

Friday greetings!

Dr. Shane Andrus will be leading this Sunday's worship.

The volunteers for this Sunday:

Elder in Charge: Anna-Marie Hancock

Camera/Sound Operator: Pat Evans

Scripture Reader: Rev. Helen Reid

Greeter: Debi Hoefling

Coffee Hosts: Mickey & Linda Kisell

Minutes for Mission: Sharon Clay

PowerPoint Operator: Kathy Nielsen

Westminster United Church is once again collecting donations of nonperishable food items as well as toiletry items. These items are given to students in need at Medicine Hat College. A bin is located in the Narthex.

St. John's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming soon! St. John's will be celebrating by highlighting their beautiful stained glass work. Pie and ice cream will be served for \$5.00 in Morrow Hall.

This celebration will occur on September 23<sup>rd</sup> between 11:30 and 2:30.

Fifth Avenue Memorial will be hosting a turkey supper on Sunday, October 22. There will be one sitting at 5pm. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12.

Tickets are available at the **FAM church office**.

For more information call:

403-526-2237

On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions.

This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

## **Why Orange?**

Phyllis Jack Webstad from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation went to St. Joseph Mission Residential School. On her first day of school, Phyllis wore an orange shirt that her grandmother had given her. It was immediately taken away, and that marked the beginning of Phyllis's long separation from her family and community, a separation caused by actions of the church and federal government.

Orange Shirt Day is a time for us all to remember those events and their ongoing impact. Here are some ways to mark the day.

### **Saturday, September 30**

Wear an orange shirt on September 30. Whether you're at work, at school, or at home, get out that orange shirt!

Make sure you take a picture to share on Facebook and Twitter (include the hashtags #OrangeShirtDay, #EveryChildMatters, and #UCCan), and challenge your friends and family to do the same.

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/honour-children-who-attended-residential-schools>