

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8 September 2019

We extend a warm welcome to our guests! We invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary. We extend a special welcome to our guest pianist, **Coralie MacLaren**, who is filling in for Margaret McNutt-Reichelt this week and next.

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

The Greeters this month are **Rob and Cheryl McPherson**.

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

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings for today's service are

- Jeremiah 18.1-11 - The lesson of the potter and the clay
- Psalm 139 - "LORD, you have searched me"
- Luke 14.24-33 - The cost of being a disciple

Next Sunday's readings will be

- Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28 - An oracle of destruction
- Psalm 14 - "Fools say in their hearts ..."
- 1 Timothy 1.12-17 - "I was shown mercy"
- Luke 15.1-10 - Parables of the lost sheep and lost coin

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 15 September - Deadline for submissions for the October newsletter
- Wednesday, 18 September, 6:30 p.m. - F&M Committee meeting (rescheduled)
- Saturday, 21 September, 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
- Sunday, 22 September - Annual fire drill
- Friday, 27 September - Great Presbyterian Pie Sale
- Sunday, 6 October - Communion Sunday

In Gladstone Hospital - Jean McBurney

Our Sympathy - We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Veda Bruinooge**, who died this past Thursday. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Newsletter - If you have a submission for the October issue of the Newsletter, please give or e-mail it to Lisa Sneesby (bsneesby@mymts.net) by next Sunday, the 15th. We need to have the Newsletter ready for distribution on the 22nd, two weeks before our next Communion Sunday — which is why the deadline is so tight.

Reading, Anyone? If you would like to take a turn reading the **scripture readings** on one of the Sundays in September or October, please sign up on the yellow sheet on the music stand at the south entrance. Please sign up for one Sunday only, so that as many others as possible also can take a turn.

Vacuuming, Anyone? If you would like to take a turn vacuuming the sanctuary, please sign up on the white sheet at the south entrance. The sanctuary needs to be vacuumed once a week. Since we have no caretaker, we depend on volunteers to look after this task.

Finance & Maintenance Committee - This month's F&M Committee meeting has been postponed a week, due to a scheduling conflict. It will be held on Wednesday, 18 September, rather than the 11th. Also, the committee is looking for a new member to serve a three-year term, who also would be willing to serve as secretary of the committee. If you are interested or have questions, please speak to Keith Kelly or John. We thank outgoing secretary **Marg Clark** very much for her many years of service as committee member and secretary! The committee meets once per month, except July and August, usually on the second Wednesday evening, at 6:30.

Fire Drill - Our annual fire drill will be held at the end of the service two weeks from today (the 22nd), weather permitting. Our national church urges all congregations to hold fire drills from time to time, as part of the Leading With Care policy. When the fire alarm rings, the congregation is asked to leave the building, and gather outside the back of the City Hall and the Olina flower shop. Please use the exit that is closest to where you are seated. Church School students, upon leaving the building, are asked to stay with their teacher until a parent or grandparent comes to pick them up. When the drill is finished, everyone may go back inside for our usual fellowship time in the Church Hall. If it is raining on the 22nd, the fire drill will be postponed. Last fall, the weather did *not* "permit", and we wound up having to cancel the fire drill altogether.

Devotional Booklets - Copies of the September-October issue of the devotional booklet *Today* are available on the table at the south entrance. Feel free to take one home with you.

Newspaper - Copies of *Presbyterian Connection*, our national church's quarterly newspaper, are available on the table at the south entrance. Feel free to take one home with you.

Parking - In the past, we have rented out the parking spaces behind the church (the west side) to people who work downtown. In the past couple of years, we have had no renters, but starting this month, we are renting four parking spaces to people who work at the City Hall. This means that those parking spaces will not be available to others on weekdays, although they will be available on weekday evenings and weekends. Only the space marked "Elder" will normally be available.

Meal-in-a-Bowl - Our monthly Meal-in-a-Bowl Suppers will resume in October. There will be no Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper this month.

Presbytery News - The Rev. **Jeanie Lee**, minister of Knox Church in Neepawa for the past ten years, recently received an appointment with the International Ministries department of our national church. She will be working with refugees in Hungary. Her appointment is for one year, with the possibility of serving for two additional years. She begins her appointment on the 1st of October. We wish her God's blessing as she begins this new chapter of her ministry.

International Literacy Day
PWS&D builds bright futures through education

With PWS&D's support, children living in the neighbourhood surrounding Guatemala City's garbage dump are accessing education at the Francisco Coll School. Students who excel qualify for scholarships to further their education. Other graduates pursue vocational training in order to achieve employment, a dream otherwise unachievable. A student from Francisco Coll will be continuing her studies in business administration at university. Her words of thanks are a testament to the importance of the project that is equipping students to pursue their dreams: "I give you thanks because with your extraordinary effort I will have a better future full of more opportunities to be able to help my family and grow professionally."