

Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church

An Affirming Congregation within the United Church of Canada

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Lent 1

March 9, 2003

Welcome!

If you are new to our Community of Faith,

A Special Welcome!

TODAY:

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift, 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am
COMMUNION
- ★ Pancake Brunch, following Worship
- ★ Bible Study: "A Believable Jesus", 7:00 pm

THROUGH THE WEEK:

Monday:

- ★ Christopher Leadership Course, 7:00 pm

Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:15 am
- ★ Outreach Committee, 3:30 pm
- ★ Finance Committee, 7:00 pm
- ★ Affirm Committee, 7:15 pm

Wednesday:

- ★ Lenten Bag Lunch Study, 12:00 noon
- ★ Worship Committee, 1:00 pm

Thursday:

- ★ Parents' Morning Out, 9:15 am
- ★ Adult Choir, 7:15 pm

Friday:

- ★ Children's Choir, 6:00 pm
- ★ Drama Group, 7:00 pm

Saturday:

- ★ Irish Stew Supper & Fellowship, 6:00 pm

Next SUNDAY, March 16, Lent 2

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift, 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am
- ★ Lenten Stone Soup Study, 11:30 am
- ★ Bible Study : "A Believable Jesus", 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, March 23, Lent 3

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am
BAPTISMS
- ★ Seniors Luncheon, 11:30 am
- ★ Lenten Stone Soup Study, 11:30 am

WORSHIP and MUSIC and YOUTH Workshop

Weekend March 21-23

Providence Centre - Sponsored by Alberta and Northwest Conference

Led by Marg Archibald, coordinated by Gale Glover 435-3995 Ext. 227.

Creative planning for *worship*, including youth in worship, how to make changes, etc.
How to introduce new *music*, difference from performance, sources & resources, etc.
\$200 for the weekend tuition, meals, and materials.



PANCAKE BRUNCH TODAY! YOSS



Irish Stew Supper SAT. March 15 - 6 PM

Enjoy an evening of food, music, and family fun.



Admission is: "Pass The Hat!"

Hosted by: The Adult, Junior, and "Silvertones" Choirs

Reminder: Please bring your own utensils!



Set-up Team

March 16, 23

Jack & Anne McCracken



Congratulations!

Rachel Culbertson has been selected as the Youth Representative of Edmonton Presbytery to attend General Council in Antigonish, Nova Scotia in August.



"The Joint Search & Selection Committee"

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 23, immediately following Worship
To vote on the selected candidate to fill the 1.0 FTE Ministry Personnel position and the "Terms" of the Call.



Lenten "Stone Soup" Sundays

March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

"To Seek Justice And Resist Evil"

Video presentations and discussions

See article in Reminder "Lenten Project"

SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER FOR SOUP AND BREAD: More info: Lois Evans phone 434-4330

Estate Planning Seminar

Wednesday March 19, 7:00—8:30 pm
SSUC Small Hall

What should I include in my will? Why do I need an Enduring Power of Attorney? Why do I need a Personal Directive? How can I protect my estate from too much tax? Is a Trust something I should be considering?

Presenters: Alan Brimacombe and Carol Jackson



Gifts Into Action

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church

This is an invitation for the leadership of your congregation to participate in Gifts Into Action, a Friday evening and Saturday Event that is energizing, renewing and fun.

Friday, March 28 7:00 - 9:00 pm - **Prisms**

Saturday, March 29 9:00 am -12 Noon- **Leadership**

Saturday, March 29 1:00 - 4:00 pm - **Board Development**

Prisms is a resource Joyce Madsen and Claire Woodbuy have just developed here at the Congregational Life Centre to let people identify their gifts, recognize areas where they have passion, and explore opportunities for ministry - both as individuals and as a congregation.

Leadership offers the latest insights around that all important role for leaders - creating, modeling and sharing a vision for your congregation.

Board Development is an opportunity for your Board, Council or Vestry members to examine their role and plan ways to be more effective in supporting the congregation's mission.

Registration is \$375 per congregation. For this you can have up to 25 people at any session. It does not have to be the same people.

If interested contact our Board Chair - Grant Frame.434-8573

AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Southminster-Steinhauer is an **Affirming Congregation**, a designation that signals our commitment to be a Christian community that is inclusive of all people, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, their families and friends. For more information, please call **Charles Bidwell, 436-8774** or **Mieke Wharton, 435-1219**.

On the second Sunday of the month, a special opportunity for fellowship is offered, referred to as the **“LGBTF and Friends Luncheon.”** All are welcome.

SOUL FOOD

...A Menu For Lent

1. **Sunday Stone—Soup**
 - ‘To Seek Justice and Resist Evil’
 - video/discussion series with soup and buns,
 on 4 Sundays after worship
 March 16, 23, 30, April 6
2. **Wednesday Bag-Lunch**
 - ‘Hope Unfolding: Key Themes of Lent’
 - a video/discussion series during the noon-hour,
 12 - 1 pm on March 12, 19, 26, April 2
3. **Early Bird Faith-Lift**
 - ‘A Sensual Faith, .. Experiencing God Through
 Our Senses’
 - 8:30 am to 9:15 am on Sundays
 March 9, 16, 23, 30;
4. **Sunday Night Bible Study**
 - ‘A Believable Jesus’ ... a probe into the wisdom of
 Jesus through the insights from ‘Jesus
 Seminar’ writings.
 - 4 Sunday nights, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
 March 9, 16, 23, 30

This Lent ...

- ★ Help Grow a Better World
 By supporting the development of
 Community gardens in the Entre
 Rios region of Argentina.
- ★ These gardens are for supplying
 school lunch programs, now that
 former government programs
 have not been able to continue.
 Local churches are involved, but need
 outside assistance.
- ★ The project will not only maintain the important school program
 with a local supply of food, but will provide training to both
 children and parents as they face the struggles of restoring their
 local economy.
- ★ Estimated cost to establish one garden is \$2,300 to \$2,775 CDN;
 equipment, seeds, training and supervision
- ★ Our own D’Elia family here in Edmonton knows the region and
 will help us understand the need and circumstances of present
 day Argentina.
- ★ SPECIAL ENVELOPES were included in the March edition of
 ‘The Reminder’ Newsletter; our special Lent/Easter gifts will be
 gathered in and dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 13.
- ★ Thank you for helping to **GROW A BETTER WORLD.**



Menage a Trio

Stephane Lemelin—Piano
 Tanya Prochaska—Cello
 Martin Riseley—Violin
 March 26 Convocation Hall
 University of Alberta 8:00 pm
 Contact: Mieke Wharton for more info 435-1219



LOST & FOUND

Have you lost a
 treasure lately!
 Please check our Lost &
 Found bin in the main foyer.
 Articles soon to be donated to
 charity!



SPRING FLING

Sat. April 12
 9:00 am 5:00 pm
 Place: T.B.A.

A day long retreat for those of us who find it difficult to get away for an entire weekend. Based loosely on the Bodacious Women (empowerment of women) program from the fall Strawberry Creek retreat. Please sign up on the sheet on the foyer table.
 Contact: Sandi Lockhart 434-4797
 Susan Frame 434-8573

HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE

Expert on contemporary slavery, Dr. Kevin Bales will deliver the 2003 U of A Visiting Lectureship in Human Rights .
 Date: Monday, March 17 - 7:30 pm
 Place: Myer Horowitz Theatre (SUB)
 Tickets: Ticketmaster



READING TO AN AUDIENCE

Come explore the keys to lifting words off the printed page. Be more effectively understood through learning techniques to dramatically enhance your delivery.
 Presented at Metro Community College
 April 16 and 17—7:00—9:00 pm / \$65.00
 Register before April 3 at 428-1111

Bissell Centre

Election for Board of Governors recruitment is now underway. More info to follow.



BOOK CLUB

Please join us at 1:00 pm in the Church lounge March 17.
 Book: Map of the World by Jane Hamilton
 Call Marg Robertson at 434-6054.information.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

(UNITED CHURCH EXPRESSION)

Spring Weekend Retreat
 March 14th – 16th
 & March 29th (evening session), 2003

We invite couples to come and enrich their marriages by learning how to Love and Communicate with your spouse as God intended.

For more information or to Register
 Contact: Brian and Arla Trueblood
 Ph: 780-954-3745
 R.R.1 Dapp, Alberta
 Email: trueblood@uwwme.org



“SHOES FOR BMHC”

Need!! Wearable running Shoes/Walking Shoes
 Call: Lois Evans 434-4330