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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 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ENDOWMENT FUND SUNDAY 20 October 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 guest pianist **Coralie MacLaren**, who is filling in for Margaret McNutt-Reichelt today.

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 **Miep Verhoeven** and **Pat Antoski**.

Today's scripture readings will be read by **Raymond Reichelt**.

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

- Jeremiah 31.27-34 - God promises a new covenant
- Psalm 119.97-104 - "Oh, how I love your law!"
- 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 - "All scripture is God-breathed ..."
- Luke 18.1-8 - The parable of the persistent widow

This Week in First Church:

- Today, following the service - Presentation on being a "dementia-friendly" church (details below)
- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study at Lalaine's home (note the change of location)
- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 3 November - Daylight Saving Time ends
- Sunday, 3 November, 5:00 p.m. - Fall Supper
- Sunday, 17 November - Soup Kitchen Sunday

In Gladstone Hospital - Jean McBurney

Food Bank - As we did last year, we are collecting donations of non-perishable food for the local Food Bank today, in connection with Thanksgiving. If you have donations that you were planning to bring last Sunday, please feel free to add them to the display at the front of the sanctuary today. After the service, the donations will be delivered to the Food Bank. As we give thanks to God for the harvest, we remember also to share food with those in need.

Today - Immediately following the service today, in the sanctuary, **Donna Frost** from the **Alzheimer Society of Manitoba**, will give a brief presentation on ways in which we can make our congregation a “dementia-friendly” church. It will be approximately ten minutes in length. Those who wish to hear it can remain in their seats, while those who don’t may leave.

Endowment Sunday - Today we highlight our congregation’s Endowment Fund, our long-term savings fund. Its purpose is to be a source of investment income for the congregation, ideally to provide funding for special projects and new initiatives beyond our everyday operating expenses. However, the constitution of the Endowment Fund also allows for money to be withdrawn to help cover the minister’s housing allowance; although that can not be done indefinitely without eventually depleting the Fund!

Contributions, donations, or gifts can be made in the following ways: **Memorial Gifts** (in memory of a deceased person), **Honor Gifts** (in honor of a living person or a special occasion), **Bequests**, **Publicly Traded Securities**, **Gift Annuities**, **Life Insurance**, or **Envelope Offerings** (using your weekly offering envelope).

As of the end of September, donations to the Endowment Fund this year totaled **\$303**, consisting of \$70 in Memorial Gifts and \$233 in Envelope Offerings. No Honor Gifts have been received so far this year, although Honor Gifts totaling \$25 were received in the past twelve months (Oct. 2018 to Sept. 2019). **\$5,000** was withdrawn from the Fund earlier this year to help cover the minister’s housing allowance. Updates on the Endowment Fund are reported in each issue of the congregational newsletter. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Endowment Fund in the past year!

Further information can be obtained from Lisa Sneesby (convener of the Endowment Committee, Shauna-Lei Leslie (treasurer of the Endowment Fund) or John Zondag.

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

Meal-in-a-Bowl - Our first Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper of the fall will be held this week, on Wednesday (the 23rd), at 5:00 p.m. All Meal-in-a-Bowl Suppers this year will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Finance & Maintenance Committee - The Finance and Maintenance Committee is looking for an additional member, ideally someone who could also serve as secretary. The committee meets once a month, from September to June (ten meetings per year), normally on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. Committee members serve for three years at a time, with the possibility of serving further three-year terms if desired. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to Keith Kelly (857-5712).

Fall Supper - Our annual Fall Supper will be held on Sunday, 3 November, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for kids 7-12, and free for kids 6 and under.

Next Week - John Zondag will be attending the Presbytery's annual **retreat** at Elkhorn Resort in Riding Mountain Park next Monday and Tuesday (the 28th and 29th). He expects to be back in town by supper-time on the Tuesday.

Concert: "An Old Time Country Christmas" - The Scott Woods Band will be performing at Trinity United Church on Wednesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30/adult and \$15/child, and can be purchased through the Trinity church office (857-4471). Join Scott Woods and his talented band for this uplifting 2-hour live family-friendly show, featuring lots of your favourite Christmas carols, fun fiddle tunes, as well as traditional Country and Gospel songs. An Old Time Country Christmas show is sure to delight all ages, so invite your family and friends!

Mission Moment

Celebrating youth in Hungary

Heeding the PCC's call for young adults to participate in the Reformed Church in Hungary's Starpoint Youth Festival in July, Maya Kirstein (Prairie PC, Winnipeg), Philip MacFie (Parkwood PC, Ottawa), and Hanna Yun (Kitchener-Waterloo Korean PC) jumped at the chance. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, they joined thousands of Reformed young people between the ages of 14 and 35 from Hungary Romania, Syria, Pakistan, Germany, Spain, USA, Scotland, Taiwan, Korea, UK and France for worship and fellowship in Debrecen, Hungary. As they praised God in one voice and discussed current issues in small groups under the theme of "Unity and Community," they realized that they had more in common than differences. More importantly, that we are all part of God's Global Church!

Presbyterians Sharing encourages youth