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 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

12 February 2023

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. We thank **Margaret Dunn** for hosting today.

The Greeters this morning are **Philip and Margaret Dunn**.

The Reader today is **Raymond Reichelt**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- Deuteronomy 30.15-20
- Psalm 119.1-8 (responsive)
- I Corinthians 3.1-9
- Matthew 5.21-37

This Week in First Church:

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - by Zoom

Coming Up:

- Wednesday, 22 February, 5:00 p.m. Meal-In-A-Bowl
- Sunday, 26 February, after the service Annual Congregational General Meeting

Directory - We thank Lisa Sneesby for offering to keep the **congregational directory** up to date. Whenever there are any changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address, please notify Lisa (bsneesby@mymts.net or 385-2847).

The Christian Year - We are now in the season of After Epiphany, a season of ordinary time (meaning that there is no particular emphasis). It is of variable length, comprising four to eight Sundays, depending on whether Easter Sunday is "early" or "late". This year, it includes seven Sundays, since Easter is relatively late. The final Sunday of the season is Transfiguration Sunday, which, this year, falls in February. The seasonal color is green.

Available - Copies of the Winter issue of *Presbyterian Connection*, our national church's quarterly newspaper have been set out on the table behind the back pew. Copies of the January-February issue of the daily devotional booklet *Today* are now available, as well.

Annual Report - we have begun preparing the 2022 Annual Report. This forms a legal document recording the life of our congregation. If you are a person on a committee responsible for reporting, NOW is the time to begin working on the reports. Reports should be sent to Lisa Sneesby. Deadline is Feb. 12, 2023. Thank you for your care in recording the work we do together in Jesus' name.

Annual Congregational General Meeting - Will be held Feb 26, 2023. There will be a potluck lunch following worship on Feb 26, 2023. The AGM will be held after lunch. Please read your Annual Report in preparation for this meeting.

Congregations in Transition - John Zondag sent out a document on Dec 29, 2022 regarding congregational transitions. Please find and read this document. It will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Mission Moment

In many small rural communities in Ghana, lay preachers, evangelists and catechists play a crucial role. Under the direction of a district minister, who has many congregations under their care, lay leaders provide much-needed spiritual leadership. While they share a deep commitment to their call to ministry and service in the church, many have not received formal theological training. To equip these lay leaders with helpful tools for effective ministry, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana established three Lay Training Centres (Tamale, Ramseyer and Nsaba), which receive support through *Presbyterians Sharing*.

"MEAL – IN – A – BOWL" SUPPER WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 22

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

SOUPS:

CORN CHOWDER
or
HAM & VEGETABLES

DESSERTS:

BREAD PUDDING
or
CINNAMON ROLL SWIRL 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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