

WEEK AT A GLANCE – August 23 – August 30, 2020

Scripture Readings for August 22, 2020

Romans 12: 1-8
Matthew 16: 13-20

Wednesday Coffee Time at 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship with Rev. Deborah Hoekstra via YouTube

Links to videos for services are on the St. Albert United Church website.
<https://stalbertunited.ca/services/>

WEEK AT A GLANCE – August 30 – September 6, 2020

Scripture Readings for August 30, 2020

Romans 12: 9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28

Wednesday Coffee Time at 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship with Val Ellis (details to follow)

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Safeway/Sobey's Gift Cards

are still available for purchase thru Ken Hutchinson.

He will arrange social distance delivery.

Email: kdhutchkenson@gmail.com

OR CALL

(780) 217-6961

Grapevine – August 23, 2020

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Laurie Symbaluk, our Office Administrator, is back at the church!
Tuesdays thru Fridays
from 9am – 3pm.
By appointment ONLY.

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Council News August 2020

Good news! Our building is open for business and our Worship Services in the Sanctuary will begin September 6.

Our Opening Team has a plan in place to ensure everyone's safety by following the protocols set forth by the province and by common sense. All of these plans are a work in progress, so we ask for your patience as we strive to reach everyone in our church family and monitor processes which may need to evolve as we move forward.

Sunday School will delay their commencement until we see the impact of returning to classrooms. You will need to stay informed by accessing our website.

There will need to be co-operation on your part to pre register for Sunday Service, as we will need to limit the number of persons in the Sanctuary each Sunday. All of these details will be available on the website shortly.

Our first Sunday of Communion will be October 4, which is World Wide Communion Sunday. This will give us time to resource the disposable cups and wafers we require, and by then the process for Sundays may be working smoothly.

The results of the Survey you so kindly shared with us are now available on the Website, and the protocols and process will be there shortly. Some of these decisions were only consolidated at this Council meeting!

In other news, we will be welcoming Callum Brian Flynn Harvey into our church family by Baptism.

Our Financial picture is better than expected, but mostly due to Government grants which will soon end and leave us looking for ways to support our church life. If you have any ideas or energy for fundraising, we would love to hear from you! Our sincere thanks to our finance team for their work during these trying times.

Welcome back to the office to our administrator Laurie Symbaluk. Cudos for the way you have handled working from home and still keeping us together in spirit. Your dedication is impressive.

Our thanks also to Amy Bautista for an awesome VBS. We so enjoyed watching the progress of these smiling faces on our Facebook connection. Job well done Amy!



[Broadview Discussion via Zoom August 26th, 2020](#) [10:30am till noon:](#)

The Broadview Virtual Discussion via Zoom is usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All are welcome!
Feel free to join this lively discussion group. It is always helpful if you have read the articles in advance, but it is certainly not necessary to do so.

[The topics to be discussed are as follows:](#)

Page 9: *"How Canada Coped With Covid-19"*

Page 12: *"What I Need From White People"*

Page 14: *"A Fair Deal"*

Page 54: *"In the Midst of Disaster"*

We have a rotating leadership, and this month the discussion facilitator is Janice McGregor.

To obtain the link to join our discussion, please call Rev. Mervin Gallant. You may join by either video/audio or telephone only contact.

For assistance to download the Zoom link, or for further information, please call Helen Arnott (780-983-2105).

[SAUC Worship Options During COVID-19](#)

The **"presider notes" for each Sunday's SAUC worship service** will be available on the [SAUC website](#) link <https://stalbertunited.ca/> under the "Services" link <https://stalbertunited.ca/services/> on the same tab as the "COVID 19 News" link <https://stalbertunited.ca/covid-19-news/> each week. These notes are on the website and include the prayers, hymn suggestions, readings, and message of an entire

SAUC worship service that you can access at any point for personal or family meditation/worship.

To find services from previous weeks click on the Archive link <https://stalbertunited.ca/archived-services/>

If you would like **'online live' worship options**, here is a link that provides other churches who already have 'streaming' capabilities that have been put together by the national United Church of Canada: <https://arcg.is/1TaKqS>

[Offering online space for community and worship:](#)

National resources will be posted on the national United Church page, above. For children and youth: The GO Project is offering online options. [Click here for details](#). If that link does not work, here is a direct link for the daily "Virtual Camps" for a) children and b) youth: <https://thegoproject.ca/virtual-camp/>
A growing [national list of worship live streams is available here](#).

An option for those who find **religious poetry** to be a good meditative activity. Click on the following link.

<https://www.unfoldinglight.net/>

[MUSIC LIVES ON](#)

The pandemic has changed many aspects of our shared worship experience, but music has not disappeared! While we cannot sing hymns together as a congregation and it may be some time before the choir can sing together as a group, we can enjoy a wide range of instruments including handbells as well as vocal solos and small ensembles (duets, trios) during live-streamed services. Every effort will be made to keep musicians safe: proper distancing, sanitizing protocols, and masks as required. All styles of music can be explored. Do you know somebody who plays an instrument? Plays the guitar? Loves to sing? Please have them contact Margaret Ward-Jack at wardjack@shaw.ca.