Westminster United Church

Weekly Communication November 5, 2026

Another busy month ahead – there are so many things happening in November, it makes my head spin! Did you know it was National Give a Hug Day on November 4, , and upcoming days are Mickey Mouse Day on November 18, Have A Bad Day Day on November 19th ? The list goes on and one.

All the furnaces and the boiler have been inspected and/or maintained. We ran into a few minor issues with the boiler, but they've all been resolved.

An update from the October Board Meeting will be shared with you in the next week or so. A zoom meeting is scheduled for November 16.

Westminster United Church met with staff from the Esplanade to get a feel for the types of items that may be suitable to go to the local Museum and Archives. They have expressed interest in some items, which will be presented to the Board of Elders , Grace Roth has been working for years on selecting items to go to the United Church of Canada Archives. Thanks to Grace for her dedication in completing this huge task.

We have an assortment of hymn books in the Sanctuary, some of which have been dedicated to individuals or families of the congregation. I am looking for a few volunteers to help sort through the hymn books and mark those that have dedications. There is no big rush on this, but if we could get a few people together for a couple of hours, that would be wonderful. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Just send me an email me at reception@westminsteruc.com or call me at 403-526-5247, and let me know what days would work for you.





lifelong Hatter Sally Sehn for a deep dive in Medicine Hat's wartime history on the Sunshine Trolley.

During the Trolley ride, and on stops during the tour, Sally will share detailed stories about various locations and people who served our country in combat.

The tour will run from November 7 to November10, ar different start times. Ito purchase tickets, will begin and end at the **Medicine Hat Legion**. Participants can park in the Legion's parking lot.

At the end of the Trolley ride, a representative from the local Legion will offer a tour of their building and share some of the group's history.

The restaurant at the Legion will be open at the end of the tour, for anyone wanting to grab a coffee or lunch.

Tourism Medicine Hat will donate a portion of the proceeds from ticket sales to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 17.

Due to multiple stops on difficult terrain, wheelchair seating will not be available for these tours.

Please dress for the cool weather as there are portions of the tour spent off the Trolley.

Go to Events Calendar | Tourism Medicine Hat for more details and to purchase tickets.

Remembrance Day Service Wednesday November 11, 2026

begin at the Esplanade, as follows:

- **8:30 a.m.** – Esplanade doors open
- **9:00 a.m.** – Theatre doors open
- **9:25 a.m.** – Ceremony begins
- **10:30 a.m.** – Parade to Riverside Veterans Memorial Park
- **11:00 a.m.** – Cenotaph ceremony and wreath laying



- The City of Medicine Hat has confirmed that the **2026 ceremony will be livestreamed**, as in previous years. www.medicinehat.ca

Kindness Matters: A day dedicated to kindness is a truly wonderful thing

Excerpt from Medicine Hat News October 15, 2026 (What Matters to Hatters)

World Kindness Day is Nov. 13 – time to start planning! Your small, everyday efforts to be kind to yourself and others can foster a sense of shared humanity and create powerful positive ripple effects within our community.

Kindness is common here in Medicine Hat! Hopefully you already know this from personal experience. It can be so uplifting to experience an unexpected act of kindness offered by someone who might be a stranger, an acquaintance, family member, or friend.

You might have fond memories of taking part in the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta's inaugural Random Acts of Kindness Day on the first Friday of November 2012.

Over the years this one-day event has shifted to a winter-long campaign that What Matters to Hatters wants everyone to participate in!

While we aren't quite ready to share what we are up to for this years' kindness campaign, we hope you will take some time to reflect on kind acts you have personally experienced or observed and come up with some ideas of your own to help spread kindness throughout our community.

It can be as simple as offering someone to go ahead of you in a lineup or lending a hand to someone who has dropped something.

Maybe you decide to do some fall cleanup in your neighbourhood, leave encouraging sticky notes in public spaces, or bake cookies for a neighbour or your coworkers.

If you have time or money to share, you could volunteer or donate to a charity that is important to you. The possibilities are endless! If you are looking for ideas, a great place to start is the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation website at randomactsofkindness.org .

If you are struggling with kindness, particularly toward yourself and others close to you, it might be helpful to attend the upcoming Relationship Skills Workshop Series offered by Recovery Alberta this November. This workshop series has four modules which explore Relationship with Self, Boundaries, Enhancing Communication, and Listening to Understand. To learn more about the data and to register for these workshops, check out the Medicine Hat Public Library November Events Calendar for more information.

Kindness can also be fostered by learning about others and their struggles. When we take the time to listen, learn, and understand the suffering of others, we may be more likely to share kindness with them in an effort to alleviate their suffering.

There are countless opportunities to extend kindness and compassion through learning. One opportunity we want to highlight is the upcoming Free art exhibit "CAGES: Addiction Awareness Through Art by the Medicine Hat Drug Coalition in partnership with TREX at The Esplanade Nov. 20 through Jan. 16. To learn more about this exhibit, check out the Medicine Hat Drug Coalition Facebook page.





All Saints Anglican Church Annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale

606 12 Street SW

Saturday, November 28, 2026

2 to 4 pm

Admission $7.00 per person



P.E.O. Chaper J presents Tart & Soul, a Butter Tart Baking Contest and Bake Sale on Nov. 20. Starts at 6 pm and runs until we sell out during Midnight Madness at Note Comfort & Drink. Categories are Traditional, Twist on Tradition, and Gluten Free. Entry Forms and rules are on the PEO Chapter J's Facebok page.



Trans Day of Remembrance 2026

This year for Trans* Day of Remembrance, we are hosting a get together at Medicine Hat Musical Theatre, Friday, Nov 20th, starting at 6pm. Attendance is free, and we hope we can all come together and spread a little more joy and connection.