

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 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HARVEST SUNDAY

9 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 coffee and fellowship, downstairs in the Church Hall, following the service.

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

The Reader today is **Margaret Dunn**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- Deuteronomy 26.1-11 - A liturgy of thanksgiving
- Psalm 147 - "How good it is to sing praises to our God!"
- Philippians 4.4-9 - "By prayer ... with thanksgiving"
- John 6.22-35 - "Food that endures to eternal life"

Next Sunday's readings will be

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

This Week in First Church:

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study - by Zoom
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - F&M Committee meeting - by Zoom

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 16 October - Stewardship Sunday
- Wednesday, 19 October, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper

Food Bank Offering - In today's service, we are accepting **donations of non-perishable food** for the local Salvation Army Food Bank, as a fitting way of expressing gratitude to God for his provision of food. Donations can be placed at the front of the sanctuary before the service begins, and will be delivered to the Food Bank during the week.

Church School resumes today, following a long summer break! We thank **Margaret Dunn** and **Keith Kelly** for agreeing to serve as our Church School teachers again this year!

Stewardship Sunday - Next Sunday will be Stewardship Sunday. Following the service, everyone is invited to remain for a **free spaghetti lunch** in the Church Hall. Bring your appetite!

The Christian Year - Although **Thanksgiving Day** (which dates back to colonial times) is a well-established festival here in North America, it is a relative "newcomer" to the Christian Year (which gradually took shape centuries earlier, during the Middle Ages). In the Christian Year, Thanksgiving Day is somewhat of a secondary festival, since it has to do with something other than an event in the life of Jesus, or in the history of the church. Nevertheless, it is an important festival, since it affirms that God, as Creator, provides the food we need. On Thanksgiving Day, we give God thanks and praise for the harvest, through which he replenishes our supply of food each year.

In Canada, Thanksgiving Day has been an official holiday since 1879, but has been observed on the second Monday of October only since 1957. In the United States, Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of November. The Sunday of the Thanksgiving weekend, previously called "Thanksgiving Sunday" in our church, was quietly renamed **Harvest Sunday** by our national church a few years ago, presumably to emphasize the fact that it's specifically the *harvest* that is the focus of the celebration.

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.

Office Hours - Since Monday is a holiday, John Zondag will not be back in the church office this week until Wednesday morning. However, if a pastoral need should arise before then, please call him at home (239-6719).

Carberry - The Presbytery will be holding a special service next Sunday 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 next Sunday, as well.

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 also is accepting donations toward the Fiona relief effort; however, donations to PWS&D will not be matched by the federal government.

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

While God's message of love, hope and faith stays the same, ways of engaging in ministry are continually changing. Recognizing that God was calling them to do something new, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, engaged in a process of discernment where they revealed a vision of being “a healthy, loving family for each and every neighbour.” This vision was put into action by rallying together with community groups to provide care and support in practical ways, such as creating a food pantry to provide food and essential items to their community. *Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations engage in intentional renewal.*

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.

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