

Announcements

Wed. Sept 9th
Thurs. Sept 10th
Sun, Sept 20th
Sat, Sept 26th

Session
KD Lunch
Picnic
Silvertones Concert

Thank you to Henry Dean for sharing his gifts of music with us this morning. Henry Dean is a Grade 10 student at Three Oaks Senior High. He's been playing piano for seven years, and he has been learning the organ for six months. He's earned St. Dunstan's Pipe Organ Scholarship and will be taking lessons under Music Director Leo Marchildon this fall."

The congregation extends its deepest sympathy to Joan Hunter on the death of her sister, Lucy Delaney

Our **Kraft dinner lunch ministry** will be starting up again this **Thursday, Sept 10**. We look forward to serving delicious KD to the students of Three Oaks every Thursday along with rolls, apples and yummy cookies. We are always thankful for all the donations we receive. If you can assist with baking some cookies, the students would greatly appreciate it.

Sunday School time will be returning next Sunday, Sept 13. We are excited to hear about everyone's summer adventures!

Please join us **Sat, Sept 26th at 7pm** for a **Musical Evening with the Silvertones** under the direction of Christa McDougall. Admission by donation.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELONG?

You can attend a church for years without ever asking what it means to truly belong to one. Is church membership simply having your name on a roll – or is it something more?



Over the next few weeks, we'll be thinking together about what it means to belong to a Christian community. Maybe it's time to ask: **Where do I belong?**

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*"to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds"*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Come, let us gather as servants of Christ and stewards of God's gifts.
We come to worship the One who has entrusted creation to our care.

What we have is not ours alone, but a gift from God.
May we be faithful with all that God has placed in our hands.

For what is required of stewards is that they be found trustworthy.
O God, make us faithful servants, grateful for your gifts and mindful of your world.

Let us worship God, the Creator and giver of all good things.
We come to worship with grateful hearts and willing hands.
(Inspired by 1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Hymn #338 Let All Things Now Living

Opening Prayers

**Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn #373 Jesus Loves Me

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:3 (responsive)

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: #295 When Long Before Time

Sermon: "In the Beginning, God"

Hymn #328 This Is My Father's World

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & the Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.** ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn #674 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Benediction & Dismissal: Walk With Me

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Postlude

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



"God is in everything I do and all my work glorifies Him."
~ Dolly Parton

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for Samuel House in Micske, Romania, a safe place where disadvantaged children come to play, study, eat nutritious meals and receive Christian care.

We pray that God will help us grapple faithfully with questions of suffering, autonomy, and the sanctity of life, without losing sight of our call to accompany one another in love.

We give thanks for the wisdom of Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers who walk with and support the ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, and the people they serve.

We give thanks to God for those whose friendship, companionship and care are signs of God's never-failing love in times of sorrow.



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."

And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so.⁸ God called the vault "sky."

And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas."

And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds.

And God saw that it was good.

¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth,¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness.

And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky."²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so.²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.

And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.