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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 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **SOUP KITCHEN SUNDAY**

**15 November 2020**

Due to the new pandemic restrictions, we have had to **suspend** in-person Sunday services until the status of our Health Region returns to Orange. An abbreviated service will continue to be available on YouTube each Sunday, however. John will send out the link as soon as the service has been uploaded each week, hopefully in time for our usual 10:30 service time. Along with the link, he will continue sending out a full script of the service. **Charlie Clifford** will preach the sermon in our service next Sunday (the 22nd).

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

- Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18 - "Do not reap to the very edges of your field"
- Psalm 112 - "Blessed are those who fear the LORD"
- James 2.14-19 - Faith vs. deeds
- Luke 14.1-14 - Whom to invite to a banquet

**This Week in First Church:**

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study, by Zoom
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.- Finance & Maintenance Committee meeting, by Zoom

**Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 22 November - Deadline for submissions for the December newsletter

**Soup Kitchen Sunday** - Today is our eighth annual “Soup Kitchen Sunday”. On this day, we affirm and celebrate the ministry of the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen, and express our thanks to the many volunteers and donors who support and participate in this ministry. This year we make special mention of **Laure Dyck**, a dedicated and hard-working volunteer, who died suddenly this past summer. She was also a good friend of Shelly Burton, and we certainly miss her. We welcome **Gloria Nichols**, who joined the Soup Kitchen team as assistant coordinator this past summer. As well, we thank **Gwen Henwood**, who was a faithful and hard-working Soup Kitchen volunteer for many years! Gwen moved to Winnipeg in September, and so is not able to continue her involvement in the Soup Kitchen. Similarly, we thank **Pat Mullins** for her participation in the work of the Soup Kitchen in the few years that she was with us. Pat moved to Lockport at the end of May.

**Partners** - We extend a big “thank you” to our *many* partners, who have supported and/or participated in the ministry of the Soup Kitchen in a great variety of ways over the past twelve months. They are:

**Churches:** Grace Lutheran Church, Langruth; Highway Pentecostal Church; Newton Community Fellowship Church; Prairie Community Church; St. Mary’s Anglican Church; McKenzie United Church; Trinity United Church; and First Presbyterian Church

**Hutterite Colonies:** Airport Colony, Aspenheim Colony, Baker Colony, Brantwood Colony, Elm River Colony, Good Hope Colony, and Sommerfeld Colony

**Groups:** Good Shepherd C.W.L.; Shelly Burton and friends, Debbi Miles & Wally Kimpton and friends, the Moman family, McKenzie United Church Women, Rona staff, and the Portage Stroke Survivors’ Support Group.

**Businesses:** BDO Canada LLP; Brightside Dental Care; Brite Smile Dental Clinic; Byte Me Computers; Canadian Base Operations, Inc.; Cobbe’s Plumbing and Heating, Ltd.; Craig Dunn Motor City; Delta Ag Services; E. F. Moon Construction; Ed’s Glass; KF Aerospace; Little Caesar’s Pizza; Meseyton Construction, Ltd.; Newton Enterprises; Portage la Prairie Mutual Insurance Co.; Portage Family Eye Care, Inc.; Portage MCC Thrift Shop; Portage Toyota and RV; Portage Transport, Inc.; Portage Vision Services; Providential Property Management, Inc.; Richardson Milling, Ltd.; Rona Building Centre; Shewfelt’s Plumbing and Heating, Ltd; Simplot Canada (II), Ltd.; Shoppers Drug Mart; Spray Foam Insulation Eco Systems, Ltd.; Stride Credit Union; Wal-Mart Canada Corp.; and Westward Ford Sales, Ltd.

**Organizations:** Community Foundation of Portage and District; Portage la Prairie Nurses’ Union, Local 39 MB; Portage Plains United Way, Inc.; Southern Health / Santé Sud; Southport; and Youth for Christ

**Suppliers:** Portage Co-op, Panko’s, Portage Supermarket, Principle, Sobey’s, and Carol Larsen

**Plus** *many* individual donors and volunteers!

**Special thanks** to Shelly Burton (coordinator), Gloria Nichols (assistant coordinator) and Henry Riendeau (treasurer)! Thanks also to the other members of the Soup Kitchen Committee (see the announcement below).

**Soup Kitchen Committee** - The SK Committee is a committee of the Session. Its purpose is to oversee the ministry of the Soup Kitchen, and to support and advise the Soup Kitchen coordinators and treasurer. Its members are Shelly Burton (coordinator), Gloria Nichols (assistant coordinator), Henry Riendeau (treasurer), Mardine Garnham (congregational treasurer), Margaret McNutt-Reichelt (Session representative), Cindy White (member from outside the congregation), and John Zondag (convener). As announced in the September issue of the Newsletter, we are looking for someone to take the place of Gwen Henwood, as a representative of the congregation. Members who are not *ex officio* serve for a year at a time, from September to September. If you are interested in being the representative of the congregation, or have questions, please speak to John.

**Re-Opening** - The Soup Kitchen *was* going to re-open this Tuesday, the 17th, and operate three days per week, initially: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. However, because of the increased pandemic restrictions, the re-opening has been postponed at least until our health region's status returns to Orange.

**Donations** - Financial donations to the Soup Kitchen can be made at any time through the year. Cheques should be made payable to the "First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen". You can make your donation along with your offering on a Sunday morning, or mail it to the church, or drop it into the church's mailbox at the office entrance.

**Thank You!** Many thanks again to everyone who supported our annual **Fall Supper** last Sunday — in whatever way! As reported orally last Sunday, the net proceeds were a whopping **\$3,000.68!** Special thanks to coordinators Mardine Garnham and Lisa Sneesby!

**Newsletter** - If you have something to contribute to the December issue of the Newsletter, please give or e-mail it to Lisa Sneesby ([bsneesby@mymts.net](mailto:bsneesby@mymts.net)) by next Sunday, the 22nd. We hope to have the Newsletter ready for distribution in time for the following Sunday, the 29th.

**"New Beginnings" News** - John has received Mark Lewis' **Assessment Report**, which completes **Phase 3** of the New Beginnings process. However, he has been asked not to distribute it until the training session for our Small Group leaders is provided, and we are ready to proceed with the Small Group meetings. John has also been notified that we have been assigned a Coach to guide us through the rest of the New Beginnings process. He is **Peter Coutts**, the minister of Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church in Calgary. **Phase 4** of the process will be an "Introduction to Transformational Ministry" weekend, which will be led by Peter Coutts, and will include the training session for the Small Group leaders. It remains to be seen how this will be done under the current pandemic conditions! In **Phase 5**, Small Group meetings will be held to discuss the Assessment Report. We currently have two people who have volunteered to be Small Group leaders, and **we still need one or two more**. If you are interested or have questions, please speak to John.

**Eavestroughs** - New eavestroughs have just been installed on the south side of the church, as well as on the front and back of the south entrance. We had problems with water leaking into the church kitchen during rainstorms. Hopefully, the new eavestroughs will keep this from happening again. The eavestroughs are larger than the old ones, and have leaf guards.

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Together, We are Making a Difference!**

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