

# 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 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 19 June 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 **Brian Yeo**.

The Reader today is **Terry Rempel**.

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

- 1 Kings 19.1-18 - Elijah at Mount Horeb (Sinai)
- Psalms 42 & 43 - "As the deer pants ..."
- Galatians 3.23-29 - Law vs. faith
- Luke 8.26-39 - Jesus heals a demon-possessed man

The readings for next Sunday will be

- 2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14 - Elijah is taken up to heaven
- Psalm 77 - "I cried out to God for help"
- Galatians 5.1, 13-25 - Works of the flesh vs. fruit of the Spirit
- Luke 9.51-62 - Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem

**This Week in First Church:**

- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper
- Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - Soup Kitchen Committee meeting, Church Hall
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting, by Zoom

**Treasurer** - Mardine Garnham has given notice to the Finance and Maintenance Committee of her intention to step down as treasurer of our congregation. We are therefore looking for someone to take her place. Financial records are kept on the church's computer, so the new treasurer would need computer skills as well as knowledge about creating financial statements, etc. If you're interested, or have questions, please speak to either Mardine herself (239-0497) or Keith Kelly (857-5712), the convener of the Finance and Maintenance Committee.

**WICM - Winnipeg Inner City Missions** is undertaking a renovation of its Anishinaabe Fellowship Centre building at 287 Laura St. in Winnipeg. The total cost will be \$500,000, and they expect to raise some of that money by selling their Flora House building on Flora Av. The renovation project will renew an old building, transforming it into spaces for physical activity and cooking classes, as well as room for arts, crafts, computers, and books. Children in the after-school program and summer day camp, adults in the First Steps program, and families living in the surrounding community will all benefit from this renovation. For details, see the **full-color flyer** posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall. If you would like to donate toward this project, **donation cards** have been set out at the back of the sanctuary, which you can pick up, starting next Sunday. Donations can be made by cheque (sent to WICM at 415 Logan Av., Winnipeg, Man. R3A 0A4) or by e-transfer to [wicm@wicm.ca](mailto:wicm@wicm.ca). For more information on WICM, you can visit their website at [www.wicm.ca](http://www.wicm.ca).

**Summer Services** - This year, we're returning to our tradition of participating in **joint summer services** with the two United Church congregations in town, as announced in the Newsletter. This summer, we will be exploring various **miracle stories** in the Bible, and the schedule will be as follows:

July	3	McKenzie	Jesus feeds the five thousand
	10	McKenzie	Jesus heals a man blind from birth
	17	McKenzie	Jesus raises Lazarus from death
	24	First	God provides manna in the wilderness
	31	First	The healing of Naaman
August	7	First	Jesus heals a centurion's slave
	14	Trinity	Jesus calms a storm
	21	Trinity	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
	28	Trinity	Jesus turns water into wine.

This year, all services will be led by the minister of the host congregation. Since McKenzie doesn't yet have a minister, services there will be led by Norman Collier (3, 17 July) and Julie Hutton (10 July). For information on pandemic protocols, please see the separate announcement, below. Protocols at both McKenzie and Trinity are pretty much the same as those here at First.

**The Christian Year** - Now that the season of Easter and the festival of Pentecost are behind us, we are again in a season of "**ordinary time**"; that is, a season without particular focus or emphasis. It is called simply the **Season after Pentecost** ("after", not "of"). The only other season of ordinary time is the Season after Epiphany. The Season after Pentecost is the last of the six seasons of the Christian Year, and lasts until the season of Advent, in late November. It is by far the longest of the seasons, approximately six months in length. Since the date of Pentecost changes from year to year (because the date of Easter changes), the Season after Pentecost has a variable number of Sundays — 24 Sundays this year. The symbolic color for this season is **green** (signifying life), the color for ordinary time.

This season is "bracketed" by two special Sundays: **Trinity Sunday** (the First Sunday after Pentecost), which highlights the doctrine of the Trinity; and **Christ-the-King Sunday** (the Last Sunday after Pentecost), which celebrates the kingship of Jesus. The color for both of those Sundays is **white**, signifying joy and celebration.

**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.

**PWS&D** - To mark its 75th anniversary this year, Presbyterian World Service & Development has created a book of photographs chronicling its work in emergency relief, development, and refugee sponsorship since 1947. The book is entitled *Practical Compassion*, and can be ordered online from PWS&D's website ([www.WeRespond.ca](http://www.WeRespond.ca)) for \$25.00. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

**Vacation** - John will be taking three weeks' vacation, from 27 June to 17 July. Pastoral backup will be arranged for that period, so that ministers are available to assist with any pastoral needs that may arise.

**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.

**Protocols for McKenzie United Church:**

- Vaccination is no longer required.
- Masks are recommended, but not mandatory.
- Offering plates are set out at the back of the sanctuary.

**Protocols for Trinity United Church:**

- No proof of vaccination or sign-in is required at the door.
- Masking is encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
- Offering plates are available at the entrances for those who bring donations.
- People are invited to sing and speak behind their masks.
- Those who wish to remain seated for the entire service are welcome to do so.
- Cushions are available at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to use one.

### **Mission Moment**

**Evangel Hall Mission, a mission of the Presbytery of East Toronto, offers welcome, sanctuary and hope to people experiencing homelessness and poverty and struggling with mental health and addictions.** A recent initiative of the mission is the Peer Worker Program. Employed by Evangel Hall Mission, peer workers are living role models. They share their own struggles and journeys and act as bridges to help others access Evangel Hall's community resources. It is through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* that peer workers are able to share and inspire hope.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
17 ROYAL ROAD SOUTH**

**“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER  
Wednesday: June 22, 2022**

**Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of  
THICK HOMEMADE SOUP  
Served With  
Homemade Breads, Biscuits,**

**SOUPS:**

**HAM with PASTA & VEGETABLES  
*or*  
BLACK BEAN & CORN**

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*or*  
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