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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 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **12 July 2020**

**Joint Services** - For the rest of the summer, we're participating in joint services with the two Presbyterian congregations in **Brandon** — First and St. Andrew's. This week's service was recorded this past Wednesday, and music from older services has been edited in. Unfortunately, the service will be accessible only on Facebook this week; but starting next week, it will hopefully be accessible on YouTube as well. We are doing a sermon series on the Ten Commandments this summer. Glenn Ball preaches on Commandment #1 this Sunday, and John will preach on Commandment #2 next Sunday. John will miss participating in the services for the five Sundays he will be on vacation (26 July - 23 August), but will preach again (on Commandment #8) on the 30th of August. Glenn Ball and Laura Hargrove will take turns preaching while John is off.

If you wish to view the online service videos from Trinity United Church after Julie Baker gets back from her vacation (starting 16 August), you can access them through Trinity Church's website, [www.trinityunitedportage.ca](http://www.trinityunitedportage.ca).

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

- Exodus 20.1-17 - The Ten Commandments
- Psalm 68.1-10 - "Let God rise up"
- Matthew 22.36-40 - The greatest commandment?

Next Sunday's readings will be

- Exodus 20.4-6 - Commandment #2: "No images"
- Psalm 115 - "Not to us, LORD, not to us ..."
- Colossians 1.15-20 - "The image of the invisible God"
- John 14.8-11 - "Show us the Father"

The **Bible study group**, having completed its study entitled *Christ in the Psalms*, will have a socially-distanced get-together at Lalaine's home this Tuesday evening at 7:00.

**Needed** - We will need approximately five people to serve as **Small-Group Facilitators** to guide the small-group discussions of the Assessment Report that we will be having later in the fall, as part of the **New Beginnings** program. Each facilitator will guide one small group in discussing the Report. Training for the facilitators will be provided by either our Assessor or our Coach. We have one volunteer so far. If you are interested or have questions, please call or e-mail John.

**Vacation** - John will be taking five weeks' vacation this summer, from 20 July to 23 August. As usual, a number of ministers have been lined up to be on standby, in case a pastoral emergency should arise while he is away. Please call Raymond Reichelt (239-5359), or any other member of the Session, to find out which ministers are available to assist you.

**Now Available** - A few copies of the Summer issue of *Presbyterian Connection*, our national church's quarterly newspaper, have been set out on the stairs at the office entrance of the church. If you would like a copy, you can pick one up anytime during regular office hours, Tuesday to Saturday.

Copies of the July-August issue of the devotional guide *Today* are also available, and are also set out on the stairs at the office entrance. Feel free to drop by and pick one up.

**Presbytery News** - The Presbytery recently made the difficult decision to dissolve the pastoral tie between Knox-Zion Church in Carberry and their minister, the Rev. Minho Yoo, effective the 1st of August (which means that he will cease to be their minister as of that date). This decision was made because the congregation was already having difficulty meeting its financial obligations to their minister prior to the pandemic, which became even more serious when we all were forced to suspend in-person worship services in March. In accordance with our national church's *Policy for the Dissolution of Pastoral Ties*, the congregation will pay Mr. Yoo a "Transition Allowance" equivalent to his current remuneration for up to eleven months, while he searches for a call to another congregation.

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Sacred Spaces and Faith Formation**

Camps and conference centres have been an important part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for many years, providing vital ministry outreach to all ages. For adults, conference centres create "sacred spaces" for retreat, leadership development, education, missionary training, vocational discernment and so much more. For children and youth, a summer camp experience can help them to grow spiritually, socially and physically in a fun-filled and safe place of adventure and challenge. Camps play an important role in faith formation for children who would not otherwise have an opportunity to learn about Christ's love. Please pray for PCC camps and conference centres so that they may continue to provide vital, life-giving outreach for many years to come.

*Presbyterians Sharing provides resources for camps*