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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 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**8 March 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 **Charlie Clifford** for hosting today.

The Greeters this month are **Val Pogue** and **Brian Yeo**.

Today's scripture readings will be read by **Debbi Miles**.

**Scripture Readings** - The readings for today's service are  
- Genesis 12.1-9 - God instructs Abram to move to Canaan  
- Psalm 121 - "I lift up my eyes to the mountains"  
- Romans 4.1-8, 13-17 - Abraham was justified through faith  
- John 3.1-17 - Jesus talks with Nicodemus

The readings for next Sunday will be  
- Exodus 17.1-7 - God provides water from rock at Refidim  
- Psalm 95 - "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD!"  
- 1 Corinthians 2.1-16 - "Christ died for the ungodly"  
- John 4.5-42 - Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman

### **This Week in First Church:**

- Today - Deadline for submissions for the March Newsletter
- Today, following the service - Choir practice
- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study at Lalaine's home
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Finance & Maintenance Committee meeting
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 29 March - Communion Sunday
- Sunday, 5 April, 5:00 p.m. - Pasta Dinner

**Newsletter** - Submissions for the March issue of the congregational newsletter, are due **today** (8 March). You can either give or e-mail them to Lisa Sneesby ([bneesby@mymts.net](mailto:bneesby@mymts.net)). We aim to have the newsletter ready for distribution next Sunday, two weeks in advance of our next Communion Sunday, on the 29th.

**Concert Series** - St. Mary's Anglican Church is holding its annual series of **noon-hour concerts** followed by lunch on four Wednesdays during Lent. This week's concert (on the 11th) will feature our own **First Presbyterian Church choir**. The cost for the lunch is \$8.

**Good News** - At its meeting on the 26th of February, the Presbytery endorsed our application to participate in the **New Beginnings** program of congregational renewal. Our application now goes to the Grants Committee of the national church, which will make a decision after the 15th of April — so it will be a while before we hear whether or not our application has been accepted.

**Shaking Hands** - Some people have expressed reservations about our usual practice of shaking hands with the Greeters, the minister, and others on Sunday mornings, in view of the current Corona virus outbreak, since hand-to-hand contact is one way in which the virus can be transmitted from one person to another. So, if you feel uncomfortable shaking hands with someone else, feel free not to do so. And if someone doesn't wish to shake hands with you, please don't be offended.

**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 with you.

**Refugee Families Update** - The next fundraiser for the Bakr families will be a Kurdish Dinner and Dance on Saturday, April 4, from 5-9 in the Trinity United Church gym. Tickets can be purchased in the church offices of both Trinity United Church and St. Mary's Anglican Church, or by calling Paula 204-872-0533 or Tirzah 204-871-2087. Donations are welcome as well.

**Greeting cards fundraiser** - Session has approved a fund raiser of selling boxes of greeting cards. For this fund raiser to be a success it is very important for members of the congregation to participate in selling these cards. You can get a flyer and order sheet from Ria Zwiemp after the service today. Thanks in advance for your participation.

### **Mission Moment**

#### **International Women's Day**

In India, many girls miss school each month because they do not have the supplies or facilities they need during menstruation. Unsanitary practices put them and their communities at risk. PWS&D-supported community mobilizers are helping girls in India stay in school by educating them about personal and menstrual hygiene. Rima Kumari, a 14-year-old girl from Nandlali village, spent time with a community mobilizer. She received sustainable, reusable sanitary napkins and learned about personal hygiene practices. Now, with the supplies she needs, Rima can embrace the joy of uninterrupted learning.

*PWS&D supports girls' health and education*

## FINANCIAL REPORT, February 2020

	<u>Feb. 1-29/19</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<b>FINANCES:</b>		
INCOME RECEIVED:	7,460.20	13,504.54
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>8,390.16</u>	<u>17,074.80</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT):</b>	<b><u>(929.96)</u></b>	<b><u>(3,570.26)</u></b>

### **PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for year is \$3,200.00:**

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	<u>170.00</u>	<u>340.00</u>
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### **FUNDRAISING:**

INCOME:	649.00	1,229.00
EXPENSES:	<u>147.89</u>	<u>362.07</u>
<b>SURPLUS:</b>	<b><u>501.11</u></b>	<b><u>866.93</u></b>

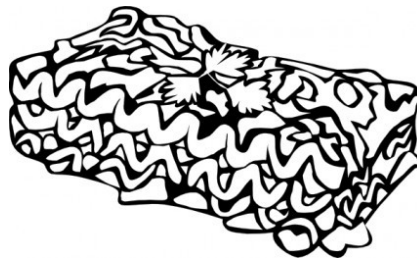
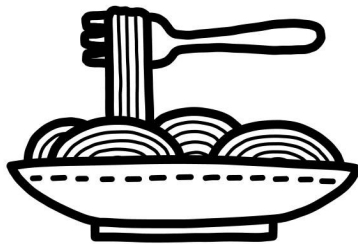
**A summary of the surplus from the following events (the amounts are included in the above year-to-date fundraising information):**

Burns Dinner	
Spring Dinner	
Fall Supper	
Catering	
Meal In A Bowl	<b>967.90</b>
Spring Concert	
Presby. Pie Sale	

**Thank you for your continued support of these events.**

### **Pasta Dinner**

**Sunday, April 5th, 2020 5:00- 6:30 p.m.**



Adults \$15.00

12 & under \$8.00, 6 & under - Free

Everyone Welcome!

**Spring Dinner** - Sunday, May 3rd, 2020: Adults \$15.00, 12 and under \$8.00, 6 and under free. Everyone welcome: put it on your calendar!