

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 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

16 October 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 free **spaghetti lunch**, downstairs in the Church Hall, following the service.

The Greeter this week is **Marg Clark**.

The Reader today is **Lalaine Buan**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- Psalm 116 - "I love the LORD, because he hears me"
- Matthew 26.17-30 - The "Last Supper"

Next Sunday's readings will be

- Joel 2.23-32 - A promise of restoration
- Psalm 65 - "O God, it is right for us to praise you"
- 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 - "I have fought the good fight"
- Luke 18.9-14 - Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector

This Week in First Church:

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study - by Zoom
- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 6 November, 5:00 p.m. - Fall Supper

Today - The Session has designated today **Stewardship Sunday**. For today's service, John is making use of a Stewardship resource entitled "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving", made available to congregations across the country by the national church. It includes suggestions for preaching (rather than a complete sermon), as well as a couple of suggested prayers. The resource actually provides materials for eight such services, based on various New Testament texts having to do with meals and eating. Today's scripture reading is Matthew's account of the so-called "Last Supper". We will not be doing a Stewardship Visitation in connection with today's service, however, due to lingering concerns regarding COVID-19.

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.

Carberry - The Presbytery will be holding a special service this afternoon (the 16th) at 2:00, to "dissolve" the congregation of Knox-Zion Church in Carberry (meaning that it will no longer exist). This is being done in response to a request from the Carberry Session, following a decision made by the congregation at its Annual Meeting, back in the spring. The congregation will hold its own final Sunday morning service today, as well.

Exit Visits - The Presbytery is conducting Exit Visits to both our congregation and St. Andrew's Church in Brandon this fall, since the ministers of both congregations will be retiring at the end of December. It is customary to conduct an exit visit when a minister leaves a congregation. The visit is done with the minister and members of the Session. The purpose is for the Presbytery to determine how things have been going in the congregation in question, and to ascertain what the congregation's needs are going forward. Because we are "short-handed" in our Presbytery, John, Raymond, Laura Hargrove, and an elder from First, Brandon, will be conducting the visit at St. Andrew's, Brandon (this Tuesday, 18 October); and Glenn Ball, Laura Hargrove, and an elder from each of the two Brandon congregations will conduct the exit visit here (on Tuesday, 8 November).

Synod - John will be attending a **Retreat** organized by our Synod next week, from Tuesday evening, the 25th to Thursday morning, the 27th, in Gimli. The speaker will be Jen de Combe, our national church's Associate Secretary for Canadian Ministries. Later that week, John, along with Raymond, will also be taking part in the Synod's annual **business meeting**, which will be held by Zoom on Friday, 28 October. Our Synod is called the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. It consists of three Presbyteries, the Presbyteries of Superior, Winnipeg, and Brandon, comprising all Presbyterian congregations in Manitoba, and as far east as Geraldton in northern Ontario.

Hurricane Fiona - We have all seen images of the devastating impact of Hurricane Fiona on the Atlantic Provinces. PWS&D is facilitating the relief effort by providing a link on its website to the **Canadian Red Cross** website, since donations to the Red Cross are being matched by the federal government, up to the 23rd of October. If you would like to make a donation, go to the PWS&D website (www.WeRespond.ca), and click on “Praying for those affected by Hurricane Fiona”. You will then find a link to the Canadian Red Cross website, and if you click on it, you can follow the prompts to make your donation. PWS&D itself also is accepting donations toward the Fiona relief effort; however, donations to PWS&D will not be matched by the federal government. In addition, the PWS&D website has information on **World Food Day**, which happens to be today (16 October).

Food Bank Offering – There were 46 items of non-perishable food for the Salvation Army Food Bank donated in our Harvest Sunday service last week. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this special offering.

Mission Moment

In Pakistan, after repeated and prolonged droughts, Rano and her husband, Jeevo, were left with land that was unable to produce a harvest. As they were contending with worries about how they would feed their family, the situation turned worse when Jeevo’s mother died, and they had to take on significant debt in order to pay for the funeral expenses. Jeevo went to Karachi to work, while Rano purchased food and necessities for the family on credit. Unfortunately, Jeevo’s earnings were only enough to pay their debt and nothing else. Things finally improved when Rano and Jeevo’s family were selected to be part of a *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)* food assistance project, where they received food packages of oil, wheat, rice, sugar, tea and salt. **As a church, our Christian response to hunger is put into action through PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.**

Meal-in-a-Bowl – (see below)

**“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER
WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 19**

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

SOUPS:

TOMATO CHOWDER

or

TACO SOUP

(Hamburger, Beans, Tomatoes, Corn, Chilies)

DESSERTS:

PUMPKIN POKE CAKE

or

SKOR 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

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(204) 385-2847

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PLEASE ORDER BY

OCTOBER 17