

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 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 September 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 **Mardine Garnham** for hosting today.

Scripture Readings:

- Ezekiel 33.7-11
- Psalm 119.33-40
- Romans 13.8-14
- Matthew 18.15-20

The Greeters this morning are **Rob and Cheryl McPherson**.

The Reader today is **Mardine**.

This Week at First Church:

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study begins, by Zoom
- Tuesday - Deadline for submissions for the September Newsletter
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Finance & Maintenance Committee meeting, by Zoom

Men's Breakfast - the first one after the summer break will be held on Saturday, 23 September.

Newsletter - It is newsletter time again – please send your reports to Lisa before September 12th. The newsletter will be sent out on the 15th. There is no grace period this time!

Any questions contact Lisa – bsneesby@mymts.net

Mission Moment

Pakistan is the world's third-largest refugee host country, accommodating over a million Afghans who fled their homes due to war, internal conflict, insecurity and persecution. The poorest refugees lack sufficient access to necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and health care. Another need expressed by Afghan refugees is for their children to be able to access schooling. **PWS&D** is responding to this need by providing a digital learning facility where Afghan refugee children and young women can access virtual education in place of traditional schools. The **Digital Learning Center** is one way of supporting those who have already lost so much. It is planting the seeds for current and future success for children and young women who would otherwise be entirely out of school.

Prayer Calendars - Copies of the Prayer Calendar for September are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget your copy!

Today - Copies of the **Today** daily devotional booklet for September and October have been placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you card - please take a moment to read the Thank You card from the folks at Westwood Presbyterian Church thanking us for our donation of cookies, which they received in June (it's on the bulletin board downstairs).

Needed for Place of Hope Church - Once again, 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, October 8th. If you have any questions call Margaret Dunn, (204) 239-1580.

Yard Sale - for **PAWS** (Portage Animal Welfare Society) will be held on September 15 and 16 (this Friday and Saturday) in the church basement.

Announcements Sheet help - Philip Dunn prepares the **Announcements Sheet** every week but there are times when he isn't available. If you have access to a computer and can work with basic Microsoft Word and are interested in filling in once in a while please let Philip know.