



ST. THOMAS UNITED CHURCH



2026

NEWSLETTER

Sunday Morning Worship Time Every Sunday
Starting at 10:30 am

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Minister's Message - Reverend Tracy

I've had the privilege of being the Chair of the Diakonia of the United Church of Canada (DUCC) association for the past two years. DUCC is an association of practitioners of diaconal ministry in the United Church of Canada.

Within the diaconal community, there are opportunities to attend events every year. Since its inception in 1984, DUCC has met every two years; this year, our National Gathering took place in Kelowna from September 15 - 18 to study the theme "Prophetic Voices: Nurturing Transformational Diakonia in a Time Such as This". Our focus scripture for the week was: "For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will arise for your people from another quarter, but you and your ancestor's house will perish. Who knows whether you have not come to the kin-dom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

Our keynote speaker was Mable Kifwabantu who serves as the Community Development and Social Justice Secretary for the United Church of Zambia. These are some of the learnings that spoke to me from each of Mable's topics:

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- Transformational Diakonia: Rooted in Service, Reaching for Justice

In our foundation of a ministry of service, we must remember to move from serving to being a prophetic voice because the time for only charity is over.

When voices and people are silenced, it diminishes their purpose.

- Naming the Climate: Justice, Food Security, and the Earth We Serve

One finger cannot move a boulder, but many hands can; we must do justice work together for it to make a difference.

Those who damage the environment usually aren't the ones who have to live with it because the consequences of the damage is for a future generation to bear.

- From Context to Mandate: Birthing Prophetic Action for Gender and Social Justice

We are in a crisis of imagination. Remember: when we work to make change, we will likely not live long enough to see its benefits. We are grateful for those who came before us; we don't have to fight for some things because they fought for them so we wouldn't have to.

We also had an ecumenical guest who offered two theological reflections throughout our time together: Deacon Michelle Collins serves as Assistant to the Bishop for the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, where her work includes youth and young adult ministry, communications, and supporting congregations in discipleship and faith formation. Michelle's first theological reflection was comparing our time together to the day of Pentecost. People from different backgrounds coming together to hear a prophetic voice telling them to do things differently. And her second reflection was a letter, very much like the letters Paul wrote to the new churches. She praised us for our work and blessed us with continued courage and strength "for a time such as this".

The week was a wonderful way to touch base with colleagues around Canada, share ideas, and support one another in our ministries. My social justice side was re-invigorated with the theme, reflections, and community. And...yes...I came home with more ducks!

Stewardship - Linda Miller

2026 Stewardship envelopes are available for pick up in the lobby (narthex) beginning on **September 27, 2026**. There are extra letters in the box for anyone who can't find one addressed to them. For the online 2026 Stewardship package, check the St. Thomas website under Giving. There is much joy in giving! Are you on a Mission Possible team yet? Monthly team game starts **November 1, 2026**! For more information contact Linda Miller or email stewardship@stthomasunited.ca.



Worship - Cathy Rivard

Worship in October brings themes on creation and multiculturalism. A new Stewardship initiative called which is a team based, friendly competition will be discussed on **October 4, 2026**.

October 4

Creation 4: Love me!
Stewardship 2: Mission Possible!

Stewardship Team
Scripture:
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Music:
Strummers, Bud Berges.

October 11

Creation 5 :Share my abundance!

Reverend Tracy
Scripture:
Luke 17:11-19

Music:
Youth Choir, Cindy Ma.

October 18

World Food Sunday

Reverend Tracy
Scripture:
Luke 17:11-19

Music:
Children’s Choir, Adult Choir, Kari Orosz.

October 25

Peace Sunday

Reverend Tracy
Scripture:
Luke 17:11-19

Music:
Orchestra, Youth Choir, Kari Orosz.

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FALL FAIR AND PRE-CHRISTMAS MARKET



**November 14, 2026: 10 am - 2 pm and
November 15, 2026: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm,
at St. Thomas United Church:
100 Hawkwood Blvd NW**







The Wise Women of St. Thomas United Church

Humility? - Ruthann Watson

The one who dies with the most toys wins. Hundreds of novels, plays, television and movie dramas illustrate this story line. Estates, fortunes, status and bloodlines – all must be protected. Entertaining but humility is rarely part of the narrative.

What does Christian humility look like? Sack cloth and ashes? Not “blowing your own horn” or being “full of yourself”? Being unsuccessful, as defined by our modern values?

I turned, as I so often do, to our Judaic roots. And Wikipedia. Here’s bit of what I found:

Anovah – Hebrew for humility, meekness or gentleness. The root word is Anu – to respond, i.e. responding to God and others with duty, gratitude and care and having an accurate perspective of your worth and place in the universe rather than degrading yourself. It means knowing your talents and strengths are gifts from a higher source. No one is truly “self-made”. In that way, greatness and humility complement each other.

Another commentator put it this way: knowing that God is God and we are not. Humility is where the Finite (us) meets the Infinite.

Jesus demonstrated humility and quiet dignity. Paul described what we call servant leadership. Both would have been well versed in Deuteronomy 17:14-20, which provides moral and constitutional restraints on kings, including the requirement that they keep a copy of scripture with them and read from it daily.

Aging is a humbling process. Your former workplace has not only coped after your retirement, but within a few months you’re all but forgotten. Many of those treasures you worked so hard to accumulate aren’t wanted or valued by your children. No amount of diet and exercise will get you back into those designer pants. Buildings and organizations disappear, writings and writers are forgotten or deemed irrelevant. Large tombstones and mausoleums are left to crumble. Increasingly, unless you write it yourself, there won’t be an obituary about you.

Perhaps humility is realizing that we are children of God, well-loved and valued pieces of a puzzle too big to comprehend. And that’s enough.

And, in contravention of current plans for 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, the authors of wrote that

Maimonides – avoid pride and arrogance

Avoid extreme self-abasement or feeling worthless

Maintain a secure, healthy sense of personal worth

Finite meets the infinite

God is God and we are not”

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Where does self-confidence end and The God who endured and overcame the most painful and humiliating of human deaths demonstrates a quiet human dignity.

C.S. Lewis “a genuine inner heart posture, not an outward show to get attention”

Soap-like dramas are based on the premise that “the family” or “the firm” must be saved at all costs. Revenge, murder, slander, all in the name of a bloodline or an empire.

Naked came I into the world and naked I shall leave it.

Family fights over the smallest of estates.

“I worked hard”. So does the woman who works 2 jobs and then goes home to care for her family.

Entertaining story lines, but not, as I understand it, Christian.

Baby most entertained by the box the toy came in.

What’s really important?

Work life balance

Humility? - Wanda Veer

“Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble When you're perfect in every way” Such a great song, such great lyrics. And so true. It can be exhausting to be humble,when we know that yes, we are right. So right!

My Mom often told us, “It’s hard to listen and learn with your mouth open!” And my son Curtis reminds me that I was given two ears and one mouth.

I just read an article from Epoch Times. It showed up on my computer, with some fantastic subjects, where we can learn to challenge ourselves. The article on Humility was particularly good. It started out talking about Benjamin Franklin. It appears that young Benjamin was well educated, well spoken, curious, intellectual, and boastful. With good reason; he was a clever man. However, he noticed that friends avoided him, gatherings went on without him. After reading and having some internal dialogues, he determined to “Imitate Jesus and Socrates”. It worked. He became a compassionate leader who actually listened.

Believe it or not, we humans make a lot of mistakes. We consistently overrate ourselves. How many of us assume that we can never be replaced in our particular roles; be it in family, workplace, charities, choirs, etc. We are just so good at what we do that no one will measure up. And every one of us has had to acknowledge that: sorry, this is untrue.

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Grad students do research humility, because it has been discovered that accepting humility, and practicing humility is very good for our businesses, our relationships, our spiritual needs, and our family relationships. In researching international companies who went from “average” to “exceptional”, it was found that very often the leader was exceedingly humble. He/she always complimented the teamwork. He/she always took responsibility for errors, and when the company was successful, he/she looked out the window and not in the mirror. By being humble, leaders can hear good ideas from others and take the time to put them into practice. By acknowledging other’s worth, the whole unit works toward a common goal. This is not news. We just need to practice more.

During these unsettled times, where we all have definite and opposite opinions on the future of our world, perhaps it’s time to adopt Ben’s mantra: Close your mouth, open your ears, and imitate Jesus and Socrates. You just might learn something new.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Humility - Maureen Dodd

The word humility puts me in mind of folks like Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Jesus, St Francis of Assisi. It feels like a quality only attained by really really good people. But maybe humility is for everyone, and especially for us Calgary Stampeders fans.

Think how much more successful our communications could be if we just accepted that we might not know everything and that we can all learn from each other. Practicing that could save us from having humility forced on us, otherwise known as having to ‘eat crow’, when we have been loud in our rightness and then find out we were not right after all.

A good test of humility, which I sadly fail on a regular basis, is to be aware of what you are thinking when someone else is talking. Are you really listening? Or is your brain busily plotting your response and wondering why don’t they seem to have humility?

Children ensure we remain humble. For a few brief years we are the centre of their world and the fount of all knowledge. Too quickly we are humbled, because we hear that the teacher, the coach, their friend’s mom, their friends, and the clerk who sold them hockey cards all know way more than we do.

When they become parents themselves, we learn not to offer our ancient parenting wisdom, as it is apparently no longer valid, and how did we ever raise kids in the first place? However, if you’re lucky, you will hear your kids get humbled by their kids, and then you understand karma.

Even grandchildren can teach you humility. You may enthusiastically agree to join their activity but soon learn not to add your own creativity or go off script. You are there solely as the banker if Slurpees are required and to take the blame when the parents decree that this is an unsafe activity. Again, we hear that it is a miracle our own kids survived under such witless parenting.

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I like popping in to see the grandchildren just to say Hi and see if they remember me. As toddlers they greeted me with joy and sticky hugs. But now the conversation often goes:

Grandchild #2: "Oh hi! Did you bring Grampa?" Me: NO.

Grandchild #3: "Did you bring banana bread?" Me: NO.

Grandchild #1: "Then why are you here?" Me: I just wanted to say Hi.

All 3: "Huh." And they go back to punching each other. Humility can leave deep emotional scars for Grandma.

C. S. Lewis said "Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less." It is a powerful force, shown in the thousands and thousands of hours that volunteers give to serving others. Volunteers seldom get thanks or recognition, but most have embraced humility answering the call to make their world better.

Humility is living the words in Micah: What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

Library News - Elaine Gray

New Books in the Library

Lots of new titles are in the library to 'Check Out'; here are three of them:

For kids ages 9 - 12 from Canadian author Elizabeth MacLeod, the first book in her "Feel Good, Do Good" series is called "Choose Happy – Give a Smile a Try." This illustrated nonfiction book for middle-grade readers dives into the history and science of happiness and provides proven ways to help yourself and others lead happier lives.

For adults from Michelle Good, the award-winning and bestselling author of Five Little Indians comes "Eliza Sunshine", a powerful family saga following three generations of Cree women and the storytelling tradition that connects them to each other. Published in August 2026, this title has already been long listed for the Giller Prize.

From Virginia Evans, "The Correspondent" is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we may never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime. Newcomers to St. Thomas, the library is located at the top of the stairs. There are also lots of titles on the table in the narthex (lobby) near the stairs; these are updated often.

Any questions or suggestions, please speak with one of the "Library Ladies", Fiona Craig, Elaine Gray, or Sheila Humphrey - who can all be found in the Adult Choir.

Report From Treasurer – Greg Hyatt

Operating Fund

Operating Fund donations year-to-date to August 31, 2026, are up about \$2,000 versus the comparable period last year, after adjusting for timing differences for significant annual donations. Operating Fund donations include generous Affirming donations used for the Pride Prom plus donations from those individuals who are joining us from Foothills.

Year-to-date fundraising income is up by \$5,400 versus the comparable period last year, due primarily to this year's January chili cookoff and May's musical production.

Year-to-date facility usage income is up by \$3,200 versus the comparable period last year, primarily due to the nursery school getting its daycare license and commencing full day daycare in March, reduced by decreased usage by the Muslim prayer group as they are no longer running weekend evening education classes.

Operating Expenses year-to-date are up about \$2,000 versus the comparable period last year. Our Operating Fund income to August 31, 2026, exceeds our Operating Fund expenses by \$10,900 versus a \$1,700 shortfall for the same period last year. The improvement in the financial position versus last year is primarily due to the net impact of the factors noted above. The improvement would have been significantly less if not for the timing differences noted in the first paragraph.

We had budgeted for a \$29,000 Operating Fund deficit for 2026. The budget had assumed that donations this year would decline by \$15,000 versus last year. Such a decline is currently unlikely. As well, for the full year 2026, Operating Fund expenses are projected to be about \$15,000 less than our budgeted expenses. I am currently projecting that we will finish 2026 with an Operating Fund surplus for the full year, with the caveat that such projections are dependent on the level of donations over the balance of the year.

As we move forward to 2027 and beyond, we expect to be financially challenged in generating sufficient Operating Fund revenues to cover this Fund's expenses. We are all getting older. We've had some significant donors pass away or relocate to other communities, and going forward we will continue to experience this. With our total annual donations in future being challenged by our demographics, continued growth in our congregation is paramount to our continued financial viability.

Building and Memorial Funds

We started 2026 with \$106,000 in our Building and Memorial Funds combined. As of early September, we currently have \$141,000 in the combined Funds, with the increase being the result of both regular and one-time donations this year. These Funds are available for capital costs and major repairs. They are very necessary given that our facility is now over 35 years old. This was evidenced last year when our budgeted sanctuary refurbishment reduced the Funds' balance by about \$70,000.

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Then, when we identified a major, long-term water damage issue with significant structural implications, we spent an additional \$40,000 from the Building Fund for remediation. The fact that we had reserve funds that could cover the unexpected remediation cost is a testament to the importance of maintaining such reserves.

Closing Remarks

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who continue to generously contribute to St. Thomas throughout these very challenging times.

And don't forget to purchase your grocery gift cards! This is our biggest fundraiser and we all need groceries – why not have St. Thomas benefit from the significant discounts at which we buy these cards?

Gift Cards - Richard Taylor-Kerr

As we head into the fall season, we have fundraised over \$5600 through the sale of gift cards. This is 70% of our goal of \$8000 for the year. Great work St Thomas! This is a little behind last year's total but I am confident we can make this up in the last quarter.

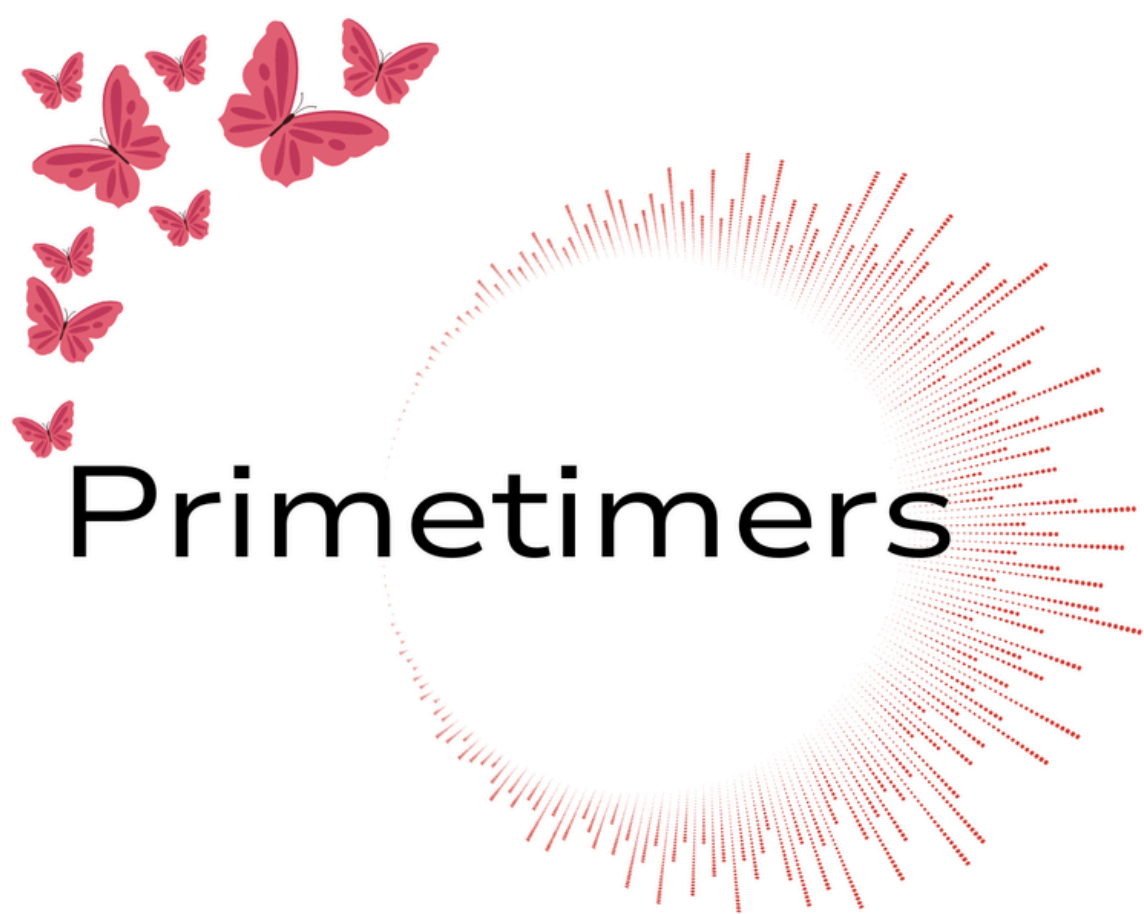
We have gift cards available in \$50s and \$100s for Safeway/ Sobeys, Co-op, and Superstore. Payment is by e-transfer, cash or cheque (payable to St. Thomas United Church). Safeway/Sobey's and Superstore cards can be used in any of their affiliated stores across Canada. Co-op cards can only be used in Calgary.

The best way to order cards is to e-mail fundraising@stthomasunited.ca Cards will be ready for you on the following Sunday. We can also make arrangements for pickup.

Thanks for you for supporting this important fundraiser. Every purchase helps, no matter how small.

Primetimers

October's Primetimers' Coffee Time has been cancelled because the organizers will all be away.



Referendum Letter - Reverends Marion and Tracy

Hi St. Thomas United Church,

We Albertans share a sense of increasing anxiety and concern about the future of our province and relationship with our nation as we move closer to the October Alberta Referendum vote.

Ten Referendum questions await us covering three subjects: immigration, the constitution, and whether Alberta remains in Canada. All manner of emotions come with this. Fear, uncertainty, anger, sadness, or a deep concern for what the future may hold. There's so much at stake as we consider the potential impact these decisions may have on our families, our neighbours, and our communities.

To be clear, we are not telling you how to vote. We simply want to ensure that every Albertan votes in an informed way. As simple as they seem, there are many complicated and nuanced issues within these referendum questions. Please, take the time to read and consider each question mindfully.

How we engage in the life of our province and nation matters. Jesus was political. Our call as the hands and feet of Christ means our opinions, voices, and looking out for one another matter.

Chinook Winds Region has put together a study guide for people to learn about the facts and nuances of each question. Here are the links for you. If you'd like a printed copy, we have booklets available for you in the church office.

Called to Engage: A Faith-based Guide for the Alberta Referendum

- [Download Digital Version](#) (4 MB)
- [Download Printable Version](#) (14 MB)

Remember that St. Thomas is a place where we live out open hands, open hearts, and open minds in all we do as a church but also as individuals. May we be intentional as we take the time we need to understand each referendum question thoroughly and with our loving God at the centre, guiding us along the way.

And always remember, we see you and you are loved.

Blessings,

Reverends Marion and Tracy



Youth News

Junior Youth

The Junior Youth Group is an energetic group of children in grades four – six. The children have a lot of fun together getting to know each other, doing some crafts and playing active games.

We plan to offer monthly in person events during the 2026/2027 school year. We will also be continuing the collaboration with Symons Valley for some of the events. If you know of a child who will be in this age range this school year, who would be interested in joining in, and who isn't already on the email distribution list, please email junior-youth@stthomasunited.ca to be added to the list.

Our second fall meeting will be on October 2, 2026, at St. Thomas. Other fall dates are November 6, 2026, and December 4, 2026. The October and December dates will be at St. Thomas; November will be at Symons Valley United.

Sam and Elaine look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Group (Grades 7 - 12)

The Youth Leaders of St. Thomas and Symons Valley are excited to invite you to Youth Group! Youth Group is for everyone who is in grades 7 - 12. Typically, we meet on Friday evenings or Sunday afternoon for our social event and at services on Sunday mornings. The Youth Leaders will send out an email every Monday to let you know what activities will be taking place that week. Our social events typically last two hours and include activities such as charades, crafts, and movie nights. Sunday mornings are focused on faith discussion, learning more about various scriptures, or exploring social justice issues. Friends are always welcome to come to Friday activities and Sunday mornings. A Zoom link can be provided for Sunday mornings if you would like to join us virtually! If you are interested in joining us and aren't currently receiving our weekly emails, please reach out and send us an email at youth@stthomasunited.ca or call the church office to be added to our mail-out list!

In September, we started our new year with introductions over ice cream, outdoor games, and the return of Dungeons and Dragons. Additionally, we participated in the pride parade, raised money for the Terry Fox Foundation, and observed the microscopic life around us.

What is happening this month?

Here are the events we currently have planned for October. Please remember that this schedule is subject to change at short notice. Keep an eye out on your weekly emails for the most up-to-date information! Our Sunday mornings will consist of:

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- October 4, 2026: We will be discussing Worldwide Communion, and ethical farming.
- October 11, 2026: We are going to talk about the importance of Thanksgiving, and how we can give back to our community.
- October 18, 2026: We will continuediscussing outreach ideas we can use for the rest of the year.
- October 25, 2026: We will be listening to Amon Syed Soharwardy, and have a discussion afterwards.

Now for our Friday events:

- October 2, 2026: We will be bowling at Splitsville bowl in Symons Valley
- October 9, 2026: We will be continuing our Dungeons and Dragons adventure
- October 16, 2026: We are attending Naked Faith at St. Thomas United Church.
- October 23, 2026: We are participating in Messy Church at St. Thomas United Church, as well as spending spending some extra time with our older you in a senior high stay late.
- October 30, 2026: We will be hosting a spooky movie night in the spirit of Halloween. We encourage you to show off your best costumes!

Imagine Children’s Retreat April 9 – 11, 2027.



Imagine Children’s Retreat is for children 8 – 12 years old. Together, we become a multi-age and inter-cultural community sharing playfulness, meals, and connection with one another in a safe and welcoming setting. Come wonder about and explore faith through stories, games, creative experiences, worship, music, drama, and more in a beautiful setting that inspires awe and joy! Registration is now open. There is space for 20 children to attend. [IMAGINE: Children's Retreat, Kasota East Camp 2027 | Event Registration | Chinook Winds & Pacific Mountain Regions UCCan Store](#)




St. Thomas United Church

5th Annual

Haunted Hallway Halloween Happening

Saturday October 31, 2026

Help needed:
treat donations
and
volunteers to help
run the night.
Please speak with Todd or email
community-engagement@stthomasunited.ca
for more information.

Music News

All of the music groups are back to practicing after taking a break over the summer New members are always welcome in all groups.

Upcoming Special Music Presentations and Events:

November 22, 2026: Cocoa and Carols following the ‘Hanging of the Greens’ service. Plan to stay after Church to enjoy some hot chocolate, goodies and the chance to sing some Christmas music to kick off the season.

November 27, 2026: Festive Voices Concert – This will be a fund raiser for St. Thomas. Marina Theron-Monnery and Curtis Veer both sing with this group. Come out and enjoy their beautiful harmonies.

December 13, 2026: – Annual Children’s and Youth Choirs musical during the service

December 24, 2026: 8:00 pm, Adult Choir Christmas Cantata

	Practice Time	Ages	Contact
Children’s Choir	Thursdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm	ECS – Grade 6	Kate Power childrens-choir@stthomasunited.ca
Youth Choir	Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Grade 6 – University	Barb Robertson barbrob@telus.net
Adult Choir	Thursdays 7:15 – 9:30 pm		Pam Bazinet pmbazinet@shaw.ca
Orchestra	Mondays 7:00 – 8:30 pm		Dick Worton dworton@telusplanet.net
Strummers	Thursdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm		David Gray Davidmg1957@gmail.com
Strummers Outreach	Tuesdays 1:00 pm		George Ziroff georgeziroff@gmail.com

Adult Choir

A big welcome to our new choir members! We are delighted to have you join us!

We started our year off with a rousing piece titled "10,000 Reasons" on September 13, 2026. Now we are working on music for the rest of the fall and for Christmas Eve. Yes, we start working on Christmas music very early. Why? Because "To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan and not quite enough time."; Leonard Bernstein

Research continues to support the message that singing is very good for both your physical and emotional health. It "reduces stress, anxiety, and depression, while boosting mood through the release of endorphins, dopamine, and oxytocin". It is a social activity, it involves breathing, reading, and making beautiful harmony with friends. And to top it off, it is just plain fun! Consider giving it a try.

As always, new members are welcome. If you are interested in singing, come on out on a Thursday evening and give us a try. You do not need to be able to read music. You just have to love to sing!

Pam Bazinet pmbazinet@shaw.ca

Youth Choir

The 8 members of the youth choir were singing in 4 part harmony at the first practice. We have a great group of singers who can support those youth who are less confident singers.

We sing twice in October. We have already started to rehearse for our Christmas play.

Do you know someone who would like to join a great group of youth?

Barb Robertson barbrob@telus.net

Children's Choir

Children's choir is off to a wonderful start! We're learning our fall songs and our Christmas musical.

It's not too late to join us, just come on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Kate Power childrens-choir@stthomasunited.ca

Orchestra

The Orchestra began rehearsals on September 20. We are looking forward to sharing our music with the St Thomas family. The Orchestra rehearses on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30. We play in church once a month.

The Orchestra is a friendly and welcoming group. If you play a musical instrument at any level and would like to join us, you would be very welcome.

Dick Worton dworton@telusplanet.net

Strummers

The Strummers practice on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Library. They are practicing for both Church services and outreach concerts. A subset of the group also practice on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm to learn extra music for their outreach program. They plan to sing for worship services and at various seniors' residences.

New members are always welcome. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact David Gray. Davidmg1957@gmail.com

Other Opportunities for Soloists and Instrumentalists

If you would like to share your talents as a singer or instrumentalist during the offering time, as a prelude or postlude or when one of our regular groups is not available to provide an anthem, there are lots of opportunities to do so. This invitation is open to people of all skill levels. It would be particularly fun to have some children play the piano or another instrument, for example. If you are interested, send an email to music-team@stthomasunited.ca or talk to Elaine Taylor-Kerr.

Other Opportunities for Soloists and Instrumentalists

On Sept 11, there was a concert celebration introducing our new United Church Hymn Book, 'Then Let Us Sing'. If you missed the event, you can watch the recording at [Then Let Us Sing Concert 11 Sept 2026](#).

Back to the Future Event Information

On May 30, there was a congregational workshop with the purpose of gathering ideas and information to support planning for future of St. Thomas. The notes from this session are available on the St. Thomas Website at [Planning Team – St Thomas United Church NW Calgary](#). There are also a few printed copies available on the table in the narthex.

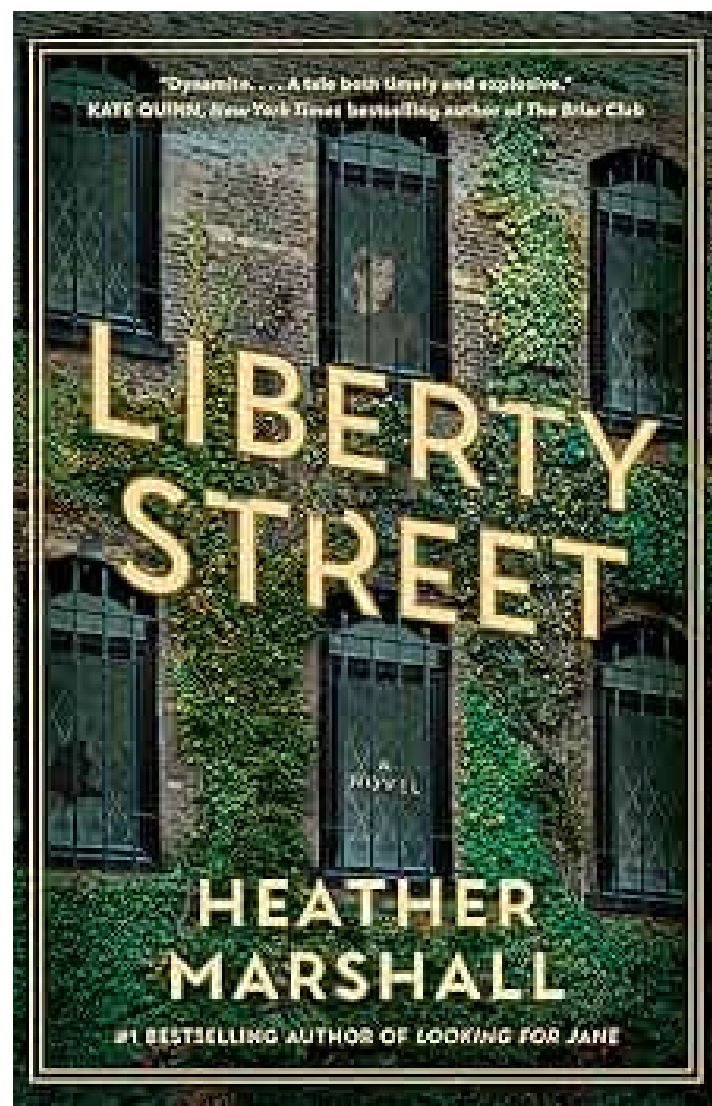
St. Thomas Book Club - Rachel Murray

For more information contact Rachel at rachelmurray@shaw.ca

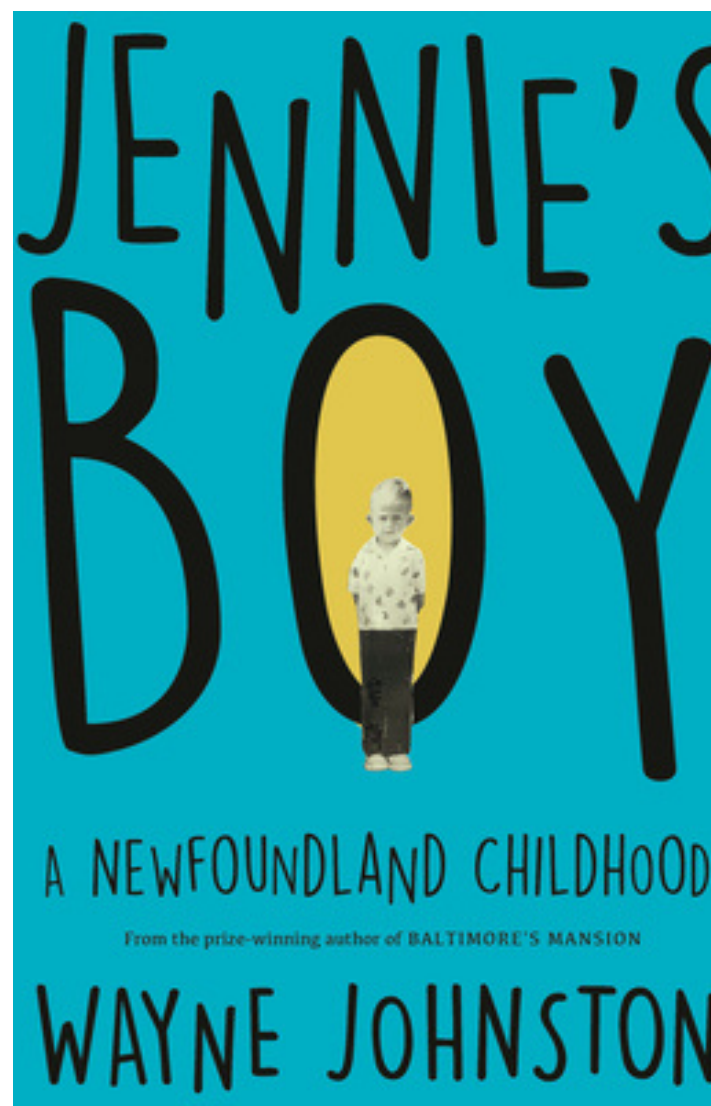
New members welcome! Meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

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This year's book choices are:



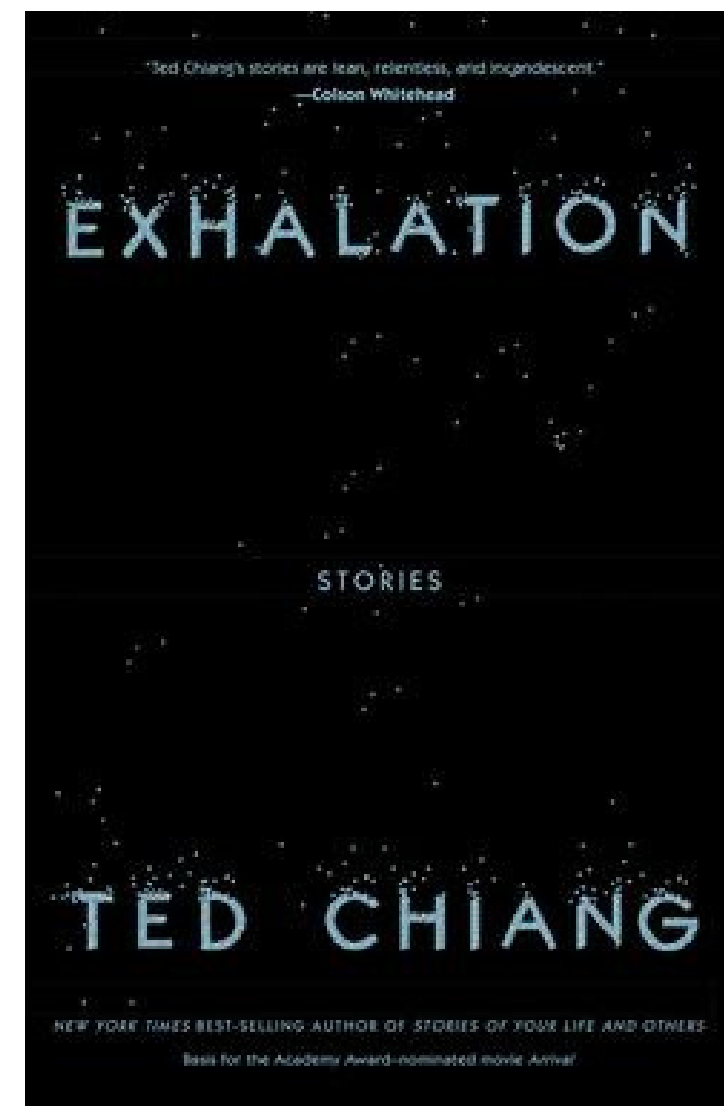
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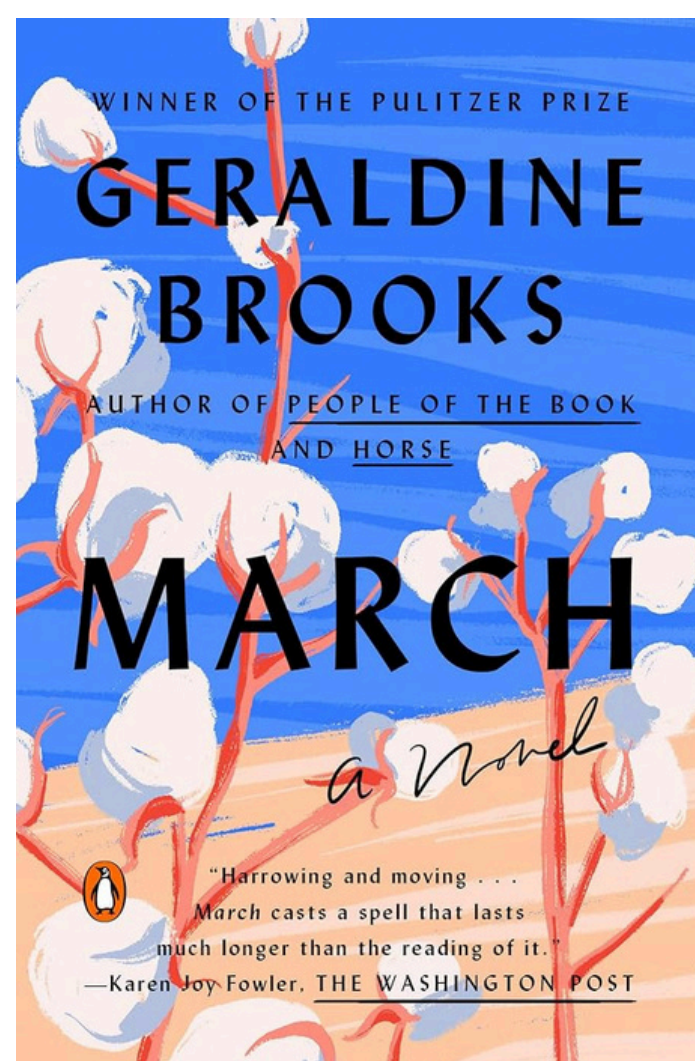
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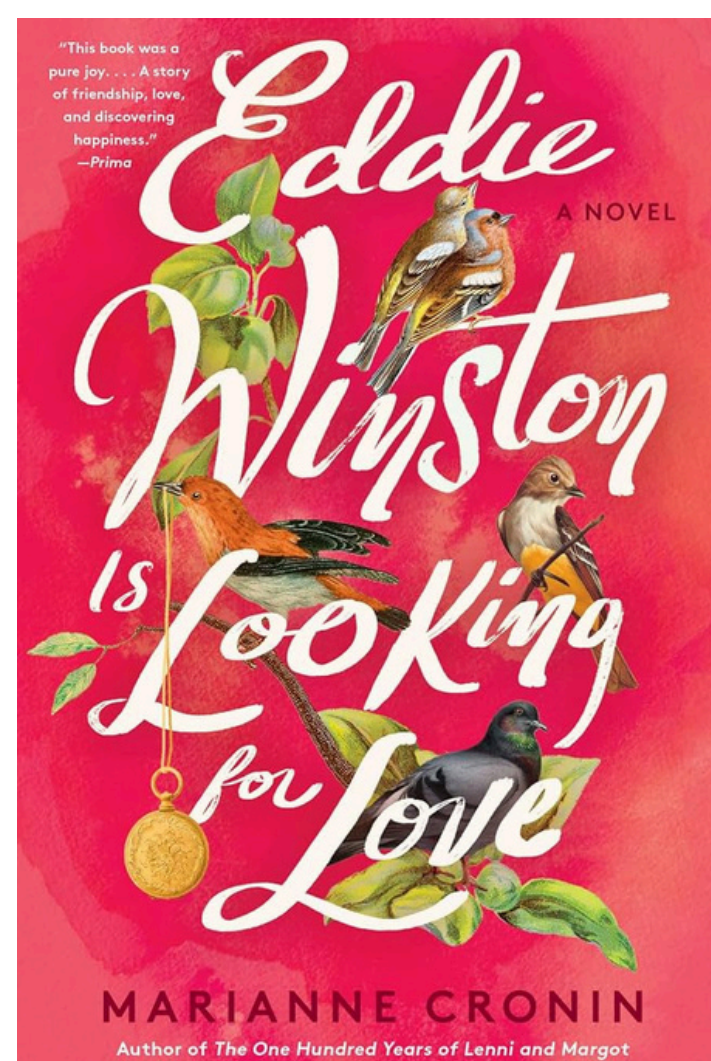
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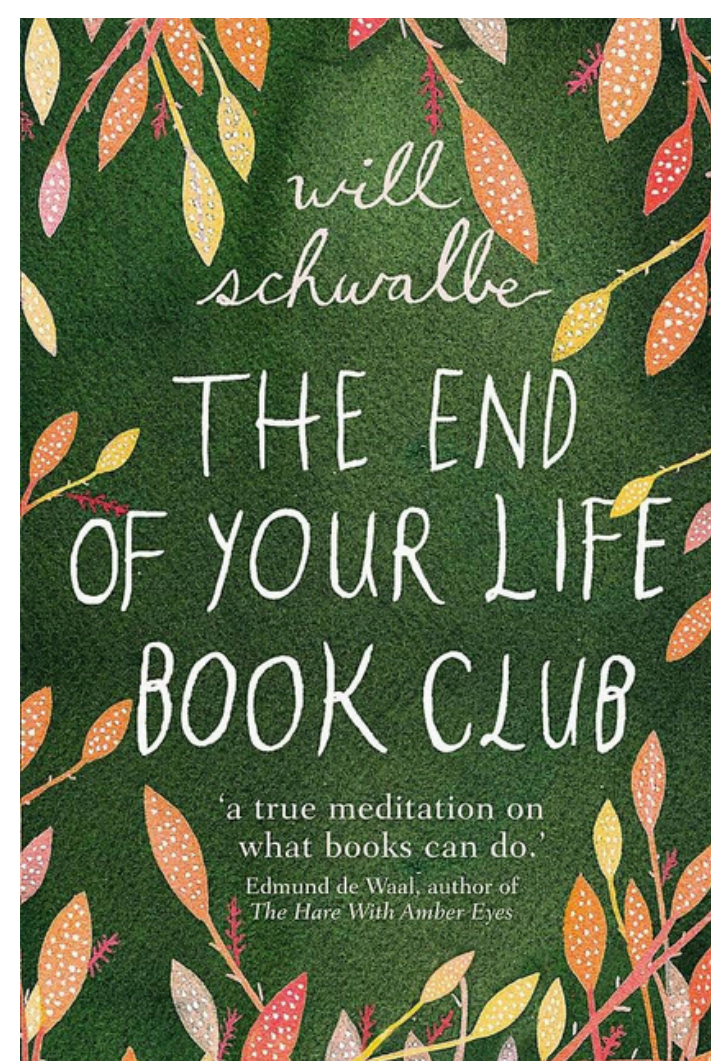
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