to Karen Kavanagh 403-286-8073 or karenkavanagh80@gmail.com or any member of the Outreach team.

## BEYOND ST. THOMAS

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

**Weekly Farmers' Market** at Robert McClure United Church (5510—26 Avenue NE) every Friday from 3 pm to 7 pm June 14—September 27, 2019.

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*Note: Any announcements, advertisements, or requests for non-church related products, services, or donations to organizations contained in this bulletin/newsletter should not be interpreted as recommendations, endorsements, or permission by St. Thomas United Church.*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

## Sunday, July 7

10:00 am Strummers Stampede Service  
11:00 am **Stampede Breakfast**

## Monday, July 8

1:00 pm Drop-In Bridge  
7:00 pm Correspondence Club

## Tuesday, July 9

4:15 pm Sentenashi Karate

## Wednesday, July 10

No events booked

## Thursday, July 11

4:15 pm Sentenashi Karate

## Friday, July 12

9:00 am Sportball  
1:00 pm Muslim Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Sewing Group

## Saturday, July 13

8:30 am Sentenashi Karate

**NOTE:** For a detailed and up to date calendar, please check out our website at [stthomasunited.ca/what-we-do/calendar/](http://stthomasunited.ca/what-we-do/calendar/)

**Summer Office Hours** are in effect. Please call ahead to be sure someone will be in the office.

## Today's Service

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



100 Hawkwood Blvd. NW Calgary AB T3G 2S9

## Worship Services

July 7: Strummers Stampede Service & Breakfast  
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](http://www.united-church.ca))

## STAYING CONNECTED

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/st.thomasunitedchurch/>

**Livestream:** <https://livestream.com/StThomasUnited> to watch services online.

Sign Up for St. Thomas Announcements and e-Letters: Fill out a Communication Card