



# ScarboroNews

Scarboro United Church, responding to COVID-19



## Mission Teams

### Celebrating & Exploring Our Faith

#### Leader: Craig Ainsworth

Together we continue to be the church, even from a distance. Sunday worship services continue to be shared online. Follow us on social media & our website for more ways that we can continue to connect in faith. If you took pictures of your neighbourhood as part of Fruits of the Spirit, we want to see them!

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### Welcoming & Supporting Our Community

#### Leaders: Norma Wood & Brie Nelson

If you are feeling isolated, or if you would like to request prayers or practical assistance while self-isolating, please reach out to the church office and leave a phone or email message. We continue to work with the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good, see info about the Fall Assembly on the next page. Reminder: Orange Shirt Day is at the end of Sept.

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### Stewarding Our Future

#### Leader: Mary Axworthy

Our staff continues to serve this community, despite limited use of our building. Thanks our dedicated gardeners, painters, volunteers and office coverage for keeping us moving forward in these unusual times. Your continuing financial support of the church is very much appreciated; if you need to adjust your automatic PAR givings, please reach out to the office so that we can assist you. Details about CO-OP cards on pg. 2

## Meeting Midweek

Check out [www.scarborounited.org/connect/daily-connections/](http://www.scarborounited.org/connect/daily-connections/) for details about midweek online gatherings. On Tuesdays we share memories of past travel adventures, and the usual Thursday choir practice has become a social gathering time, open to everyone - no singing required!

## Virtual Sunday Services

Access Scarboro worship services every Sunday at 10:30am on your computer, tablet, or smart cell phone by clicking the link on our website. The first time around you will receive a quick download, just click ok and 'join meeting'. Your device will need to have speakers for the audio, a microphone if you wish to speak, and a camera if you wish to share video\*. If you don't have this hardware, you can watch the service on your computer and call in for the audio. For audio, call 587-328-1099 on your cell phone or land line - this is a local call. Enter your Meeting ID number: 826 9983 3851 and then the pound (#) key when prompted. \*To avoid disruptions to our service and to maintain our standard of care for this community, participants' video and audio will be disabled during the service.

In order to get the most familiar Sunday experience, you are encouraged to use the "Speaker View" rather than the "Gallery View" during the service. We can catch up and see our church family at our regular coffee time.

## Building Access Update

We are continuing with our online worship services for the time being. Our leadership are confident in the quality and authenticity of these services, and feel that it is the responsible, safe way to proceed, while still being able to inclusively welcome all individuals to worship with Scarboro UC. This decision is consistent with the recommendations of the The United Church of Canada and The Chinook Winds Region. We are grateful for the talents and hard work of our worship and support teams for creating meaningful, artistic, high quality services which have been well attended week after week. Thank you to everyone who tunes in!

In compliance with AHS recommendations and our own guidelines, we are beginning to be able to welcome some rental groups back to the building. Each group must provide a detailed plan of how they will meet and ensure compliance with the new requirements. Communication is ongoing, and requests are being handled on a case by case basis.

Scarboro United Church is a member organisation of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good. Visit their website to find resources and read up on the current campaigns: [www.calgarycommongood.org](http://www.calgarycommongood.org)

The CACG's Fall Assembly is on October 29th at 7:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to publicly bring forward and build tension around the Alliance's joint focus on the city budget and Truth and Reconciliation. This tension is important because it puts pressure on our political leaders to prioritize the needs of our communities. Therefore, in order to make this a powerful event, we need a good turnout of engaged people.

As members of the Alliance, we are endeavouring to engage at least 20 people to attend the Fall Assembly. If you would like to attend, please chat with Erin, Brie, Norma or Jill.

## Who + Where We Are

### Territorial Acknowledgement

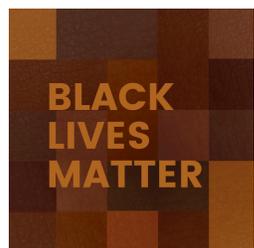
We are located on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikuni, and Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda First Nations (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. Respectfully, we acknowledge that we share the land as people of Treaty 7. We are all Treaty People.

### Affirming Statement

We commit to being an affirming congregation and an inclusive community, inviting, welcoming and affirming all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity into full participation in, and leadership of, the congregation of Scarboro United Church.

### You are welcome here;

wherever you are on your faith journey,  
however you identify on the gender spectrum,  
whatever combination of disabilities and abilities you bring,  
whatever resources you have or do not have,  
whomever you love and whatever your sexual orientation,  
whatever your racial identity;  
you are welcome here.



a faith community for  
**EVERYONE**  
Scarboro United Church

## Care Team

We are staying apart physically, but that does not mean we can't stay social! Let's phone each other, make deliveries, write letters, and take care of each other, safely, following health guidelines. Our membership in the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is facilitating and offering us training with this initiative. Talk with Erin, Brie, Jill or the church office for more info about joining in.



Orange Shirt Day is on September 30. We will be observing the date during the Sep. 27 worship service, you are invited to wear orange when you tune in. Find more about residential schools on our social media.

## CO-OP Cards

Our supply of Calgary CO-OP gift cards have sold out once again. If you would like to purchase cards, reach out to the office and get your order in for the next batch. This is a great way to support the church while doing your regular shopping.

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