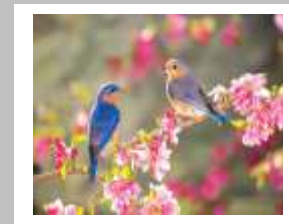


First Presbyterian Church News

17 Royal Road South, Portage la Prairie, MB



John Zondag, Minister

May 2019

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Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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.

FROM THE MINISTER

INTER-MISSION

John Zondag is currently on an eight-week "Inter-Mission" (sabbatical leave). He will be back in the church office on Monday, 24 June, and will lead the service on Sunday, the 30th. If a pastoral need should arise while he is away, please contact Raymond Reichelt (239-5359 or raymondrr@mymts.net), or any other member of the Session, to find out which ministers are available to assist you.



TRC CALLS TO ACTION 1 - 5 - CHILD WELFARE

1. Reduce the number of Aboriginal children in care.
In progress - There are various committees and teams studying different aspects of the issues.
2. Publish annual reports on the number of Aboriginal children who are in care, compared with non-Aboriginal children. **Not started**
3. Implement Jordan's Principle.
In progress - As of June 2018, most levels of government have done so.
4. Establish national standards for Aboriginal child apprehension and custody cases.
In progress - Bill C-92, tabled Feb. 28, 2019, included an act respecting First Nation Inuit, and Metis children, Youth and Families; however, there were concerns about jurisdiction and funding.
5. Develop culturally appropriate parenting programs for Aboriginal families.
In progress - As of March 2018 there were several provincial and territorial programs but they were not developed in response to this call to action. No federal funding has been allocated.

OUTDOOR SERVICE

- Our annual **outdoor service and barbecue** will be held on Sunday, 9 June, starting at 10:30 a.m., at the home of Bruce and Lisa Sneesby, at 78115 Highway 50, just north of Highway 16 (northwest of town).
- Dress casually, and bring lawn chairs if you have them.
- If you wish to carpool, please meet at the church at 9:45 a.m.
- The food will be provided.
- In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the church, in which case a message regarding the change of venue will be sent out by e-mail. Regular attenders who don't have e-mail will be notified by phone.
- We thank Bruce and Lisa for offering to host this event again this year!

COMMUNION



Join us as we celebrate the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** on Sunday, 2 June. The service will be led by the Rev. Henry Hildebrandt, a retired minister living in Brandon. John will not be available to conduct home Communion services this time, however, since he is on his Inter-Mission.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

a) Regularly-scheduled events:

- WMS Group – 1st Wednesday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. (except July and August)
- Prayer Time – 1st Thursday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. (except July and August)
- Finance & Maintenance Committee – 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. (except July and August)
- Meal-in-a-Bowl Suppers – 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 5:00 (except June, July, and August)
- Session meetings – 4th Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. (except July)

b) One-time events:

- Communion Sunday - 2 June
- Outdoor Service and Barbecue - Sunday, 9 June, 10:30 a.m.
- Joint summer services begin - Sunday, 30 June
- Regular Sunday services resume - Sunday, 1 September
- Great Presbyterian Pie Sale - Friday, 27 September, 12:30 p.m.
- Communion Sunday - 6 October

FINANCE & MAINTENANCE

Not much to report this time from the Finance and Maintenance Committee. Thank you to all those who helped to organize and worked the Sharpe Sisters concert as well as the Spring Supper. The fundraising really helps our church. Please continue to pray for our church. Enjoy the warm weather and God bless all.

SOUP KITCHEN

- In April 790 meals were served.
- The food handlers training in April went well with a good attendance of Soup Kitchen volunteers.
- July 30, 2019 is our MCC Day!!
- Portage Mutual donated \$1000.00 to the Soup Kitchen.
- I am still working on the fridge situation. The repair man from Dino’s told us the fridge was not repairable. Now they are saying they need to take it to their shop to test it.
- We are still looking for another person to assist with the coordinator responsibilities.

MEAL-IN-A-BOWL SUPPERS

The Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper on the 15th of May will be the final one until the fall. Many thanks to all who work diligently to make these monthly suppers a success, in particular, Mardine Garnham and Margaret McNutt-Reichelt, the overall coordinators!

VACATION

John Zondag will be taking five weeks’ vacation this summer, likely three weeks in July and two in August; the dates are not yet confirmed. If a pastoral need should arise while he is away, please contact Raymond Reichelt (239-5359 or raymond@mymts.net), or any other member of the Session, to find out which ministers are available to assist you.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

The schedule for our joint summer services with the two United Church congregations has been finalized. The overall theme will be “Spiritual Practices for Abundant Living”, and the locations, worship leaders, and weekly themes, will be as follows:

June	30	First	John Zondag	Sabbath
July	7	First	Beth Kerr	Forgiveness
	14	First	Wilma Shirriff	Friendship
	21	Trinity	Beth Kerr	Truth-telling
	28	Trinity	Marg Scott	Dancing
August	4	Trinity	John Zondag	Learning
	11	McKenzie	Marg Scott	Sacrament
	18	McKenzie	Julie Baker	Gratitude
	25	McKenzie	John Zondag	Singing

The service time will be 10:30 a.m. in all three locations. Regular services here at First Church will resume on the 1st of September.

FINANCES:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 2019

JAN - APR 2019

INCOME RECEIVED:	34,229.14
CHISHOLM GRANT	<u>7,750.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	41,979.14

EXPENSES PAID:	<u>33,931.57</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	<u>8,047.57</u>

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for year is \$3,000.00:

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	<u>1,739.66</u>
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FUNDRAISING:

INCOME:	3,392.00
EXPENSES:	<u>948.94</u>
SURPLUS:	<u>2,443.06</u>

A summary of the surplus from the following events (the amounts are included in the above year to date fundraising information):

Burns Dinner	641.78
Spring Dinner	0.00
Fall Supper	0.00
Catering	0.00
Meal In A Bowl	1,811.22
Breakfast	0.00
Spring Concert	0.00
Presbyterian Pie Sale	0.00

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of these events.

REPLACEMENT OF BASEMENT HEATING SYSTEM

Quote from Ingram’s Plumbing & Heating	15,526.00	
Less: Grant from the Chisholm Fund	7,750.00	
Less: Donations Received to August 31	<u>6,535.00</u>	
Balance Required to Raise		<u>1,241.00</u>

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – April, 2019**

REVENUE:	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Honour Gifts		
Interest – Scotia Bank	0.28	0.81
-Investment Interest – Scotia Bank		
- Stride CU (Share Dividend)	15.09	225.09
Investment Redeemed – Scotia Bank		
- Stride CU		10,000.00
Memorial Gifts		15.00
Offering Envelopes	<u>40.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	55.37	10,400.90

EXPENSES:		
Bank Charges – Scotia Bank		1.25
- Stride CU	1.70	1.70
Investment Purchase	8,310.00	8,310.00
Miscellaneous		
Finance & Maintenance	2,000.00	5,000.00
GST		
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,311.70	13,312.95

BANK: SCOTIA

Opening Balance: January 1, 2019	4,322.94
Total Revenue – Year to Date	175.81
Total Expenses – Year to Date	<u>3,001.25</u>
Closing Balance: April 30, 2019	1,497.50

BANK: STRIDE CREDIT UNION (SCU)

Opening Balance: January 1, 2019	290.27
Total Revenue – Year to Date	10,225.09
Total Expenses – Year to Date	<u>10,311.70</u>
Closing Balance: April 30, 2019	203.66

INVESTMENTS:

DATE	BANK	INVESTMENT AMOUNT	
PURCHASED			
Apr 22/19	SCU	High Interest S/A Paid Monthly \$2.36	8,312.36
Oct 31/17	SCU	GIC – Westbourne Fund – Due Oct 31/20 @ 2.20% 400450	1,500.00
May 25/18	SCU	TD – Due May 25/19 @ 2.10% 370687	21,649.95
Oct 14/15	SCU	TD – Harvest Term – Due Oct 14/21 @ 2.650% 307879	31,742.69
Sept 19/18	Scotia	GIC – Due Sept 19/20	5,000.00
	SCU	Share	<u>5.00</u>
		TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$68,210.00

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate **Aidan Muirhead** and **Owen Gillespie**, who are both graduating from high school this spring!



Aidan Muirhead – Graduation June 2019

Aidan is taking the year off to work and explore his options.

Owen Gillespie – Graduation June 2019

Owen will be attending Minot State University taking Business Management and was offered & accepted a spot on their golf team.



Happenings in First Church:



Sharpe Sisters Concert – May 2, 2019

Photo courtesy Rob McPherson



Spring Dinner – May 5, 2019

Photos courtesy Pat Mullins

Workers at Spring Dinner:

Top picture – Val Pogue & Mardine Garnham

Picture to the left – Gwen Henwood & Lisa Sneesby. Margaret McNutt-Reichelt (with her back to the camera)



GREAT PRESBYTERIAN PIE SALE

**First Presbyterian Church
17 Royal Rd. S.
(Downstairs)
SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
12:00 – 2:00 pm.**



All Pies \$8.00

**Come and enjoy a
Piece of pie and beverage
\$3.50**

