

# Third Ave News


from the Pews . . . and beyond

August 30, 2015

The Mission of Third Avenue United Church is to reach out with love and provide a welcoming place, especially for downtown people. We offer strength, courage, and support in a safe nurturing environment.

**We welcome everyone to worship this morning.**  
If you are a guest or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books at either of the back entrances.  
If you would like information on the church activities, contact us at:  
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## This Week at 3rd Avenue – August 30 – September 6

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Opportunity Sunday 11:45a.m. Free Lunch 1:00p.m. Rental(Ross Rm)	Church Office Closed		9:00a.m. Staff Meeting 11:30a.m. Weight Watchers 5:30p.m. Rental (Ross Rm)
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
5:30p.m. Rental (Ross Rm)	7:00p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	Church Office Closed 8:00a.m. Men's Breakfast 12:00p.m. Wedding	Church Office Closed 10:30a.m. Service 11:45a.m. Free Lunch 1:00p.m. Rental(Ross Rm)

## Third Avenue United Church Information

### VBS Thank You

A big thank you goes out to our VBS organizers, helpers and assistants: Michelle Aalders, Donna Wilson, Rose and Philip Bray, Holly Brown, Kathy Braun, Sydney Pickhard, Alicia Monson and Katie Spence. We would also like to thank those who donated craft items, science equipment and lab coats. Thank you to all the kids and families that participated this year. It was a blast. Who can forget the ping pong balls and mouse traps or that gravity works on cola after mentos are added to it, what goes up must come down.

### Regular Services

A big thank you to Knox United Church for hosting us in July and joining us here in August. Regular services resume at both churches in September.

### Coffee, Conversation and Community Lunch

Please join us for coffee in the Narthex before service or for a free community soup lunch downstairs after the service. We would love to get to know you better.

### Fall Clubs

Our fall clubs will resume in September. Have you thought about joining in on one of many activities? Why not try something new, learn a skill, make a friend, get out of the house, share your talents

**Knit and Crochet** . . Weekly Monday evenings 7:00p.m.  
Starts on September 7.

**United Church Women (UCW)** . . Third Tuesday of every Month  
2:00p.m. Starts September 15

**Youth Game Night** . . To Be Announced

**Choir** . . Practice Weekly Thursday Evenings 7:30p.m.  
Starts September 10

Sing in Church every Sunday – Warm-up 10:00a.m.

**Youth Group** . . Ages 12 -18 To Be Announced

**Men's Breakfast** . . First Saturday of every Month 8:00a.m.  
Grainfield's on Circle Dr.

**Ladies Breakfast** . . Last Saturday of every Month 8:30a.m.  
Tomas Cook on Idylwyld

If you would like more information about a group or if you would like to start up a brand new group please contact the church office Tuesday to Friday at 306-652-6812.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Power Cards

For \$20 you will receive a discount card for **Tomas Cook** (Can be used for Ladies Breakfast), **Bonanza, Joey's, Mr. Sub, A&W, Bad Ass Jacks, Pita Pit, Venice House, Auto Spa, Lube Stop, Pizza Hut, Kabob King, Pet Planet, Dominos, Sportchek, Family Pizza and Michelle's Flowers.**

All proceeds of card sales go to **Third Avenue Church School.** Please think about selling them to friends and neighbours. Please help to offset the cost by buying one as a gift for someone if you don't want one for yourself. Good until April 2016

## Other Things You Should Know



If you use a cane or walker, please use our elevator entrance on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave



Please remember to shut off your cell phone during the service.



There are visitor offering envelopes folded in the pews if you wish to make an offering to our ministry.



Headsets at the back of the Sanctuary for those who need assistance hearing the service.

## VIV – Very Important Volunteers

Have you checked out our volunteer sign up sheets on the bulletin board downstairs lately? If you have you will notice that they are blank.

We would love to have you come out to support our great congregation. Right now we are looking for scripture readers and ushers to greet people, hand out bulletins and take collection. If you would like to try one of these opportunities for a week or even more, please sign your name on the sheet in the hall or e-mail Raycine at [secretary.thirdaveunitedchurch@sasktel.net](mailto:secretary.thirdaveunitedchurch@sasktel.net).

If you are able please bring baking or goodies to go with our lunch and time of fellowship on the week corresponding to the start of your last name. Please feel free to bring extra items that could be frozen for use when donations are slim.

This Week: Last names starting with M - Z.

**Next Week: Last names starting with A - L.**

Please try to come early to set up if you are able (10:00a.m.) We can also use help with clean up and dishes. Thank you for all your help and we hope you enjoy this time together.

### Readings

**September 6**

**Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23**  
A good name rather than riches.

**Psalms 125** (VU p. 849)  
Do good, O God,  
to those who are good.

**James 2:1–10, (11–13), 14–17**  
Faith without works is dead.

**Mark 7:24–37**  
The Syrophenician woman's  
faith challenges Jesus.



### Church Duties

Today: Philip Bray

**Next Week:**  
Barry Duncan

responsible for opening  
and closing

### Building Bookings

Please do all rentals and Boardroom bookings through the church office. We are trying to cut down on the number of double bookings so all meetings must be on the building calendar. Thank you.

## Humour from the Pews

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'



While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!

As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

## Community Events



Third Ave United would like to sign up some teams for The Amazing Race - Lighthouse Edition, taking place Friday, September 18th at 1:00 pm.

A great team building experience providing greater understanding and support to those who are chronically and episodically homeless.

Teams of two will compete on foot in mini-challenges around downtown Saskatoon to win great prizes donated by Airline Hotels, Restaurants, Retail and much more!  
**HELP BUILD PEOPLE UP!**

Funds raised will go toward the Lighthouse Mobile Outreach and Client Services. So challenge your friends, family and co-workers to pledge towards your team!

If you are interested please let Donna know today.

Volunteers are also needed to ensure the race is a success. Please email [volunteer@lighthousesaskatoon.org](mailto:volunteer@lighthousesaskatoon.org) to help on September 18th!

For more information visit: [www.lighthouseamazingrace.ca](http://www.lighthouseamazingrace.ca)



Kids of Note & The Notations are two non-auditioned choirs for people, with and without disabilities, who love to sing. We work in partnership with Grosvenor Park United Church as a community outreach project. We have several openings for singers for the upcoming 2015-16 season, which begins September 2. Do you know a child, youth or young adult who loves to sing? Please help us spread the word. All details can be found at [KidsofNote.com](http://KidsofNote.com), or by calling Brenda Baker: (306) 653-3245.

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival  
Banquet

at the Mandarin Restaurant on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 6:00p.m. Cost is \$25 for this delicious 8-course meal with moon cake! Please contact Rosanna Parry for tickets and the menu by Sept. 7. E-mail [rosannaparry@shaw.ca](mailto:rosannaparry@shaw.ca) or call her at 306-229-8289. This event is sponsored by the Saskatoon Chinese Ladies' Association.



