

# 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 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 18 September 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 downstairs in the Church Hall following the service.

The Greeters this month are **Rob and Cheryl McPherson**.

The Reader today is **Keith Kelly**.

The Preacher today is **Raymond Reichelt**, and we thank him for taking part in leading today's service. John Zondag is leading the rest of the service.

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

- Genesis 18.16 - 19.29 - The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
- Psalm 37 - "Don't be worried on account of the wicked" (*responsive*)
- Romans 12.9-21 - Various exhortations
- Matthew 7.1-5 - Jesus' advice on judging others

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

- Today - Deadline for submissions for the September Newsletter
- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study
- Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Presbytery meeting - Winnipegosis
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfasts begin

#### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 25 Sept. - "Sundae Sunday" - See separate announcement
- Wednesday, 28 Sept., 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper - See separate announcement
- Sunday, 2 October - Communion Sunday

**Newsletter** - If you have a news item, report, photo, story, or joke to contribute to the September issue of the Newsletter, please get it to Lisa Sneesby ([bsneesby@mymts.net](mailto:bsneesby@mymts.net)) today. We are aiming to have the Newsletter ready for distribution next Sunday, the 25th, a week before our Communion Sunday on the 2nd of October.

**Treasurer** - Mardine Garnham has given notice of her intention to step down as treasurer of our congregation. We are therefore looking for someone to take over the position from her. 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.

**Men's Breakfasts** - After a hiatus of nearly 2½ years, we are finally resuming our bi-weekly men's breakfasts, beginning this Saturday, the 24th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

**Sundae Sunday** - The Session is will be serving **make-your-own sundaes** following the service next Sunday, the 25th, in place of the usual coffee and cookies. Mark your calendar, and plan to be here!

**Now Available** - Copies of the September-October issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available on the table behind the back pew, as are copies of the Fall issue of *Presbyterian Connection*, our national church's quarterly newspaper. Feel free to take one home with you.

**Place of Hope** - has an urgent need for essential items to place in suites when new people move in. Each suite requires a set consisting of the following items: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, hand soap (liquid or bar), toilet paper, and dish soap.

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. A donation box labeled "Place of Hope" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

**Emergency Appeal for Pakistan** - PWS&D is appealing for donations to help with the assistance it is providing to people in Pakistan affected by flooding and landslides caused by unusually heavy monsoon rains this summer. Some 33 million people are affected. PWS&D is helping to get desperately needed food assistance to over 2,000 families. For details, go to PWS&D's website ([www.WeRespond.ca](http://www.WeRespond.ca)), and click on "Pakistan Flood Response" under the heading "Latest News". You can make a donation to PWS&D online using your credit card (click on the "Donate Now" button on the website), by sending a cheque to PWS&D at 50 Wynford Dr., Toronto, Ont., M3C 1J7, or through our own congregation. Please mark your donation "Pakistan Relief", so that it gets to the right place. **Note:** Donations received by the 28th of September are eligible to be matched by the federal government.

**Mission Moment** - Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities. John, who had a limb amputated when he was younger, is a participant in a livelihoods program at the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre. As a participant, John was able to attend a workshop on vegetable production. **"I can't thank the program and their partners, like PWS&D, enough.** I can produce enough food now to feed myself and my family because of the training and the seed that I received from the program. Thankfully, the training and the seed I received came at the right time, and has proven to be the game-changer. Thank you so much for the timely intervention," shared John. This livelihoods program with the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre is supported by PWS&D through the Presbyterian Church of **Ghana**.

**Orange Shirt Day** - The Long Plain First Nation is holding an event to observe the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** (a.k.a. "Orange Shirt Day") on Friday, 30 September, at 10:30 a.m., at the Indigenous Residential School Museum, at 5000 Crescent Rd. W. Everyone is welcome. For details, see the orange flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

**Protocols Dropped** - The Session has decided to discontinue the remaining pandemic protocols for our Sunday services. Among other things, this means that we have gone back to using hymnbooks and pew Bibles, and gather-

ing the Offering the way we used to do. Those who wish to continue wearing a mask and/or using hand sanitizer should feel free to do so, however. Similarly, those who feel uncomfortable shaking hands with others should feel free not to do so.

## **“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

**Meat, Potatoes, & Veggies, all in a bowl of**

**THICK HOMEMADE SOUP**

**Served With**

**Homemade Breads and Biscuits**

### **SOUPS:**

**CREAM OF CAULIFLOWER**

**or**

**CHIPPIER SOUP**

**(Hamburger, Pasta, Beans, & Vegetables)**

### **DESSERTS:**

**CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CAKE**

**or**

**APPLE SAUCE CAKE**

**\$10.00 AT THE DOOR**

**TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY**

**PICK UP from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**TO PLACE YOUR ORDER,**

**PLEASE PHONE LISA SNEESBY (204) 385-2847**

**PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE**

**PLEASE ORDER BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**