

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 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 16 February 2020

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 **Shauna-Lei Leslie** for hosting today.

This being a holiday weekend, there is no Church School today.

The Greeters this month are **Winnie Duncan** and **Shauna-Lei Leslie**.

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

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are
- Deuteronomy 30.15-20 - Life or death: "Choose life"
- Psalm 119.1-8 - "Blessed are those whose ways are blameless"
- 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 - Factions in the church
- Matthew 5.21-37 - The Sermon on the Mount: Antitheses 1-4

The readings for next Sunday will be
- Exodus 24.12-18 - The glory of God on Mt. Sinai
- Psalm 2 - "Why do the nations conspire?"
- 2 Peter 1.16-21 - Eyewitnesses of the transfiguration
- Matthew 17.1-9 - The transfiguration of Jesus

This Week in First Church:

- Today, following the service - Choir practice
- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study at Gwen's home

Coming Up:

- Wednesday, 26 February, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper

Office Hours - Since Monday is a holiday, John Zondag will not be in the church office until Wednesday morning. However, if a pastoral need should arise, please call him at home (239-6719).

Interim Moderator - John Zondag was recently appointed interim moderator for Knox Church in Neepawa, effective the 1st of February. He moderated his first Session meeting there this past Wednesday. He will need to lead the service there on Sunday, 1 March, and chair their Annual Meeting following the service. Raymond Reichelt has agreed to lead our service that Sunday.

Weekly Prayer Focus - At its January meeting, the Session accepted a suggestion that our weekly prayer focus for 2020 be “people in positions of authority”, who have power and influence, and also responsibility. Through the year, we will pray for various kinds and categories of leaders, and perhaps also for particular individuals. If at any time of the year you have a specific suggestion for a leader or group of leaders whom we should pray for, please speak to John.

Annual Meeting - Approximately 25 people attended our Annual Meeting last Sunday (9 February). In addition to the routine business, Ria Zwiep shared information that she had tracked down on what we would need to do in order to hold movie nights in the sanctuary as fundraisers. The matter was referred to the Finance and Maintenance Committee for followup. Also, it was decided that, since one of the new Soup Kitchen freezers is partially obstructing the doorway at the bottom of the stairs at the south entrance, it should be moved into the room formerly called the “nursery”. The Soup Kitchen has agreed to pay to have the necessary electrical wiring installed.

Devotional Booklets - Copies of the March-April issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available on the table at the south entrance. Feel free to take one home.

Presbyterians Sharing - Last Sunday, we distributed copies of this year’s *Presbyterians Sharing* brochure. It gives information on the various ministries and missions of the national church that we support through our givings to *Presbyterians Sharing*. If you didn’t receive one, additional copies are set out on the table at the south entrance — feel free to take one. At the Annual Meeting last week, we decided to accept an allocation of **\$3,200** for *Presbyterians Sharing* for this year, an increase of \$200 from the allocation we accepted last year.

Next Month - On Saturday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m., **Prairie Pregnancy Support Centre** will be hosting its 3rd Annual Fundraising Banquet at the Meyers Norris Penny Building, on the Island. This year, Rob Parker from the National House of Prayer will be the featured speaker. Thanks to generous donors, tickets are no charge for the evening. Call 240-4357, e-mail info@prairiepregnancy.ca, or register on the website at www.prairiepregnancy.ca by Friday, February 28.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

As you know, we **decided to not have the Robbie Burns supper** and entertainment this year so we have to come up with **another fundraising idea!!** Does anyone have any ideas of what we can do? Some have suggested we do something that does not include food – I'm not sure what that would be but willing to listen to the ideas. We have talked about **maybe an ethnic dinner** instead of the Burns supper but we need some ideas/guidelines for that. (I think we have some different cultures in our congregation that could make for an interesting meal.) This could possibly have some entertainment with it.

And a possible date too as we have **our Spring Dinner** – usually in April so don't want to get it too close there. Maybe the Spring Dinner could be changed to an Ethnic Dinner?

If you can think of anything please let me know – either by talking to me or send me an email to bsneesby@mts.net

I will be waiting for your ideas....

Thanks

Lisa Sneesby

Mission Moment

CY 2020: No End in Sight

This July, hundreds of youth, young adults and leaders will gather for five days of soul-satisfying worship at Canada Youth. They will enjoy unique expressions of faith in both large and small groups, inspiring keynotes and workshops, dynamic faith exploration and joyful celebration. For 20 years, CY has been a gathering place for all kinds of enthusiastic Presbyterians to worship, play, create, learn, dance, sing, act, make new friends, study scripture, share joy, reflect, pray and share. More than 4,000 people have attended the event since it began, and the impact has been felt across our church. Presbyterians Sharing provides support for this unique event which comes around once every two years. Let's celebrate the vibrant ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada!

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