

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 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. Enjoy a piece of cake as well, in celebration of **Rob McPherson's 65th birthday!**

The Greeter this month is **Brian Yeo**.

The Reader today is **Ruth Buan**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- 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

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.

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Summer Services - *(continued)*

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). Pandemic protocols at both McKenzie and Trinity are pretty much the same as those here at First. For details, see the separate announcement, below.

Vacation - John will be taking three weeks' vacation, from 27 June to 17 July. If a pastoral need should arise while he is away, please contact your elder, or Raymond, the Clerk of Session, to find out which ministers are available to assist you. John will be back in the office on Monday, 18 July.

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.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our three **Meal-in-a-Bowl suppers** this spring, and special thanks to organizers Mardine Garnham and Margaret McNutt-Reichert!

Thank you from Lisa, Margaret and Mardine:

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make **Meal-In-A-Bowl** successful these past 3 months. Your willingness to volunteer in all areas needed was very much appreciated.

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. For more information on WICM, you can visit their website at www.wicm.ca.

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, 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) for \$25.00. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

Announcements - This is the final Announcements Sheet that we will produce before the summer. Many thanks to Philip Dunn for putting the Announcements Sheet together each week, and to Brian Yeo for printing hard copies for those who don't have e-mail!

Cleaning - Many thanks to those who took one or more turns vacuuming the sanctuary through the year: Lalaine Buan, Philip Dunn, Rob McPherson, and Brian Yeo!

Appeal - The **National Indigenous Residential School Museum**, here in Portage la Prairie, is planning a special event to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (a.k.a. Orange Shirt Day) on the 30th of September, and is appealing for donations to help cover the cost of the event. Donations can be mailed to the Museum at Box 430, Portage la Prairie, Man. R1N 3B7. The museum is located at 212-5000 Crescent Rd. W. (the Rufus Prince Building). The letter we received about this, containing details, is posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

Mission Moment

In Malawi, Winson is the sole guardian of his 11-year-old grandson, Emmanuel. Emmanuel, who is HIV positive, was often sick in the first nine years of his life despite being on antiretroviral drugs to treat his HIV status. One day, Winson attended a workshop on making backyard gardens, where he learned how these gardens can improve nutrition. Inspired, Winson planted his own backyard garden with various vegetables. **The garden has not only improved his family's diet but has also become a source of income.** Now, Emmanuel is not getting sick as often as he used to. This project, providing assistance to vulnerable children and their caregivers, is supported through the church by *Presbyterian World Service & Development*.

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.