

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 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PRESBYTERIANS SHARING SUNDAY 25 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 **make-your-own sundaes**, downstairs in the Church Hall following the service!

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

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are
- Psalm 96 - "Sing a new song to the LORD!" (*responsive*)
- Ephesians 4.1-7, 11 - 5.2 - Instructions for Christian living

Next Sunday's readings will be
- Lamentations 1.1-6 - "How deserted lies the city"
- Lamentations 3.19-33 - "I remember my affliction"
- 2 Timothy 1.1-14 - "Do not be ashamed"
- Luke 17.5-10 - Sayings on faith and service

This Week in First Church:

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study - by Zoom
- Wednesday, 28 Sept., 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper - See separate announcement

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 2 October - Communion Sunday
- Sunday, 9 October - Harvest (Thanksgiving) Sunday
- Sunday, 16 October - Stewardship Sunday

Today, the last Sunday of September, is designated *Presbyterians Sharing Sunday* by the General Assembly of our church. Today we celebrate the mission and ministry we do together through *Presbyterians Sharing*, which is The Presbyterian Church in Canada's national fund that supports mission and ministry both in Canada and around the world. Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, Presbyterians across the country share in a wide range of ministries. Together, we build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, seek justice, and share God's love. Today we remember and celebrate the fact that our congregation is not alone; we are part of a national church. As members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history, and mission. Together, we use gifts given by God to carry out Jesus' ongoing ministry in our communities and around the world. Together, we accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

The worship resource for today's service, including the sermon and prayers, was written by the Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand, a mission staff person who works with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi.

As announced in the Newsletter, givings to *Presbyterians Sharing* in our own congregation, as of the end of August, totaled **\$2,545**, which is nearly 80% of the allocation that we accepted at our Annual Meeting in February (\$3,200) — which means that we're closer to our goal than we normally are at this time of year! Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to *Presbyterians Sharing* so far this year!

Newsletter - The September issue of the Newsletter has been sent out by e-mail, and hard copies will be mailed this week to those who don't have e-mail. Many thanks to everyone who contributed an item to this issue, to Lisa Sneesby for putting the Newsletter together, and to Mardine Garnham for printing and mailing the hard copies!

Special Committee - The General Assembly of our church has become aware of cases of marginalization and racism that have been experienced by people of ethnic and racial minorities within the entire Presbyterian Church in Canada. It has therefore created a special committee to listen to stories of people's experiences, and ultimately, to develop a formal statement of confession to God and to marginalized ethnic groups and individuals within the church. The Special Committee is interested in hearing from people who have had negative experiences of this kind, or have witnessed them. Anyone who would like to share their story with the Special Committee can contact them by e-mail at special.committee.pcc@gmail.com. The committee's co-conveners are Peter Bush and Linda Park.

Stewardship Sunday - The Session has decided against having a Stewardship Visitation this year (2022), but we will have a **Stewardship Sunday** on Sunday, 16 October. Following the service that day, everyone is invited to stay for lunch in the Church Hall — that is, an actual lunch, not just coffee and cookies!

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.

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), and click on "Donations Matched: 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.

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") this Friday, the 30th, 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.

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

Mission Moment

Giving to Presbyterians Sharing means participating in Christ's mission together through The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Our gifts bring hope and transformation to vulnerable individuals and communities in Canada. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars. We connect Presbyterians across the country through the *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper. We provide free websites for congregations, synods, presbyteries, camps and specialized ministries. We equip ministers through our theological colleges. We help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs. We support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and communities. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. And so much more. Together, with Presbyterians across Canada, we are making mission and ministry happen!

FINANCIAL REPORT, August 2022

	<u>August 1-31/22</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
FINANCES:		
INCOME RECEIVED:	4,647.05	66,929.92
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>7,442.02</u>	<u>66,575.10</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	(2,794.97)	354.82

Included in the above Y-T-D income is \$2,430.96 from the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and \$20,000.00 from the Endowment Fund

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for 2022 is \$3,200.00:

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	120.00	2,545.00
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FUNDRAISING:

INCOME:	400.00	4,285.00
EXPENSES:	<u>36.16</u>	<u>1,054.05</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	363.84	3,230.95

A summary of the surplus (deficit) from the following events (the amounts are included in the above year-to-date fundraising information):

Spring Dinner	1,794.95
Fall Supper	
Catering	363.84
Meal In A Bowl	1,122.42
Presby. Pie Sale	

Thank you for the generous donation to our Summer Offering. The total amount received was \$1,145.00.

Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper – (see below)

**“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