

Leaping into October already!

This Sunday, October first will be a Communion Worship Service. Rev. Heather Carlson will be officiating along with Rev. Helen Reid.

The volunteers for this week:

Elder in Charge: Linda Kisell

Sound Operator: Pat Evans

Scripture Reader: Sharon Clay

Greeter: Albina Jackson

Coffee Hosts: Betty Sidlick and Anna-Marie Hancock

PowerPoint Operator: Kathy Nielsen

Assisting with Communion: Pat and Stan Bohnet

Due to Communion, there will be no Minutes for Mission this week.

**Beginning Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Westminster United Church Office hours will change.**

**Office hours will be from Tuesday to Friday 12pm straight through until 6pm.**

Coffee on Thursday will continue but is rescheduled for 1pm.

Westminster United Church will be hosting a special "Octoberfest" lunch on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>! Lunch will feature spaetzle, sausage and purple cabbage. Come join us at noon and enjoy! Free will offering.

The Medicine Hat Cowboy Poetry and Western Music Show will be on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Medicine Hat College. There is a free afternoon show beginning at noon featuring local poets and Musicians. At 5pm the Meliora Service Dogs. Pre-Ordered supper Tickets can be purchased for the 5:30 Chuckwagon Supper. After supper there will be an evening show at 7pm featuring Ol' Ugly and Eli Barsi  
For more information contact Jen Zollner @403 529 6384  
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Gordon Memorial will be hosting an anniversary Turkey Supper on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Tickets are \$17.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 6-12. For tickets please call Mell: 403 548 7398 or Sharon 403 548 6182

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>