

WELCOME

The congregation and staff of St. David's United Church wish to express our sympathy to you at this time. We are committed to doing our best to help you and your family in the process of celebrating the life of your loved one. St. David's offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve.

The following information is provided to assist you and the church to plan the funeral service.

INITIAL CONTACT WITH THE CHURCH

The ministry personnel and staff of St. David's church will meet with the family and do their best to answer all of your questions and accommodate any special requests. As we wish this service to be as personal as possible, ministry personnel welcome the opportunity to visit your loved one at home, in the hospital or hospice so that we might get to know them. We realize that this is not always possible.

First and foremost, it is important that you confirm ministry availability and the time and date of the service as soon as possible to give the church and the minister time to prepare.

PLANNING THE SERVICE

Once the service time has been confirmed by the rentals co-ordinator, the minister will meet with you to lead you through planning the service. You will also have opportunity to meet with the church staff if you have any further questions concerning facility use.

WE BELIEVE

We are not alone,
We live in God's world.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

(A New Creed)

The Song of Faith,
a creed of the United Church states:

*In and with God,
We can direct our lives toward right relationship
With each other and with God.
We can discover our place
as one strand in the web of life.
We can grow in wisdom and compassion.
We can recognize all people as kin.
We can accept our mortality and finitude,
not as a curse
But as a challenge
to make our lives and choices matter.*



Memorials, Funerals & Celebration of Life Services



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SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Do you wish to use the church sanctuary (seats 350), or a funeral home?

Do you wish to have a funeral service (casket is present) or a memorial service (no casket)? When there is cremation, do you wish to have the urn present?

Is there a special picture that you would like to place on the communion table for the service?

What music and musicians would you like to have? What sort of music did your loved one like?

What scripture passages would you like read? Is there someone special you wish to do the reading?

Are there any other readings, poetry you would like read?

Do you wish to have a family member or friend share their memories of your loved one?

Is there anyone else you would like to participate in the service?

Do you wish to have a bulletin or program of the service?

What floral tributes would you like to have?

Do you wish to use the church hall for a reception?

Do you wish to have a “memory table” at the reception?

A list of suggestions of readings and hymns for your service can be provided by the ministerial staff.

MUSIC

Music is an important part of a service. An organ and piano are located in the sanctuary. All arrangements for you to supply your own organist or pianist must meet with the approval of the church music director. All music must meet with the approval of the ministry staff.

We can assist you in booking soloists or instrumentalists, or you may wish to use a person of your own choice.

RECEPTION

After the service, many people wish to have a reception. This is helpful because it allows families and friends to gather and share stories and memories and offer support to one another. St. David’s has large and small areas available to host receptions.



FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following is a list of fees for a service at St. David’s:

Church Sanctuary and Lounge	\$350.00
Minister’s Services (required)	\$400.00
Organist/Pianist	\$250.00
Church Host (required)	\$100.00
Lower Hall (if large reception)	\$200.00

**note the same rate is charged to Church members and non-members. This is due to Canada Revenue Agency regulations in order to comply with the *Income Tax Act* for registered charities.

**the minister fee is required even if another minister is performing the service as the St. David’s minister is required to be present.

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