

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 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SOUP KITCHEN SUNDAY 13 November 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 month are **Bruce and Lisa Sneesby**.

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- Deuteronomy 24.17-22 - "The foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow"
- Psalm 145 - "I will proclaim your greatness, my God and King!"
- 1 Timothy 6.6-19 - "To be generous and willing to share"
- Luke 12.13-21 - The parable of the rich "fool"

This Week in First Church:

- Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Presbytery meeting at Neepawa
- Friday, 10:00 a.m. - Synod meeting, by Zoom
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

Coming Up:

- Wednesday, 23 November, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper
- Sunday, 27 November - First Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, 27 November - Deadline for submissions for the December Newsletter
- Sunday, 4 December - Hanging-of-the-Greens service

Soup Kitchen Sunday - Today is our tenth annual “Soup Kitchen Sunday”. On this day, we affirm and celebrate the ministry of the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen, and express our thanks for the many volunteers and donors who support and participate in this ministry, including churches, Hutterite colonies, organizations, businesses, and suppliers.

Special thanks to Shelly Burton (coordinator), Gloria Nichols (assistant coordinator) and Henry Riendeau (treasurer)! Thanks also to the other members of the Soup Kitchen Committee (see the announcement below).

Soup Kitchen Committee - The SK Committee is a committee of the Session. Its purpose is to oversee the ministry of the Soup Kitchen, and to support and advise the Soup Kitchen coordinators and treasurer. Its members are Shelly Burton (coordinator), Gloria Nichols (assistant coordinator), Henry Riendeau (treasurer), Mardine Garnham (congregational treasurer), Margaret McNutt-Reichelt (Session representative), Cindy White (member from outside the congregation), and John Zondag (convener). The committee meets at least twice per year; more often, if necessary.

Soup Kitchen Envelopes - Special **offering envelopes** are set out on the table at the back of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to make a donation to the Soup Kitchen. Donations can be made at any time during the year, not just today.

Good News! - Givings to *Presbyterians Sharing* as of the end of October totaled **\$2,920**, which is just \$280 short of the allocation of \$3,200 that we accepted at our Annual Meeting in February! Many thanks to everyone who has been giving to *Presbyterians Sharing*! Our givings to *Presbyterians Sharing* help support the work of the national church.

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.

Advent Candles - We are looking for a few people to light the Advent candles each Sunday, starting the 27th of November. If you would like to take a turn, please speak to John.

Gifts of Change - Copies of the 2022-23 “Gifts of Change” catalogue are now available, and have been set out on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The catalogue lists various ministries and projects toward which people can make direct donations, through the national church — such as “Sowing the Seeds of Food Security” on page 5, “Train Christian Leaders in Malawi” on page 10, and “Ministry with Indigenous People” on page 15. Each project/ministry description indicates what can be done with donations of various amounts. To make a donation, you can fill out the form on page 3, and mail it, along with your cheque, to Church Offices in Toronto, using the envelope enclosed in the catalogue. Alternatively, you can make your donation using your credit card, either by phone or online (details on the back cover).

Today - Copies of the November-December issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available, and are set out on the table behind the back pew. Feel free to take one home, and use it for your daily devotional reading.

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.

For the past few weeks our congregation has been collecting items for Place of Hope. The last day for bringing in items is November 13 (today). Thank you for your support!

Mission Moment

Village Safe Motherhood Committees are a vital part of *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)*'s maternal, newborn and child health programming in Malawi. The people who run the committees work tirelessly to ensure that pregnant women and their partners are informed about the community services available to them before, during and after the birth of their child—and why these services are so important. Committee staff advise women to attend check-ups and deliver at a health-care facility, as well as encourage partner participation. They also educate parents about the importance of vaccination and proper nutrition. This is life-saving work for many pregnant women and infants in Malawi.

Meal-in-a-Bowl – It's getting colder out there! Time to bulk up for winter (see below)

**“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER
WEDNESDAY: NOVEMBER 23**

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

SOUPS:

**TURKEY
or
SPLIT-PEA**

DESSERTS:

**TRIFLE
or
CARROT CAKE**

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PLEASE ORDER BY NOVEMBER 21