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THE BALZAC BELL



October

Greetings!
Let me introduce myself…I'm Rev. Marion Martin (Diaconal Minister), and am honored to have been called to a half-time position, to serve your Community of Faith, Balzac United Church.

I have been in ministry for 12 years and have served in rural ministry most of that time: serving Milk River, Raymond, and Taber. In 2022, I accepted a call to Foothills United Church in Bowness and St. Thomas United Church in northwest Calgary.

I look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you. I also look forward with great enthusiasm for all the things we will accomplish together, as we journey forward into the future, as the 'Little White Church on the Rail.'

Shalom

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, Oct. 4 -
- World Day of Communion
- Blessing Bank
- Rev. Marion Martin
- Sunday School

Oct. 11 -
- Rev. Marion Martin
- Thanksgiving
- Bring items from gardens for decorations

Oct 18 -
- Rev. Marion Martin
- Sunday School

Oct. 25 -
- Dr. Alex

Nov 1 - All Saints Day
- Rev. Marion Martin
- Communion

~Recipe Corner ~ Pumpkin Bars



RONNIE NORTHCOTT - COUNTRY FAVORITES COOKBOOK UNITED CHURCH WOMEN, BALZAC UNITED CHURCH 1998

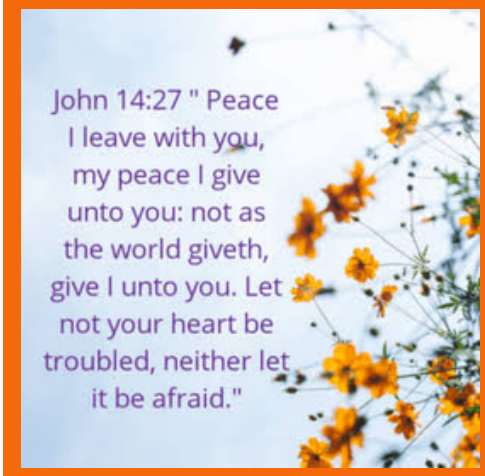
2 cups white sugar
¾ cup cooking oil
3 tsp cinnamon
2 cups flour
1 ¾ cups icng sugar
1 tsp vanilla
4 eggs
15 oz. can pumpkin
½ tsp salt
2 tsp baking soda
½ cup butter or margarine
3 oz. pkg cream cheese

Cream eggs, sugar and oil. Add pumpkin, beat well. Add dry ingredients which have been mixed together. Blend until smooth. Pour into an oiled wax paper lined or Pam sprayed 15x10 inch jelly roll pan. Bake at 350° F for 20 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean when tested in the middle. Cool. Make frosting out of the last 4 ingredients. Spread on cooled cake. Cut into squares and decorate with pecan halves if you wish.

Sunday School /Youth Group

Sunday school this month is going to be focusing on creation! We invite you to come and join us on the first and third Sundays of October. We would love to help your children learn about their faith by making crafts, doing fun activities, and learning about the bible. Help us grow our Sunday school program by telling all of your friends and any youth that might be interested to grow their faith, all ages welcome.







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Firewood for sale: Dry Pine $150 or Dry Birch $250. Delivered t you! See Paul Arnott.
403-801-3136

Bring your refundables to the church or Hometown Bottle Depot.

Upcoming Events



The Little Stitch by the Rail

- Everyone welcome! Coffee will be on
- October 22, 12:30 - 3:30
- November 26, 12:30 - 3:30
- bring projects you are working on

Winter Market

- November 21

Purdy's Chocolates for Christmas

- More information to come



Card Requests:
if you know of someone who you feel would appreciate a card sent to them, for a celebration, a get-well, or any other occasion please contact Joyce at:
samaluyk@gmail.com or
(403) 390-1925





Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever

Psalm 107: 1

Family Time

Thankful Placemats

Thanksgiving placemats are a wonderful way to decorate for the thanksgiving meal, as well as encourage your family to be thankful for those around them.

For this activity, you will need:

- Butcher paper (12 in x 180 ft.) or construction paper
- Markers and colored pencils

As you give the construction or butcher paper to your family member, ask them to write things they are thankful about for other family members.
They can draw, doodle, and decorate as they wish, but including a list of reasons they are thankful for their family members is a great way to implement gratitude at your Thanksgiving celebration.

(https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/thanksgiving-activities-for-families/)





Interested in Paying it Forward?

***Like to be in a team while helping others?
Want to earn points towards giving to a charity of your choice?***

Well, MISSION POSSIBLE is for you!

Grab a friend or two or three, think of a team name, then, see Victoria for details and collect points. AND Each month will be an extra way to earn more.

Each team member pays $10, and the event will run November to May with the winning team choosing a charity to donate the total of all of their registration fees!!

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