

WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOV. 21- NOV. 27/21

Sunday	Service – Rev. Mervin Scripture Reading: Revelation 1: 4-8 John 18: 33-37 Special General Meeting	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Monday	Restorative Yoga Genesis United In Bronze	2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Broadview via Zoom Coffee Time via Zoom	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bible Study via Zoom Choir	12 noon 7:00 p.m.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: Nov. 28- Dec. 4/21

Sunday	Service – Rev. Mervin Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Luke 21: 25-36	10:00 a.m.
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Thursday	Bible Study via Zoom Choir	12 noon 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS – Nov. 21, 2021

Service: Rev. Mervin Gallant

Service Assistant: Jessie Parker

Musicians: Donna Graham, Margaret Mitchell, Pam Sutherland & United In Bronze

A.V. Technicians: Wade Hayden, Lionel Larcombe & Luke Sartison



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The link to all Sunday services will be on the church website.

Liam Hoekstra

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of Liam Hoekstra, the son of Rev. Deborah Hoekstra on November 17, 2021.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Rev. Deborah and her family during this difficult time.

Attention:

Restorative Yoga has moved to 2:00 p.m. on Monday's starting November 22, 2021

SAUC Wednesday Advent Nativity Zoom Time

Dig out your nativity sets! Or create a new one, using the Christmas Story Stones kit our Children's Ministry program will be making together!

Week by week, SAUC children, adults and seniors are invited to join us on a Zoom gathering to show each other our stables, animals, and characters. We will talk about the importance of the focus character for the week and share a prayer together as we get ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

We began Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 PM and gather for about 15 minutes each session. This is an opportunity for people of all ages to share together in this exciting time of year and learn from each other.

If you would like to join in the fun, email Rev Mervin at mervin@stalbertunited.ca and you will be sent a link.

OUTREACH CHRISTMAS FUND PROJECT

Traditionally at Christmas, Outreach has organized **White Gift Sunday** early in Advent, and then later in Advent we have served cookies and hot apple cider in support of **No Room at the Inn.** Both of these continue to be compromised by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the need for supporting our most vulnerable has never been greater! Therefore, Outreach will be asking the congregation to make monetary gifts once again through the church (*eligible for tax receipts*) to the **"Christmas Fund Project."** Outreach will use these funds to support the **White Gift Sunday** as well as making our annual donation to **No Room at the Inn.** Thank you for supporting this ministry and reaching out to the most vulnerable in our midst. Jesus said: "What you do to the least among us you do to me."

The project will continue all through the month of November, ending on **November 28**. Donations can be made in one of three ways:

1. Cheques payable to St. Albert United Church with **"Christmas Fund Project"** on the memo line.
2. E-transfer of contribution to:

treasurer1@stalbertunited.ca with **"Christmas Fund Project"** in the comments section.
3. Place monetary donation in the **Christmas Fund Jar** which will be in the narthex each Sunday in November.

CALLING ALL BAKERS THE UCW NEEDS YOUR HELP

The UCW is holding **Christmas Bake Sale on Dec 4th** at the church, and we would appreciate it if you could help with the baking.

We would need the items at the church on Dec 3rd between 9am to 12pm.

The following items have sold well in the past:

- Pies, tarts, squares
- Christmas cookies, shortbread
- Bread, buns, scones/tea biscuits, cinnamon buns
- Cakes, cupcakes
- Loaves- small or regular, muffins
- Jams and jellies
- Mincemeat (we have already made 48 jars)

The baked items will need a label with:

- Name of item
- Your name
- Church phone number

Our thanks in advance for helping out with our Fundraiser.

A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS: Many members of our congregation will know Gerry and Olive Tookey and that during the pandemic they moved to live with their daughter in Rycroft. They are now living in care facilities in Fairview. A recent visitor from SAUC discovered that Olive has not been doing well and that both are missing their community of friends. It would be wonderful if some of you would be willing to send them a written greeting to connect and remind them that they continue to have a community of care here in St Albert. If you are able to do so their address is:

Gerry and Olive Tookey
c/o Norah Jean Cook
Box 165
Rycroft, Alberta
T0H 3A0

Broadview Discussion Group

You are invited to attend the Broadview Discussion Group **via Zoom on Wednesday, November 24th at 10:30 a.m.**

We plan to discuss the following articles from the December 2021 and/or any other article in that issue which interests you.

Page 12: Unfinished Stories

Page 16: Curbing Our Consumerism

Page 24: Stockings and Steamed Dumplings

Helen Arnott

REVISING MYTHS:

The conflicts we face today have deep historical roots that can be traced in the stories that we as settlers tell and retell ourselves about our “non-violent” past, invoking the myth of benevolent peacemaking. Revising myths and unpacking assumptions embedded within them is a powerful way to reimagine history and envision a new future.

We should not underestimate the importance of undertaking this task.

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