



# South Arm United Church

A welcoming Christ-centered community that serves ALL with joy, justice and courage

## **This Month at a Glance: Sept 11 – Sept 17**

*We are looking forward to having Lauren Kirkey, a Vancouver School of Theology Student on September 11 & 18 and Rev Don Robertson on September 25.*

*We are working on our ministerial needs from October and will keep you updated as soon as we have more information.*



The SAUC Future Steps group was formed to support Alan as we, as a congregation, thought about what next, for the future of SAUC.

During his 3 years at SAUC we explored what we could envision. The work continues as we open the task up to a wider group to take us on our next part of the journey.

More details coming soon.

In the meantime, a group has been formed to identify our ministerial needs, please talk to Olwen or Jean Ann for more information and check the weekly updates in the Connects.



Community of Faith News - # 1

Blessings to you!

A committee has been formed to explore what is required in a new worship leader for this community. Members of the committee are:

Heather K, Sheila R, Jean Ann S,  
Olwen W, Gordon P and Lorin Y

You will be happy to know that the process is well underway, we have had 3 meetings already, tasks have been distributed and we are looking forward to the future!

Here's what you need to know:

1. There is a new well-defined procedure that should make this process fairly easy.
2. We are well motivated.
3. Some of our activities and information are confidential so... we will share as much as we can weekly.
4. You can talk to us at Church – we'll share what we can.
5. You can send any suggestions or questions to us at [saucjsc@gmail.com](mailto:saucjsc@gmail.com)

Thanks for your prayers and support!



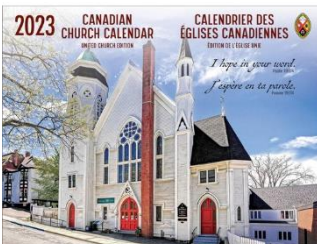
## **FAITH & FAMILIES – A new program beginning this fall!**

A ecumenical small church ministry program for families with children and youth

Monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (**September 25**) at 12 noon. Our time together will include lunch, a biblical story, some crafts, and time to reconnect and meet new friends. In September Our Saviour Lutheran will host. Address: 6340 No 4 Road.

*Offered in partnership with St. Anne's, St. Alban's, South Arm, Our Saviour & Gilmore Park.*

For more information please see Trish  
([trishlgorton@gmail.com](mailto:trishlgorton@gmail.com))



2023 Church Calendar is now available to purchase in the office, limited quantity so 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served. Please contact Jackie in office if you want to one. \$8.50/ copy



“Taste of the Fair” Saturday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm.

This vital Fall Fundraiser is taking shape and help is needed in several areas.

**Garage Sale** – we are seeking donations of household items only. (No linens, clothing or furniture). Items can be placed on the gym stage.

Volunteers needed for both pre sort nights, set up and sale day. Please contact Jo Ann ([joannmalysh@shaw.ca](mailto:joannmalysh@shaw.ca)) if any questions regard items to donate or if you are able to assist with this key event which draws in customers from outside of our church family.

**Flowers** – *Pat Walach is looking for donations of flower vases and large Mason type jars or large Spaghetti Sauce type jars.* Please put those donations on the gym stage. Also, if you have flowers in your garden or have a source for flowers during the week of Sept 24<sup>th</sup> please contact Pat Walach. Flowers can be brought to the church the evening of Friday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Books, Puzzles, Games** – We are accepting donations of **Fiction and Children’s Books only.** Puzzles and games for any age.

**Cookie Table** – Just concentrating on cookie sales for this time. Please package 1 dozen cookies in freezer bags clearly labeled with the type of cookie. Cookies can be brought in Friday afternoon and evening of Sept 26<sup>th</sup> or placed in the church freezer during the week prior to the sale.

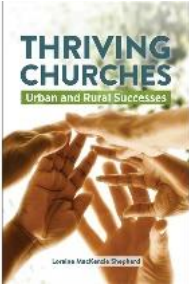
**Muffin/Coffee Café** – **Lorraine** Dowdall is coordinating this important social aspect of the event. Please contact her if you are able to help with baking of muffins or serving.

**Hot Dog Lunch** – Trish will be serving up a hot dog lunch and needing volunteers to help with this. Please contact Trish directly.

**Apple Pies** – **Pre orders are now being taken for Apple Pie @ \$15.00 each. Frozen and ready to bake. Please contact Jo Ann [joanmalysh@shaw.ca](mailto:joanmalysh@shaw.ca) to place your order.**

Thank you for helping to make the small fair a success by spreading the word to family, friends, and neighbours and by helping out in whatever way you are able

## **NEW DATES!!**



The book “Thriving Churches” is a study of the attributes of United Church of Canada congregations that are thriving across Canada. We are offering an eight session workshop to help explore these attributes and develop a plan, both personal and congregational to deepen our faith.

Session participants will be encouraged to build/share their own “Spiritual Emergency Kit”. The kit will provide the tools to help weather difficult times with grace, peace, hope, focus and love.

The sessions will be Thursday evenings 7pm to 9pm in the Heritage Wing, **beginning September 15<sup>th</sup> and ending November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please contact Olwen at [saucchannel@gmail.com](mailto:saucchannel@gmail.com) for more information and how to get the study book. If there is a desire for it, we will offer ZOOM participation.

### **This Week in Prayer**

**The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle for the peoples of *Ghana & Nigeria***

**2022 – 2023 - PMRC-Prayer-Cycle Prayer Cycle** *(The) Cup [Centre for Uniting People] (Squamish), Deer Lake UC, Denman Island UC, Duncan UC, Eagle Ridge UC & Edgar Memorial UC (Klemtu)*