



# The St. Paul's Page

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You will find weekly worship service videos on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/stpaulsucyeg](http://www.youtube.com/stpaulsucyeg).



Join us for zoom coffee at 11 Sunday. Pat Greenways is our host. The link was emailed on Friday.

**Lawn Conversations** carry on Thursdays at 1:30-2:30 pm.

**Godly Play by Zoom:** Sundays at 10 am; **Grades 4-6:** Sept 26 at 12:30 (check in & online games); **Youth Group:** Sept 26 at 2 pm @ Rundle Park. Proof of vaccination required.

## Upcoming Church Meetings and Activities

Godly Play	Sundays at 10 am
Zoom Coffee	Sundays at 11 am
staff meetings	Wednesdays at 10 am
Lawn Conversations	Thursdays at 1:30 pm
Grades 4-6 group	September 26 at 12:30 pm
Youth Group	September 26 at 2 pm
31 Spiritual Practices	September 27 and October 4 at 1 pm
Light a Candle	September 30 at 6:30 pm-9 pm
Flower Group	October 1 at 10 am
Church Board	October 5 at 7 pm
Re-Entry Task Group	October 26 at 7 pm

## Companion of the Sorrowing

When our heart aches from loss  
 And our mind seems to be adrift,  
 When loneliness engulfs our grieving  
 With the fragile remnants of memory,  
 It can be helpful for us to remember  
 We do not weep alone in our sorrow.  
 You hold us in your gentle embrace,  
 Comforting us with murmurs of love.  
 Your compassionate, caring presence  
 Gives us courage and hope to go on.

Today: My Companion's heart holds my hurts.

*from Fragments of Your Ancient Name by Joyce Rupp*

Members of the Social Justice Committee (SJC) will be lighting candles outside at the church Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9 pm to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. You are welcome to come by and light a candle too.



The United Church of Canada has been involved in Truth and Reconciliation since 1986. The SJC offers two links: 1) Residential School Archives Project; history of the United Church's Indian Residential Schools <https://thechildrenremembered.ca/>; 2) information about the [UCC Healing Fund](https://thechildrenremembered.ca/) for healing initiatives for survivors of the residential school system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts.

Catherine is inviting you to join her online for a conversation guided by the book *31 Short Spiritual Practices: Getting (re) started in a daily spirituality of gratitude and contentment* by Rob Fennell. The e-book is \$6.99 and is available here <https://31shortspiritualpractices.com>. We will meet by zoom Mondays, September 27 and October 4 at 1 pm. Please email Anna in the office to request the link.



Staff meeting, Wednesday September 22 at 10 am

## Orange Shirt Day

On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential schools.

The summer of 2021 was a summer of orange shirts as Indigenous communities across the country shared the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned from residential schools remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

This Orange Shirt Day is also the first observance of a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For settler Christians in particular, this is a time when we can reflect on our role in colonialism and the residential school system, and our ongoing responsibility to make reparations. Indigenous Ministries and Justice at The United Church of Canada encourages everyone to participate in <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

**Read** former Healing Programs Coordinator Honarine Scott's [powerful reflection](#) on Orange Shirt Day. Honarine is Omushkego Cree from Fort Albany First Nation and she is the Healing Programs Coordinator in the Indigenous Ministries Circle.

## Indigenous Children Then, Now, and Tomorrow: Online Panel Discussion

Indigenous Ministries and Justice is hosting an Orange Shirt Day panel on September 29, at 3:30-5 pm (MT). Panelists Allison Forsberg, Jocelyn Formsma, Leeann Shimoda, and the Rev. Murray Pruden will explore how Indigenous children and families were and continue to be impacted by colonialism. They will answer a series of questions posed by our moderator Springwater Hester-Meawassige, which will touch on a range of topics including Indigenous Children in Residential Schools, Sixties Scoop, Millennial Scoop, and bringing our children home. For more information or to sign up please [visit the United in Learning website](#)



## A Prayer for Orange Shirt Day

Today we wear orange  
to remember and honour all the Indigenous children  
who went to residential schools.  
Today we wear orange and we pray  
for the residential school and intergenerational survivors  
who are still struggling.  
Today we wear orange and we are thankful  
for those who speak the truth,  
and who work to shine a light on injustice.  
Today we wear orange in the name of compassion  
and the spirit of truth and reconciliation.  
Help us, God, to remember and act on this this every day.  
Amen.

*This prayer was inspired by Honarine Scott's Orange Shirt Day [blog](#).*

Moderator Richard Bott reflects on Orange Shirt Day 2021, and invites you to join him in prayer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2rfb9bNW9U>



For more information on Residential Schools and reconciliation, read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action <https://nctr.ca/about/history-of-the-trc/trc-website/>



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