

WELCOME!

Announcements February 25, 2024





FREEDERE DATES

Check out www.mcdunited.com/calendar for more information

Sunday - February 25

- 10:30 am On-site & Online Service
- McDougall AGM

Monday - February 26 - 11 am Homeschool Group

Tuesday - February 27 - 11 am Bible Study

Wednesday - February 28

- 9 am Heritage Time Out
- 1 pm Exploring Life Through Writing and Discussion
- 6 pm "The Divine Dance" Lenten Book Study

Thursday - February 29

- 6 pm McDougall Singers Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Sonica Treble Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday - March 1

- 1:30 pm World Day of Prayer
- 2:30 pm Intergenerational Club Meeting

TRACES CARE

Here is a highlight of special events happening at the church

- Feb 25: McDougall United AGM 12:30 pm
- March 1: World Day of Prayer 1:30 pm
- March 9: Family Dance 5 pm
- March 10: Pie Day
- April 6: Mama Mia 2 Singalong 7 pm
- June 7 9: Camp Kasota

Refugee Update: Special Donation Request





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We need your help to support Mustafa's family (we supported them in 2017). Currently more than 200 members of their extended family are dead or missing. We need your help to support this family (shown in the photo) in the Rafah Refugee camp and raise money so they can eventually be moved somewhere safer.

Please consider donating to McDougall / Christ Moravian Refugee group through all the usual channels. Make sure you put "in support of Palestinian family" in the memo line.

Visit our website or look at the posters in the main hallway or Hospitality Hall to learn more.

2023 Tax Receipts



2023 tax receipts for charitable contributions have been sent by email and/or mailed.

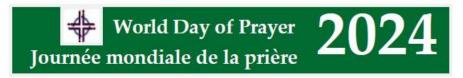
If you have not received yours yet, please contact the office.

McDougall United AGM: Sunday, February 25, 2024



McDougall's 2024 AGM is scheduled for Sunday, February 25th, 2024, following the church service.

A light lunch will be served with a free will offering.



World Day of Prayer 2024

"I Beg You... **Bear With One** Another in Love"

Ephesians 4:1-3 Artwork by Halima Aziz



« Je vous en prie, supportez-vous les uns les autres avec amour » Éphésiens 4, 1-3

œuvre par Halima Aziz

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Friday, March 1, 1:30 pm

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

McDougall United Church – 8516 Athabasca ST. SW (one block East of Fairview DR & Heritage DR) 403-252-1620 Web: mcdunited.com

Location/l'endroit

Women & Men World Day of Prayer - "Women of Palestine" Refreshments served following the service.

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Service writter by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada Service réfigi par le Comité JNP de la Palestine, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Bocuménique des churétiennes du Canada



This is your personal invitation to take part in this year's World Day of Prayer Service hosted by McDougall United Church on FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1:30 PM.

This service is particularly timely as it is prepared by the "Prayer Committee of Palestine."

Everyone is invited - women and men - join in this Ecumenical program.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

Soup's on Sunday: First Sunday of Each Month



Join us on the first Sunday of each month for a bowl of soup following the service.

Soup is available for a free will offering with all money raised going back to the church.

If you are interested in conversation, connection and laughter in the kitchen, consider joining us the Saturday before to prepare the soup. Contact the office or visit the website if you are interested.

Taste & Try: Try Out a Recipe & Learn About Cooking



Next Session: March 7, 2024, at 12 pm

Happens monthly on the first Thursday of the month in the McDougall kitchen. Seniors of all ages are welcome!

Advanced Registration is required, limited spots are available. Registration closes Monday, March 4 at 7:00 pm.

Register by calling the office or signing up online: https://www.mcdunited.com/calendarevents/taste-n-try-march-2024

Family Dance: Saturday, March 9 from 5 – 8 pm



Open Table has teamed up with the Monday Homeschool Group to bring you a family dance. We hope that you will be able to join us!

Tickets cost \$10 per family if purchased in advance (by Friday, March 9 at 7 pm) \$15 Per Family at the door

We will have a concession available where you will be able to purchase pizza, drinks and snacks at the event. We encourage you to bring cash.



Pie Day: Sunday, March 10, 2024

Why PIE? PIE = Public. Intentional. Explicit. Those are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we seek to live into being Affirming, Welcoming, or Inclusive people and communities.

We are looking for people to bake, buy or bring a pie to enjoy with everyone on March 10 after Sunday service.

Please contact Marilyn Bates, sign up on the website or contact the office to let us know you are bringing a pie. The Perfectly Imperfects Present...



A CANADIAN ALBERTA AFTERNOON

With our radio dial set at CPAC, we invite you to travel back in time for a fun-filled adventure as we simulate a live radio broadcast of music, commercials and surprising twists as we celebrate eight Canadian singers...

Paul Anka, Ian Tyson, Gordon Lightfoot, Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Anne Murray and Connie Kaldor!

Written & Directed by Alison Demeter

Choreography by Pam Pickersgill

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024 1:30 pm SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 7:00 pm McDOUGALL UNITED CHURCH 8516 Athabasca St SE

TICKETS: \$15.00

For more information visit https://perfectlyimperfectsyyc.blogspot.com/

A Canadian Alberta Afternoon

With our radio dial set at CPAC, we invite you to travel back in time for a fun-filled adventure as we simulate a live radio broadcast of music, commercials and surprising twists as we celebrate eight Canadian singers... Paul Anka, Ian Tyson, Gordon Lightfoot, Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Anne Murray and Connie Kaldor!

Ticket Information: Tickets cost \$15.00 plus Eventbrite service charge of \$2.31 and can be purchased through <u>eventbrite</u>



Good Friday Service at Red Deer Lake

We hope that you will join us at Red Deer Lake United Church on Friday, March 29 at 11 am for a Good Friday Service.

Opera Buddies



Elixir of Love runs (January 18 – February 8) and is now full. There is still space for Das Rheingold (April 4 – April 25). Bring some family members and join in on the fun!

Free to Attend Open to Everyone 12+ Includes Show at Jubilee Thursday nights 4:30 – 5:45 pm at McDougall

To register or learn more visit: Mcdunited.com/opera-buddies



Mama Mia 2: Here We Go Again Singalong

Join us on April 6 for a screening of Mamma Mia 2: Here We Go Again! Sing along to ABBA's greatest hits. Dust off your disco moves and warm up those vocal chords as we enjoy this PG-rated musical.

We encourage you to dress up for the event in your best 70's outfit. **Ticket prices per person:** •\$15 for drink, snack and movie

Limited tickets are available, please purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment.

https://www.mcdunited.com/calendar-events/mama-mia-2here-we-go-again-singalong

Camp Kasota Family Weekend June 7 – 9, 2024



Join us June 7 - 9, 2024, for a weekend of fun and relaxation. Price includes a bed for 2 nights, 5 meals, and a snack.

- Adult \$100 (Early Bird Pricing Ends Feb 29)
- Child \$80 (Early Bird Pricing Ends Feb 29)

To learn more and register about what is included, please visit our webpage: <u>www.mcdunited.com/camp-kasota</u>







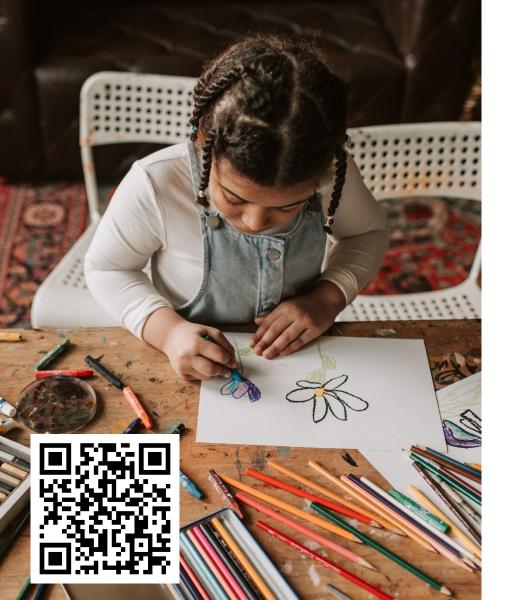


We Have a Coffee Machine!

"The Bean Hive" has arrived at McDougall. You can find the machine in the Cozy Corner (by the Reconciliation Mural in the southwest corner of the building).

Machine takes coins or tokens. Tokens can be purchased through the office. 10 for \$15.





Homeschool Group: Registration Open for Winter 2024

Homeschooling families are invited to join us for our 2024 Winter Session.

January 22 – May 13, 2024

Sign up for the weeks you would like to attend. \$14 per family for each week plus a \$20 insurance cost. Save money by attending all sessions.

Mondays from 11 – 2 pm in Hospitality Hall

Register and learn more:

Mcdunited.com/homeschool-group



Bible Study: Tuesdays at 11 am in the Chapel

Join Rev Joanne Anquist, Rev Bill Weaver or Rev. Danah Cox for a Bible study every Tuesday at 11 am.

We hope to see you there!





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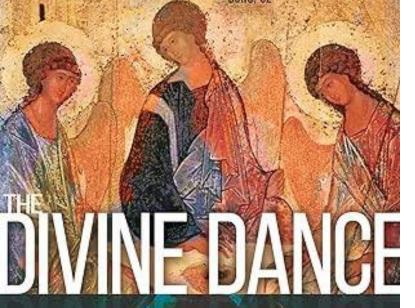
EXPLORING LIFE THROUGH WRITING AND DISCUSSION

You are invited to the continuing sessions of <u>Exploring</u> Life through Discussions and Writing.

We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the M&M room beginning on Jan. 24 and continuing until April 24. We use short opinion pieces from "The Gift of Year, Growing Old Gracefully" by Joan Chittister to initiate our discussions; and share personal written stories inspired by our memories.

> For further information email Marianne Medhurst, m3dhurst@shaw.ca or Marilyn Shoults, mshoults3@gmail.com

THE DIVINE DANCE IS) THE SWEET SPOT WHERE CONTEMPORABY SCIENC MEETS ANCIENT MYSTICISM, AND THEOLOGY MEETS POETRY. BOND U2



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RICHARD ROHR WITH MIKE MORRELL FOREWORD BY WILLIAM PAUL YOUNG Lent book study: "The Divine Dance" by Richard Rohr

We hope that you will join us for a Lenten book study.

This book study will use "The Divine Dance" by Richard Rohr and will begin **Wednesday, February 21st at 6PM** and continue through the season of Lent. Rev. Danah will also be leading the study at Red Deer Lake United on Thursdays at 7 pm .

Please contact the office if you are interested in learning more or to sign up: office@mcdunited.com

Choir Rehearsals

All are Welcome, No Prior Experience Required McDougall Singers Rehearse Thursdays at 6 pm Sonica Treble Ensemble Rehearse Thursdays at 7:30 pm



Life of the Church: Monthly Updates



Want to know what is happening in the church? Check out our weekly email blast or visit link on the homepage.

To send in an update, email prayers@mcdunited.com

McDougall Staff

Worship and Congregational Leadership Minister

- Family and Community Minister
- Contemporary Music Leader
- Choral Music Leader
- Pastoral Care
- Office Administrator
- **Communications Coordinator**
- Caretaker/ Handyman
- Facilities Coordinator

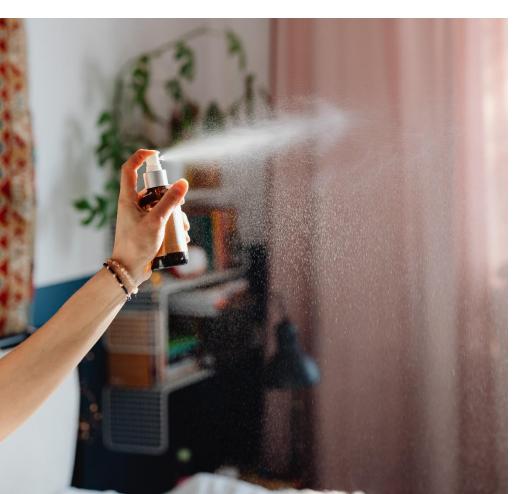
- Rev. Joanne Anquist
- Rev. Danah Cox

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- Tanya Wan Lim
- Justin Macosky
- Rev. Bill Weaver
- Jen Heidebrecht
- Sarah Reuangrith
- Jerimiah Laquette
- John Naylor



We are a Scent Sensitive Building



We all share the same air, please be respectful when using scents.

Scent free or lighter scents on Sunday is appreciated.



Don't Forget Your Reusable Coffee Mug!

If you didn't get one, please talk to the office.

Bring your reusable mug filled with coffee to the church and enjoy it during the service. Then get a refill in the Hospitality Hall during coffee time.

You bringing your own mug makes the clean up from coffee time much faster.

Our volunteers thank you!

Ways to Give Ogden (403-630-5633)

- 1. Mail a cheque payable to Ogden United Church.
- 2. Online Through Canada Helps.
- 3. Donate by e-Transfer, ogdenminister@shaw.ca
- 4. Sign up for PAR.

Ways to Give McDougall (403-252-1620)

- 1. Donate by e-Transfer, <u>office@mcdunited.com</u>
- 2. On our website, <u>www.mcdunited.com</u>
- 3. Mail a cheque payable to McDougall United Church.
- 4. Sign up for PAR.
- 5. Support the Gift Card program



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our service.





