

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Every Sunday

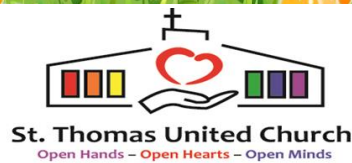
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am **Community Time following worship**

NOTE: For a detailed and up to date calendar, please check out our website at 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 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)

STAYING CONNECTED

Office Phone: 403-241-0366

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Twitter: https://twitter.com/st_thomas_yc

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



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 in July and August
10:00 am

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

Prelude

Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service

Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 & Region 3 Land

Greeting One Another & Announcements

Christ Candle & Silence

Introit

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening 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

Hymn

✠Commissioning

Benediction

Postlude

Note: this is our generic summer bulletin

Please return them to the greeters so we can use them again during the summer; thank you!

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

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.

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.

MUSIC

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.

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

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.

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.

Seniors' Wellness Day

100 Hawkwood Blvd. NW



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Everyone Welcome!

**Come throughout the day
and check out booths and
resources!**

**Saturday
September 28, 2019
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Lunch Included
FREE!**

Resource and Information Booths:

Alberta Health Services, Aging and Driving, Calgary Alliance for the Common Good, Carewest, Driving Miss Daisy, Heart to Home Meals, Home Care Assistance Calgary, Kerby Centre, Matching Seniors and Students, Veterans Assistance

Retirement Living *options* from:

Arbour Lake, Bow View Manor, Chartwell, Edgemont, Evanston, Rocky Ridge, Sage Hill, Valley Ridge

End of Life *options*:

Alberta Health Services, Calgary Cooperative Memorial Society, Death Doulas, Hospice Calgary, Medical Assistance in Dying

Presentations and Food

9:30 am—"Mind Fit" by Home Care Assistance
11:00 am—Alberta Health Services (home & memory care, personal directives, green sleeves, and other funded resources)
12 noon—free lunch
1:30 pm—Aging and Driving



The Office This Summer: Office hours will be sporadic so please call ahead. Voice and email messages will be checked daily. We hope everyone has a wonderful and peaceful summer.

Rev. Tracy will be on holidays July 19 through August 15. Rev. Justin will return on July 8. The ministers will be available in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. They are also available by cell phone or email. Rev. Tracy can be reached at 403-870-3930. Rev. Justin will be covering pastoral care while Rev. Tracy is off and can be reached at 587-736-0022. Just a reminder that the minister's days off are Friday & Saturday. Please only contact them in an emergency on these days.

Start-up Dates to Remember:

- * AM Fitness, Sept. 4
- * Choirs:
 - * Adult Choir Advance, Sept. 7
 - * Children's Choir, Strummers, Adult Choir, start Sept. 5
 - * Youth Choir, starts Sept. 4
- * Jr. Youth Group, Sept. 20
- * Marathon Bridge, Sept. 26
- * Orchestra, Sept. 9
- * Pride Parade, Sept. 1
- * Primetimers, Sept. 17
- * Quilting for Others, Sept. 12
- * **Sunday School Registration & Blessing of the Backpacks, Sept. 8**
- * Tuesday's Grace Quilters, Sept. 17
- * **Welcome Back to Church Sunday and BBQ, Sept. 8**
- * Youth Group, Sept. 6