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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 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**8 November 2020**

We extend a warm welcome to our guests! We invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.

The Greeters this month are **Bruce and Lisa Sneesby**, who also are reading the scripture readings for the rest of the month.

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

- Zephaniah 1.7, 12 - 2.3 - The day of the LORD
- Psalm 90 - "Lord, you have been our dwelling place"
- 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 - The day of the Lord
- Matthew 25.14-30 - Jesus' parable of the talents

**This Week in First Church:**

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study, by Zoom

**Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 15 November - Soup Kitchen Sunday
- Sunday, 22 November - Deadline for submissions for the December newsletter

**Thank You!** Many thanks to everyone who supported our annual **Fall Supper** last Sunday — in whatever way! In many ways, it was a new experience, since it was the first time we did the supper take-out style. 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 Sunday, 22 November — two weeks from today. We hope to have the Newsletter ready for distribution in time for the following Sunday, the 29th.

**Soup Kitchen** - The Soup Kitchen Committee decided this past week that the Soup Kitchen will re-open on Tuesday, 17 November. It will operate three days per week, initially: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Because of pandemic restrictions, lunches will be served take-out style at the south entrance; patrons will not be coming inside for the foreseeable future.

**Protocols** - In order to comply with government-imposed restrictions, and to protect each other from transmission of the COVID-19 virus, we are following these protocols in our Sunday services:

- Use the Soup Kitchen door to enter, and the office door (at the front of the sanctuary) to leave
- Mask required (masks will be available for those who don't have one)
- Must physically distance from others (except your household)
- Do not sit right at the aisle
- If possible, sit in the same spot each week
- Offering plate is at the back as you come in
- No standing for hymns, but can sing softly, or hum
- Each week, bring your own cushion and/or Bible if desired
- Prefer that washrooms not be used
- There will be no coffee/fellowship hour
- Refrain from shaking hands, etc.
- The names of attenders will be recorded each Sunday, so that we have a record of who attended on which Sunday, in case contact tracing should need to be done later.

**Mark Your Spot** - When you arrive for the service, please pick up one of the purple "Gift Annuity" cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary; and when you leave at the end of the service, please leave the card on the pew where you were sitting, so that the people sanitizing the sanctuary after the service know where people have sat, and don't have to sanitize pews that weren't used. We're not trying to sell Gift Annuities; we simply have a supply of those cards on hand, and thought this would be a handy way of showing which pews are actually used on any given Sunday.

**Cleaning** - There are sign-up sheets for **sanitizing the sanctuary** and for **vacuuming the sanctuary** on the music stand at the back of the sanctuary. If you're able to take a turn looking after one of these jobs in the coming weeks, please sign up. Many thanks to everyone who has been helping with these tasks!

**Now Available** - Copies of the November-December issue of the devotional guide *Today* are set out on the table at the South entrance. Feel free to take one home with you, for your daily devotional reading.

**Recorded Service** - An abbreviated version of today's service will be made available on YouTube as soon as possible this afternoon for those who are unable to attend, or who don't yet feel comfortable attending an in-person service. As usual, a copy of the service script will be e-mailed out along with the YouTube link.

## **Mission Moment**

### **Providing More Than Medicine**

When Devika first noticed something wrong with her leg, she visited her local hospital in Nepal to get it checked out, but after a few years, Devika's skin problems had gotten worse, not better. After visiting many clinics and traditional healers, Devika still couldn't find a solution. When she was just about to give up hope, Devika's friend suggested she visit the Shining Hospital. Supported by *Presbyterian World Service & Development*, the hospital provides support, treatment and education for people suffering from leprosy. At the hospital, the staff diagnosed Devika's skin condition, provided the proper medicine and taught her about her condition. Today, Devika is thankful for the support she received!