



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

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

### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 16 May - Deadline for submissions for the June newsletter

**Spring Dinner** - Many thanks to everyone who supported our take-out Spring Dinner this past Sunday! Special thanks to organizers Mardine Garnham, Margaret McNutt-Reichert, and Lisa Sneesby! A full report on the Dinner will be included in the June issue of the Newsletter.

**Newsletter** - If you have something to contribute to the **June issue** of our congregational Newsletter, please send it to Lisa Sneesby ([bsneesby@mymts.net](mailto:bsneesby@mymts.net)) by next Sunday, the 16th. We plan to have the Newsletter ready for distribution the following Sunday, the 23rd.

**Today** - Copies of the May-June issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available. They are set out on the steps just inside the office entrance, and copies can be picked up anytime during regular office hours. Copies of the **Prayer Calendar** for May can be picked up from the same spot.

**Christian Family Sunday** - Since Mother's Day is essentially a secular observance, our national church decided decades ago to broaden the focus from just mothers to the family as a whole; and therefore created "Christian Family Sunday". So, within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we celebrate Christian Family Sunday on the same day as Mother's Day, and have no particular observance on Father's Day, in June.

**The Christian Year** - This Thursday, the fortieth day of the Easter Season, is **Ascension Day**, on which we commemorate the ascension of Jesus — his departure from the earth and return to heaven. Ascension Day always falls on the Thursday following the sixth Sunday of Easter. The fullest account of the ascension is found in Acts 1.1-11, but there are many other references to it elsewhere in the New Testament as well, such as John 16.28 and 1 Peter 3.22. Jesus' ascension will be the focus of our service next Sunday.

**Wear Something Red** - Two weeks from today is **Pentecost**, the festival celebrating the giving of the Holy Spirit, which is narrated in Acts 2.1-13 (41). To make the occasion a bit more special, you are invited to wear something **red** for our service that day — the traditional color for Pentecost (symbolizing the "tongues of fire" that appeared to Jesus' disciples).

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Ministry of Hope and Care**

Fernando's dream of becoming a police officer seemed out of reach when he and his brother were children living on the streets of Miscke, a rural village in Romania. Twelve years later, he attends university and is closer to fulfilling his dream thanks to Samuel House, where Fernando and his brother found a welcoming home. Samuel House is a Christian social ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, Királyhágómellék District, providing nutritious food, education and after-school care to children from disadvantaged families. Presbyterians Sharing has been supporting this important ministry of hope and care since 2014.