

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 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

The Reader today is **Keith Kelly**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- 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
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting - by Zoom

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 6 November - Daylight Saving Time ends
- Sunday, 6 November, 5:00 p.m. - Fall Supper

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 know of someone else who may be 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.

Synod - John will be attending a **Retreat** organized by our Synod this 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. If a pastoral need should arise while he is away, please call him at his cell number (204-249-7604), and leave a message. He will check for messages from time to time. The Synod holds either a retreat or an educational event for all ministers and representative elders every other year. The last one was held in 2018, and the one that was to be held in 2020 had to be canceled on account of the pandemic. Our Synod is called the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. It consists of three Presbyteries, the Presbyteries of Superior, Winnipeg, and Brandon, which are made up of all Presbyterian congregations in Manitoba, and as far east as Geraldton in northern Ontario.

Endowment Fund - Every year, we highlight our congregation's Endowment Fund on a Sunday in October. As our long-term savings fund, its purpose is to be a source of investment income for the congregation, ideally to provide funding for special projects and new initiatives beyond our everyday operating expenses. Unfortunately, however, we've had to withdraw money from the Endowment Fund every year in recent years, to help cover the minister's Housing Allowance. This year, we've had to withdraw much more than that (\$25,000 so far), to help cover operating expenses in general. At the end of August, the total amount in the Endowment Fund was \$53,561.79. Updates on the Endowment Fund are reported in each issue of the congregational newsletter.

Donations to the Endowment Fund this year, as of the end of August, totaled **\$510**, consisting of \$380 in Memorial Gifts, \$30 in Envelope Offerings and \$100 in Honor Gifts. Contributions to the Endowment Fund can be made at any time during the year. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the Endowment Fund in the past year!

The Endowment Fund is overseen by the Endowment Committee, which consists of Mardine Garnham, Keith Kelly, Shauna-Lei Leslie (treasurer), Margaret McNutt-Reichel (secretary), Margo Nichol, and Lisa Sneesby (convener).

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. Other PWS&D projects and initiatives are listed under the heading "Latest News".

Place of Hope is a part of Winnipeg Inner City Missions. The residents of Place of Hope participate in the First Steps to Employment Project. This helps them to develop wholesome and productive lifestyles and skills that lead to employment.

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!

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Turkey Fall Supper

Take-out

Sunday, November 6th, 2022

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

****Must pre-order by Saturday, Oct. 29th****

Call 204-385-2847 to order –
leave a message if no answer

First Presbyterian Church
17 Royal Road South

\$15.00 each

Deliveries can be arranged
for those who cannot pick up.