

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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We acknowledge that we are in Treaty 1 territory, and that the land is the traditional lands of the Anishinabe and Dakota Nations, and the homeland of the Métis Nation

ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

THE 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 May 2019

We extend a warm welcome to our guests! We invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to remain for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Church Hall (downstairs) following the service. We thank **Charlie Clifford** for hosting today.

The greeters this month are **Charlie Clifford** and **Terry Rempel**

Today's scripture readings will be read by **Pat Mullins**.

This Week in First Church:

- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon - Spring Clean-Up

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 2 June - Communion Sunday
- Sunday, 9 June - Outdoor Service and Barbecue at the Sneesbys'

Thank you - to Keith Kelly, for leading the service today.

In Gladstone Hospital - Jean McBurney

Spring Clean-Up - Saturday, 25 May from 9 a.m to noon. This is a great time of fellowship besides getting work done. It is the only time in the year that the church gets a complete cleaning. There is a list at the back of the church of activities/tasks that need doing. Please look at the list to see how you could help - there is a sign-up sheet.

PC Connect - is the monthly e-newsletter for the Presbyterian Church in Canada (<http://presbyterian.ca/pconnect>). The May issue includes some information on the General Assembly, coming up from 2 to 6 June in Waterloo, Ontario.

Reading - If you would like to take a turn reading the scripture readings on a Sunday in June, please sign up on the **blue sheet** on the music stand at the south entrance. We are hoping to continue having lay people read the scripture readings every Sunday while John is away.

Inter-Mission - John began his Inter-Mission on Monday, 29 April. He has arranged for a number of ministers to be on “standby” for any pastoral emergencies that may arise while he is away. **If a pastoral need should arise**, please contact Raymond (239-5359) or any other member of the Session, to find out which ministers are available to assist you. John will not be available to do emergency visits or conduct funeral services while he is on his Inter-Mission. The Presbytery has appointed **Minho Yoo** (the minister in Carberry) to be our interim moderator for the time that John is away. John will be back in the office on Monday, 24 June, and will lead the service on Sunday, 30 June, which will also be the first of our joint summer services (since there are only eight Sundays in July and August this year).

The Announcements Sheet - If you have any announcements for the weekly announcements sheet, please give or e-mail them to Philip Dunn (pmdunn@shaw.ca) by the Thursday of that week.

Summer Service Schedule - The schedule for our joint services with Trinity and McKenzie United Churches has been drawn up. Services will be held here at First Church the first three Sundays (30 June, and 7 and 14 July), at Trinity Church the next three Sundays (21 and 28 July, and 4 August), and at McKenzie Church the final three Sundays (11, 18, and 25 August). A more detailed schedule has been printed in the June issue of the Newsletter.

Plant and Bake Sale - Grandmothers Giving, in cooperation with **Fairholme Colony**, will be holding a Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, 25 May from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 50 Peony Bay. Proceeds will be donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation (see the flyer on the notice board downstairs).

<http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/get-involved/grandmothers-campaign>

Mission Moment

Dreaming of peace

For Amina, Saber and their five children, poverty had become an all too sudden reality. When bombs fell on their town of Suran in Syria, their peaceful life shattered—their home collapsed and basic necessities like water, food and electricity became scarce. Displaced within their own country, broken by over eight years of conflict, Amina and Saber were losing hope. But for the past several months, the family has been receiving monthly food and hygiene baskets through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. Over meals of beans and rice, Amina and Saber can find a moment of comfort as they dream of peace and security for their beloved country.

PWS&D provides strength through food aid