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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 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY 10 May 2020**

Services and most congregational activities continue to be canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will resume our regular activities as soon as the government determines that it is safe to do so.

John is producing an abbreviated service video every Sunday, approximately 30 minutes in length. Each Sunday morning, he sends out, by e-mail, the link that you need in order to access the video on YouTube, normally between 10:15 and 10:30. Attached to that e-mail is a full script of the service, which can be printed for any relative or friend who doesn't have access to the internet. You can access the current Sunday's service also through our congregational website, [www.firstpcportage.com](http://www.firstpcportage.com).

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings for today's service are  
- Psalm 133 - "How good and pleasant it is ..."  
- 1 Peter 3.8-12 - "Live in harmony with each other"  
- Luke 10.38-42 - Jesus visits Martha and Mary

The readings for next Sunday will be  
- Acts 1.1-14 - The ascension of Jesus  
- Psalm 47 - "Clap your hands, all you nations!"  
- Ephesians 1.15-23 - Seated at God's right hand  
- John 16.1-11 - "I am going to him who sent me"

The **Bible study group** will meet online by Zoom on Tuesday evening at 7:00.

**Newsletter** - We plan to publish the June issue of the congregational newsletter as usual, even if there isn't much news to share this time! If you have an item for this issue, please send it to Lisa Sneesby ([bsneesby@mymts.net](mailto:bsneesby@mymts.net)) by next Sunday, the 17th. Photos of congregational events are welcome. We plan to have the newsletter ready for distribution in time for the following Sunday, the 24th.

**Now Available** - Copies of the May-June issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available. They can be picked up from John at the church during regular office hours from Tuesday to Saturday. If the door at the office entrance is locked, just ring the doorbell. You may want to phone ahead to let him know when you're coming. Alternatively, he can deliver a copy to you — as long as you have an easily-accessible mailbox that he can drop it into.

**Office Hours** - John is continuing to observe regular office hours at the church (9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00, Tuesday to Saturday), since, most of the time, he's the only person in the building, anyway. He keeps the door locked most of the time, so if you need to get in and don't have the code for the lock, just ring the doorbell at the office entrance.

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a request for prayer that you would like to have shared with the congregation, please phone or e-mail John, and it will be included in the weekly Announcements Sheet.

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Mission partnerships**

Globally, human trafficking is the third largest organized crime after drugs and the arms trade. Fighting human trafficking is one of the mission priorities of the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM). A fellowship of 14 denominations, CANACOM fosters partnership in mission among churches in the Caribbean and North America through sharing of resources, accompaniment and empowerment. In 2016, ARISE Ministry received a grant from CANACOM for its work in empowering women to break free from human trafficking. ARISE's Executive Director, the Rev. Deb Stanbury, currently serves as the PCC's representative on the council. By participating in the meetings, Deb is our living link with our partner churches and organizations in the Caribbean. Both ARISE and CANACOM receive support from Presbyterians Sharing.

*Presbyterians Sharing fights human trafficking*