

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 29 May 2022

**Welcome!** We extend a warm welcome to our guests, and invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to remain for a cup of coffee in the Church Hall following the service.

The Greeter this month is **Terry Rempel**.

The Reader today is **Lisa Sneesby**.

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

- Acts 16.16-34 - Paul and Silas in prison in Philippi
- Psalm 97 - "The LORD reigns!"
- Revelation 22.12-21 - "I am coming soon"
- John 17.20-26 - Jesus prays for future believers

The readings for next Sunday (Pentecost) will be

- Genesis 11.1-9 - The tower of Babel
- Psalm 104.24-35 - "How many are your works, LORD!"
- Acts 1.1-21 - The giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- John 14.15-27 - Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

**This Week in First Church:**

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

**Coming up:**

- Sunday, 5 June - Pentecost, and Communion Sunday
- Sunday, 5 June - Wednesday, 8 June - John is "at" General Assembly
- Sunday, 12 June - Outdoor Service and Barbecue

**Something Red** - Next Sunday, 5 June, will be **Pentecost**, the festival of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the community of Jesus' disciples and followers, as told in Acts 2.1-41. Since the symbolic color for Pentecost is red, those who wish to are encouraged to **wear something red** for our service that day, as a way of recognizing the occasion!

**Communion** - Next Sunday's service will be a Communion service. The elements will once again be served in a "physically-distanced" way. That is, everyone will come to the front to pick up the bread and juice, either singly or in family groups. More detailed directions will be provided next Sunday.

**Newsletter** - The May issue of the Newsletter has been sent out to everyone on our e-mail list, and hard copies will be mailed to everyone else at the beginning of the week. Many thanks to everyone who contributed items for this issue, as well as to Lisa Sneesby for putting the Newsletter together, and Mardine Garnham for printing and mailing the hard copies!

**In Two Weeks** - We will again hold an **Outdoor Service and Barbecue**, following a two-year hiatus, at Bruce and Lisa Sneesby's farm. The date is Sunday, 12 June, with the service beginning at 10:30, as usual, and the barbecue following. The address is 78115 Highway 50, just north of Highway 16, on the right side of the road. Food and drinks will be provided. Make sure to bring your own lawnchair(s)!

**Ukraine** - PWS&D is accepting donations toward the effort to provide assistance to refugees fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The most urgent needs are for food, water, and shelter. PWS&D provides assistance through its partners, the ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Donations can be made through our congregation; just mark your cheque or envelope "PWS&D - Ukraine". If you would like your donation to reach PWS&D faster, you can donate online, using your credit card. Go to [www.WeRespond.ca](http://www.WeRespond.ca), click on "Ukraine Crisis Appeal" or "Ukraine Crisis: Irina's Story"; then click on the "Donate Now" button, and follow the prompts. You can check the website also for periodic updates.

**Today** - Copies of the May-June issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available, and have been set out on the table behind the back pew. Feel free to take one home with you, to use in your daily devotional reading.

**Comfort Dolls and Baby Caps** - We are still looking for someone to take over coordinating the Comfort Dolls and Baby Caps project. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak to John.

**Canna Lilies for Ukraine** - As the tragedy in the Ukraine unfolds, many of us have gone beyond asking "What can we do?" to "What more can we do?" This latest effort takes advantage of the prodigious growth of canna lilies planted in and around **Trinity United Church** last summer. A limited number of lilies have been started in containers from the 2021 harvest of bulbs. These are available for patio container or garden planting for a suggested donation of \$15 - \$20. All proceeds directed to Mission & Service Partners in the Humanitarian Coalition for the people of Ukraine: ACT Alliance and the Food Grains Bank. Orders will be taken through the Trinity office (857-4471), and will be available for pick-up at the Portage Mall, Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. (starting May 14) and Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. Sponsored by The Portage Mall, Trinity United Church, HB Book Centre, Whoop & Hollar Folk Festival, and Jeffries Nurseries.

**Current Protocols** - The current pandemic protocols for our Sunday services are as follows:

- Wearing a mask and hand sanitizing are optional.
- For the time being, we continue to refrain from shaking hands, etc.
- An offering plate is set out at the back of the sanctuary. It may be brought forward for the dedication of the offering by the Greeter (or someone else) if he/she is comfortable doing so.
- We stand for the hymns and other parts of the service for which we stood previously; but have not yet put the hymnbooks and Bibles back into the pews. Those who wish to remain seated for the entire service should feel free to do so.
- Those who wish to do so may bring their own cushion and/or Bible each week.
- The names of attenders each Sunday are no longer being recorded, since contact tracing is no longer being done.

**Prayer Calendars** - Copies of the Prayer Calendar for June are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget your copy!

### **Mission Moment**

In Ghana, 25-year-old Dominic Anane was born with a congenital hearing disability. Like many in Ghana who have disabilities, Dominic was discriminated against. His family and community denied him formal education as a result of negative cultural attitudes associated with his disability. One day, Dominic was identified during a survey by a community-based rehabilitation staff member and enrolled in a program where he was provided with a sewing machine and vocational training in tailoring and dressmaking. **Today, Dominic has established his own business and makes dresses for customers in his community.** Dominic expressed his gratitude: "I feel privileged to have benefitted from the community-based rehabilitation program, which has truly made my life meaningful." This livelihood program is supported by the church through *Presbyterian World Service & Development*.