

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 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21 May 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 **Val and Sandra** for hosting today.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- 1 Samuel 8.6-18
- Psalm 149
- Philippians 3.4-11
- Matthew 11.28-30

The Greeter this morning is **Val Pogue**.

The Reader today is **Margaret Dunn**.

This Week in First Church:

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study, by Zoom
- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl -

Mission Moment

When Esther was 13 years old, she got her period for the first time—just one day before the Malawi national primary school examinations, which would determine whether she would be admitted to secondary school. Esther was instructed by the older women in her village to not leave home and remain indoors for the next seven days in adherence with village customs. Caroline, an outreach volunteer for girls' rights, learned about Esther's situation and enlisted the help of the village's chief to speak with Esther's parents about letting her leave home isolation to write the exam. Esther was permitted to write her exam, allowing her to advance to secondary school. **With *Presbyterian World Service & Development's* support, local partners are raising awareness about the importance of girls' education for a successful future.**

Today - Copies of the *Today* daily devotional booklet for May and June have been placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary

Needed for Place of Hope Church - You can help the *Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church* by donating empty 4-litre ice cream pails, with lids, or by baking cookies. Please, no peanut butter or nuts in the cookies. Put the cookies in *Ziplock* freezer bags. The cookies will be kept in our church freezer until they are delivered to Gwen Henwood in Winnipeg. Deadline for donations is Sunday, May 28. If you have any questions call Margaret Dunn, (204) 239-1580.

Meal-in-a-Bowl - This Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. (see announcement)

“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER

Wednesday: May 24

Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of

THICK HOMEMADE SOUP

Served With

Homemade Breads and Biscuits

SOUPS:

MUSHROOM & LEEK

or

HAM & VEGETABLE

DESSERTS:

RASPBERRY MUFFINS

or

BANANA MUFFINS

\$10.00 AT THE DOOR

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PICK UP from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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