

WEEK AT A GLANCE – September 7 – September 13, 2020

Tuesday	UCW – General (Friendship Hall)	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	UCW Shalom (Friendship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bible Study via Zoom	noon
Sunday	In-person worship with Rev. Deborah Hoekstra	10:00 a.m.

Scripture Readings for September 13, 2020
Psalm 103: 1-13
Matthew 18: 21-35

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE – September 14 – September 20, 2020

Tuesday	UCW Mizpah (Friendship Hall)	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	Bible Study via Zoom	noon
Sunday	In-person worship with Rev. Mervin Gallant	10:00 a.m.

Scripture Readings for September 20, 2020
Exodus 16: 2-15
Matthew 20: 1-16

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Genesis Ringers are looking for a couple of handbell ringers.

If you would like to expand your music repertoire and channel that musical energy that's been bottled up, call the office and Laurie will pass your name on to Holly. Also, you may have neighbours, friends, children or grandchildren who would like to give it a go. The basic requirement is enthusiasm!

780-458-8355

Grapevine

September 6, 2020

PASTORAL & OFFICE CONTACTS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY DURING COVID-19:

When Ministers are not in the office, they are available by phone and working from home at other times.

Laurie Symbaluk (Office Administrator): 780-458-8355
Tuesdays – Fridays in the office from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Deborah Hoekstra Cell: 780- 983-2148
Tuesdays and Thursdays in the office from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm

Rev. Mervin Gallant Cell: 587- 989-3579
Wednesdays and Fridays in the office from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for September 6, 2020

Psalm 149
Roman 13: 8-14



Re-Opening News....

Tickets! Get your tickets here!

Hello Everyone,

Our first in-person worship service is fast approaching, and the church is looking great! Our property team has been hard at work putting up signs and installing hand sanitizer stations in an effort to keep everyone safe as we re-enter the church to worship together.

Last week, the Re-Open team sent out the protocols for Sunday Worship and one of the most important steps to have a safe re-opening is to ensure that we observe proper social distancing as we gather. To allow for two meters of space between cohort groups, every other row has been blocked off using green masking tape and the rule of thumb is to leave three empty chairs between groups.

Due to these measures, our capacity in the sanctuary is greatly reduced. In the congregational survey, the majority of members suggested that registering in advance to attend worship was the preferred method to choose who can attend a Sunday worship service. Knowing that some of our members do not have access to a computer, we will be setting aside ten seats every Sunday for those members. They will simply need to register for a seat by calling Laurie in the church office. For those who are still uncomfortable with attending in person, we hope to be live streaming our worship services so you can follow along at home in the

near future.

For the remainder of the available seats, we will be using a website called TicketLeap. When you click on the link below, you will be taken to our ticket site.

<https://st-albert-united-church.ticketleap.com/september-6/>

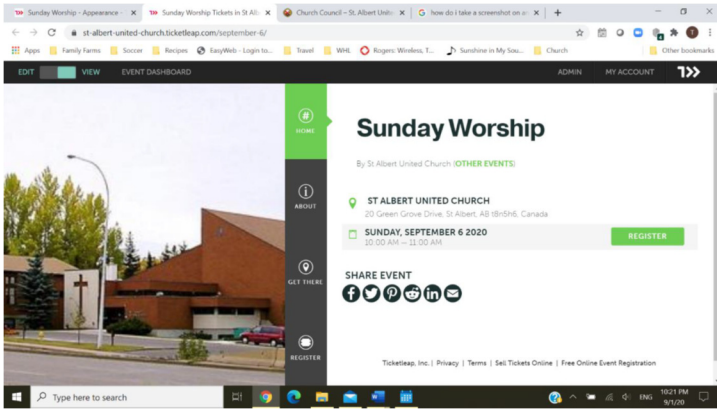
The link will be posted on the church website and registrations will be allowed starting at noon on the Wednesday before the service. There will be a new link posted each week.

The first page you will see looks like the picture below and you can register by following these easy steps:

- Click on the Register button.
- Enter the number of tickets you need and click Register again.
- Enter the name for each attendee.
- Answer the COVID symptom questions for each attendee. If you check any of the symptom boxes, please do not proceed any further with your registration for that Sunday. If none of the boxes are checked, click on Register and you are finished.
- To add the event to your electronic calendar, click the "ADD TO CALENDAR".
- You will receive a confirmation email and do NOT need to print any tickets. Your name will automatically be on the list at the church for that Sunday.

SAUC Protocols

Phase 2 Guidelines for In-Person Worship



We know that worship is going to have a very different look when we enter the church once again, but I suspect that folks will surely be smiling under their masks when they get to see their church family in person once again. For those working through feelings/anxiety about coming back to in-person worship, this video about making faithful decisions about re-entry to gathered worship in buildings produced for the United Church of Canada may be helpful in that process.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pelzAQNEcc&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=44ea19dea7&mc_eid=e22d4838ae

If you have any questions about the safety protocols, feel free to reach out to myself or Laurie in the office. Below is a link to a brief video that walks you through what to expect when you come to church this Sunday

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPKqCrmmv9Y>

Troy Sartison
Council Chair

St Albert United Church (SAUC), endeavors to follow all of the Government guidelines and regulations that are currently in place and we are committed to keeping all of our protocols updated to reflect any changes to Government regulations.

The safety of all of our members, guests and staff is of utmost importance and for that reason, SAUC will be diligent in following all safety guidelines. We must look after one another and be respectful of the rules that have been put in place.

1. Current guidelines require that all people attending church maintain 2 meters of social distancing between participants unless they are members of family cohorts. Rows have been blocked off in the sanctuary and there must be three empty chairs between cohort groups to leave the required 2 meters of distancing.
2. If people are feeling at all unwell, we ask that they refrain from coming to the church. Anyone who has: experienced any COVID-19 symptoms over the last 14 days (including but not limited to: fever, shortness of breath, new or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, headaches, diarrhea, aches and pains, fatigue, sneezing, sore throat, and/or runny nose), has travelled outside of Canada over the last 14 days, or who has been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, cannot attend worship service. Upon entering the church for worship, people will be asked if they are experiencing any of the above symptoms.
3. **Masks are mandatory. Masks will be available from one of the greeters in the church should you not be able to supply your own. We also request that if people stop to visit once they leave the church, please continue to socially distance and wear their masks until they are in their vehicle.**

4. SAUC will keep a record of attendees for each service, along with contact information to allow for contact tracing should there be a positive case of COVID-19. This information will be destroyed after 14 days.
5. Because capacity will be limited to allow for social distancing, those wishing to attend worship will be required to register on the website or through the office ahead of time.
6. Attendees will be required to sanitize their hands and those of their children upon entering and before leaving the building.
7. All children are to be supervised to minimize touch points throughout the church. This includes visits to the bathroom. Wandering throughout the church is not allowed at this time.
8. No food or drink is to be served. Personal bottled water, and other beverages are allowed if they are in a spill-proof container.
9. As people arrive, they will be greeted outside the front door by a volunteer, who will provide a dose of hand sanitizer and will take people's temperature using a touchless, infra-red thermometer pointed at the person's wrist.
10. There will be two stations where masked volunteers would check the person's name off an attendance list. Access to the office will be restricted on Sunday mornings as we attempt to limit traffic in a tight workspace.
11. Inside the sanctuary, two ushers will help to guide people to their seats to help ensure distancing restrictions are adhered to and to ensure family/cohort groups are seated properly. Every other row of chairs has been blocked off with tape and there must be three empty chairs between cohort groups. Paper bulletins will not be utilized.
12. Congregational singing will not be permitted at this time.
13. Collection plates will not be passed but a collection plate will be placed in the narthex once the service has begun to allow people to drop their offerings as they leave the building.
14. Egress from the church will be done in a fashion similar to when people leave the church following a wedding or funeral starting at the front of the sanctuary. Each row will exit one at a time in the direction of the main exit and the ushers will help to guide this process.

Blessing of the Backpacks

September 13th, 2020 at 11 a.m.

Location: St. Albert United Church Parking Lot

To all children, youth and young adults who are heading off to classes (whether in-person, online, at home or any combination of those); this one is for YOU!

You are hereby invited to share in the Blessing of the Backpacks. We are offering the opportunity to participate in this Drive Through Event.

In order to be ready for you, we kindly request that you register by contacting Laurie at the office either by telephone: (780) 458-8355 or by email: office@stalbertunited.ca. This will help us to know how many people to expect. It will also allow us to make the event more personal.

Of course, no one will be turned away – this is church after all!

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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://theproject.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/>

**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