

# 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 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

**12 March 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 Greeter this morning is **Brian Yeo**.

The Reader today is **Lalaine Buan**.

**Scripture Readings** - The readings for today's service are

- Exodus 17.1-7
- Psalm 95
- Romans 5.1-11
- John 4.1-42

**This Week in First Church:**

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

**Coming Up:**

- 22 March - Meal-in-a-Bowl

**Today Devotional Booklet** - Copies of the March-April issue of the daily devotional booklet *Today* are now available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Newsletter** - It's that time again!! The newsletter will be going out soon. Please have any reports to Lisa by March 12th (today). Send via email to Lisa at [bsneesby@mymts.net](mailto:bsneesby@mymts.net)

**The Christian Year** - Today is the third Sunday in **Lent**, which is the fourth of the six seasons of the Christian Year. Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, and in that respect, it's similar to Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas. Lent is a time for us to give increased attention to our struggle against our sinful impulses and the sinful pressures of the world around us, and to work for renewal in our relationships with God and our fellow human beings. Historically, Lent was a time when the disciplines of fasting, charitable giving, and prayer were emphasized (see Matthew 6.1-18). In some denominations, the practice of fasting has evolved into the practice of "giving something up for Lent".

The season of Lent originated in the early centuries of the church as a period in which new converts (called "catechumens", mostly adults) were given their final instruction in the Christian faith, in preparation for their baptism at Easter. By the Middle Ages, Lent had evolved into a solemn season of penitence and fasting, in imitation of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and being tempted in the wilderness (Luke 4.1-13 and parallels). The length of Lent was therefore set at **40 days** (not including *Sundays*, however, since Sunday, the weekly celebration of Jesus' resurrection, could not be a day of fasting). So Lent always begins on a Wednesday, 6½ weeks before Easter: **Ash Wednesday**. Since the date of Easter changes from year to year, the date of Ash Wednesday also changes.

The final week of Lent is called **Holy Week**, and during that week we commemorate the events of Jesus' "Passion" — his suffering and death in Jerusalem.

The symbolic color for Lent is **purple**, signifying preparation and penitence. The color for Holy Week is **red**, symbolizing Jesus' blood, shed on the cross as a sacrifice for human sin.

### **Mission Moment**

When Sieglinde—a single mother living in the Little Burgundy area of Montreal, Quebec—first arrived in Canada, she wasn't sure where to turn for help to integrate her son into their new surroundings. Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre provided a safe space where she and her son received the assistance they needed. "My son learned so much from his experience at Tyndale: how to be independent and play with other children, how to be confident and learn to regulate his emotions. But most importantly, he was happy."

**Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping Tyndale St-Georges have a positive impact in the lives of people in the community of Little Burgundy.**

**Daylight Saving Time** - begins Sunday, 12 March. If you're reading this on Saturday: remember to set your clocks forward an hour!

**Lenten Concerts at St. Mary's** - (see announcement below)

**“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER**

**Wednesday: March 22**

**Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of**

**THICK HOMEMADE SOUP**

**Served With**

**Homemade Breads and Biscuits**

**SOUPS:**

**CREAM OF POTATO**

**or**

**MEATBALL SOUP**

**DESSERTS:**

**TAPIOCA PUDDING**

**or**

**FRUIT COCKTAIL 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**

**PLEASE PHONE LISA SNEESBY**

**(204) 385-2847**

**LEAVE A MESSAGE**

**PLEASE ORDER BY MARCH 20**

**FINANCIAL REPORT, February 2023**

**Feb 1-28/23**

**Year-to-Date**

**FINANCES:**

INCOME RECEIVED:	3,595.07	11,934.78
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>3,899.75</u>	<u>8,721.33</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT):</b>	<b><u>(304.68)</u></b>	<b><u>3,213.45</u></b>

**Included in the above Y-T-D income is \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund.**

**PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for 2023 is \$2,000.00:**

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	<u>405.00</u>	<u>590.00</u>
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**FUNDRAISING:**

INCOME:	505.00	1,085.00
EXPENSES:	<u>352.23</u>	<u>532.37</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT):</b>	<b><u>152.77</u></b>	<b><u>552.63</u></b>

**SUMMARY of the surplus (deficit) - the amounts are included in the above year-to-date fundraising information:**

Spring Dinner	
Fall Supper	
Catering	
Meal in a Bowl	<b>841.80</b>
Kitchen Supplies	<b>(289.17)</b>

**Your support for our fundraising is appreciated**

# **St. Mary's Lenten Concerts**

## **Back by Popular Demand after our Covid Hiatus**

**Join us for a Series of Four Noon-hour  
Concerts this Lent  
Concerts from 12:10-12:30  
A Soup and Sandwich Lunch is available  
following the Concert  
\$10**

**March 8 - Georgina Otsuiji Trusty**

**March 15 - Alfred and Coralie MacLaren**

**March 22 - TBA**

**March 29 - The Turner Sisters**

