

The Vine

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Minister Musings

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"... I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers"
(Ephesians 1:16)

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Strathmore United Church celebrated the 100th anniversary of our denomination: The United Church of Canada with two events:

- * a special worship service on Sunday, June 22nd,
- * the Open House and BBQ on Saturday June 28th.

The verse I chose for the headline was part of the Scripture reading for the June 22nd celebratory worship service

A good number of meetings and countless hours of preparations preceded these celebrations.

Here, I would like to thank the Centennial Preparation Team, delegated by the Council of Strathmore United Church, for the hard work and time that they put into making our centennial celebrations happen. We are grateful for the memorable, meaningful, uplifting, and fun events!

The members of the Centennial Preparation Team is as follows:

Chair – Susan Humble;
Linda Freeman;
Lynne Fair;
Eileen McMorris.

Special thanks to the UCW of SMO-REUC for sponsoring the catered lunch after the June 22nd worship service, and for the Quilters for the display of their beautiful handiworks!

And of course, a gigantic thanks to the many of you, whom I can't even name here, due to the volume of volunteerism, who helped with selecting the photos for the

PowerPoint presentation; decorating and putting up banners, signs and posters; by setting up and cleaning up the venues; by making and serving meals; and the list could go on and on.

A huge thank you to you all for all your help and kind assistance in celebrating the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada!

I am also grateful to those of you who helped us to celebrate with your presence! For bringing family members and friends. For being there with us from sister churches. For sharing in our joy for the past 100 years, and in the gratitude for the memories of the United Church's presence in the community of Strathmore.

We are truly blessed by you all, and give thanks to God for you!

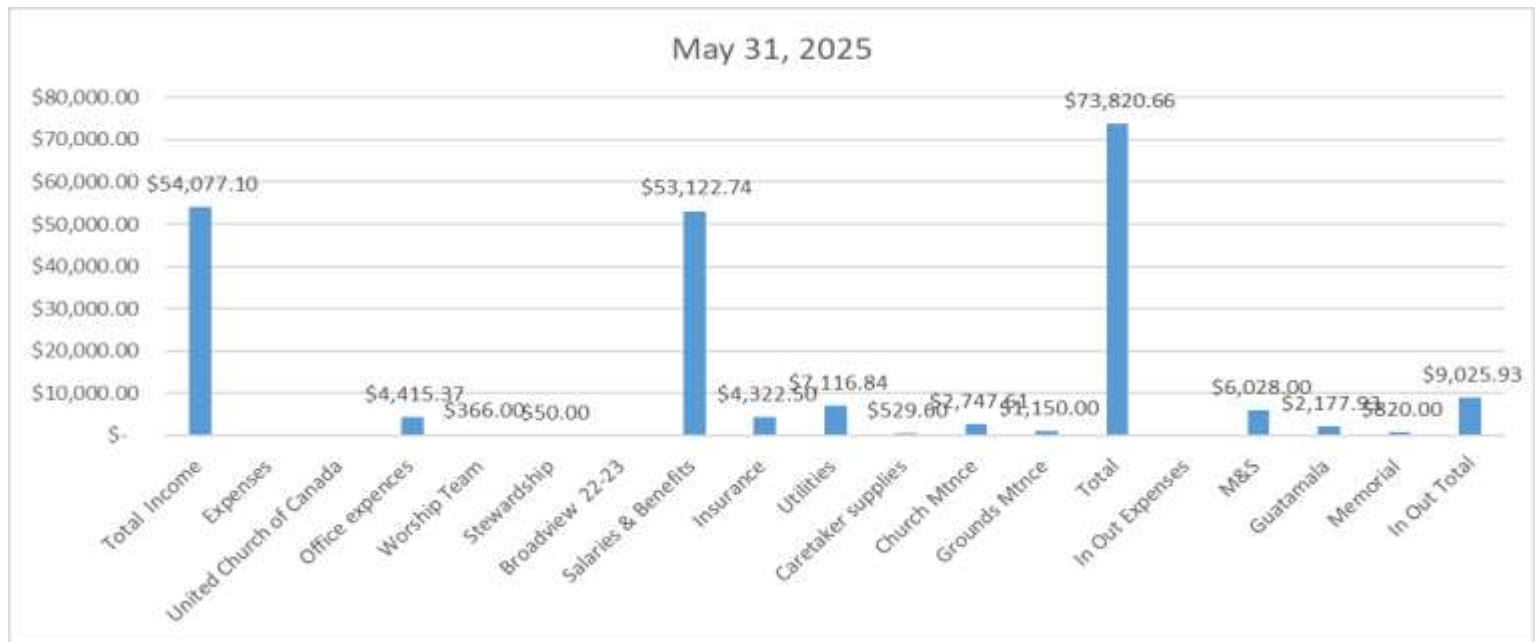
And we also keep in heart and mind, that our past, present, and future are in the loving, compassionate, and faithful hands of our God, who called us to be the church at the first place.

So, I close this musing with Apostle Paul's words:

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)



Finances for January to May 31/25



As of May31/24 we are in deficit to the total of (-\$19,743.56) The work of our church is so important in our life, our community, and our world. We have been richly blessed by God so we need to pass those blessings on. Please consider generously giving to our church to help the blessing continue. LJ





SEASON 8 FOR ARTS ON 817

Save these dates for the 2025-2026 concert season.

OCT 25TH - THE WARDENS

NOV 28TH - CHRISTMAS WITH THE TRAVELING MABELS

MAR 7TH - ONCUE - YOUTH SINGERS OF CALGARY

APR 25 - DIANE KOHN & ROMAN RABINOVICH

SEASONS TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE EARLY SEPTEMBER
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

Gentle Reminder:

If you have a complement, concern, or complaint can you please make sure that you put it in writing, and sign the note so that it can be addressed and you can be contacted with results. Thank You

We said a sad farewell to Marcia
Ginn

Our thoughts and Prayers to her
family and friends.



WELCOME

We welcome
Dorli & Fred
Scheifele who
transferred
their mem-
bership from
Red Deer.



CAMP CARAVAN

Our congregation has the privilege to host
Camp Caravan this summer, between July 21-25.
Camp Caravan is a United Church of Canada
day camp, with storytelling, activities and meals. The
Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The cost is \$140, however, there is **bursary**
available for participants.

Please, spread the word that online registration
is open for children, ages 5 to 14. and you can easily
get to this site through the QR code on the poster.

**The registration closes on Thursday, July
17th.**

Here I would like to share a photo of a bulletin
sign and its creator, Henry Derksen. Our church fami-
ly is blessed by many talented and generous people!
This time, I give thanks to God for Hen-
ry, and his willingness to share his tal-
ents with us!



To Johnny Sanden for the amazing banner
hanger!!

Celebrating 10 Years of Spirit-filled Day Camps
in Calgary and Southern Alberta!



**Strathmore
United Church**

**July 21-25
9-4 \$140**



More info here!

Camp Caravan is a week-long summer day camp designed for children from kindergarten to grade 8, bringing adventure, creativity, and community to various locations across Southern Alberta. Each day is packed with dynamic activities, hands-on learning, and unforgettable experiences that help children explore God's love and "Follow the Spirit" in their everyday lives—all while making new friends and having a blast!

Join us this summer www.camp-carvan.ca

"QUILTS OF LOVE"

IN THE EARLY YEARS BLANCHE ARCHER MADE FLANNELETTE QUILTS AND TOOK THEM TO THE WOMENS SHELTER AND WHEN SHE RAN OUT OF ROOM IN HER APARTMENT RUTH RADWAY SUGGESTED THEY USE THE CHURCH BASEMENT AND PUT THE CALL OUT FOR OTHERS TO JOIN THEM. THE QUILTERS GROUP HAS GROWN FROM 5 IN NOVEMBER 2004 TO 25 TODAY WHERE WE CONTINUE TO MAKE QUILTS FOR VARIOUS CHARITIES.

A LOT OF OUR MATERIAL IS DONATED, & PROCEEDS FROM THE VINTAGE & TREASURE SALE GOES PRIMARILY TO PURCHASE BATTING WHICH IS RUNNING AROUND \$300 A ROLL.

WE NOT ONLY DONATE OUR QUILTS TO CHARITIES BUT ALSO TO PEOPLE IN NEED AS A RESULT OF FIRES, FLOODS OR ILLNESS.

WE ALSO DONATE QUILTS TO SOUTH CAMPUS AND RECENTLY A PATIENT WHO RECEIVED ONE SUCH QUILT PASSED AWAY AND WE RECEIVED A THANK YOU CARD FROM HIS SISTER WITH A DONATION.

WE CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUR FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER HELPING THOSE IN NEED.

ALL OUR QUILTS ARE MADE WITH LOTS OF LOVE AND HOPE, THUS THE NAME "QUILTS OF LOVE"..

SINCE SEPTEMBER WE HAVE MADE JUST OVER 400 QUILTS OF WHICH WE HAVE DONATED ABOUT 350 OF THEM.



Vision Statement
Strathmore United Church lives out our faith
through worship, music, fellowship and
outreach.

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The Church office is closed for the
 summer until September 3 at 9:00 AM.

Feel free to leave messages on the
 answering machine or drop an email to
smoreuc@gmail.com and I will
 periodically check them through the
 summer .



If you have questions, concerns or wish to
 contribute to The Vine please contact Karen W.
 at 403-934-3579 or email at ckwilkie@shaw.ca

Ongoing Events

Upcoming Events



Our Mission Statement

Strathmore United Church is a com-
 munity of faith, striving to make a
 difference for Christ.



- ♦ **Camp Caravan July 21—25—**
9am to 4pm see the poster for
info and registration.
- ♦ **Ushers and Greeters needed**
for July and August sign up in
the narthex.

Stewardship Quotes:

-We may not be able to help everyone,
 but each of us can make a difference
 to someone.

-Stewardship is as much about
 nourishing communities and
 nourishing spiritual health as it is
 about money.

-How much is enough? Maybe you
 have enough already.

-Is your "stuff " building a barrier
 between you and God? Try giving it
 away.

- ♦ If you wish to sign up for Pre-
 Authorized Remittance (PAR)
 or to receive envelopes,
 please contact Susan in the
 church office—403-934-3025
 or Karen— 403-934-3579



Thank you to everyone who took
 pictures and sent them to me,
 greatly appreciated!! Karen

*Quilting group—will reconvene in Sept
 they meet Wednesdays 10 am in the
 church basement .

*Book Club— Sept 2, 2025 1st Tuesday of
 the Month 1 pm in the Church Library

*Agape Group—September 9th, 7:30 pm
 in the church library.

*Council Meet—Next meeting Aug. 26/25
 7 pm

*Mary Martha UCW Group—Sept 18/ 25
 2 pm.

*Property Team Meet—3rd Saturday at 10
 at the church.

*Resuming in September—Last Sunday of
 the month there is old time music before
 church at 10 am followed by soup and a
 bun after church.

*Food Bank—Donations are gratefully
 accepted in the bin in the foyer.

*Ongoing Bottle drive—There is a bag in
 the foyer to put all refundable beverage
 containers. All proceeds are given to the
 Guatemala Project.