

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

# PENTECOST

**24 May 2026**

**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 **Brian Yeo** for hosting today.

We thank **Keith Kelly**, who is leading our service today.

Welcome & Announcements - **Margaret McNutt-Reichelt**.

The Greeter this morning is **Hilda Bruinooge**.

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

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

John 14.15-16

Psalms 104.24-35

Acts 2.1-21

1 Corinthians 12.3-13

### **This Week at First Church:**

- Monday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - The third of a 5-week study on faith and mental health - by Zoom
- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting, by Zoom

### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 14 June - Outdoors Service at the Sneesbys' farm

**Yard Sale** - at St. Mary's la Prairie Anglican Church, 36-2nd St. S.W., this Saturday (May 30th), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hotdog sale beginning at 11 a.m. For more information see poster in the Church Hall, downstairs.

### **Mission Moment**

Yemen has been devastated by over a decade of conflict, disrupting food systems and causing hunger. Yahya, a father of four with a disability that makes walking difficult, worries about his malnourished daughter. “We strive to obtain food, but the situation remains tough,” he shares. “When you entered our village with the food basket distribution, it changed my life significantly. Thanks to your support, my situation began to improve. I was able to save some money through the food basket and decided to buy a water tank. This step was important for my family, as we finally have clean water.” *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)* works together with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and local partners to deliver vital food assistance to families like Yahya’s who are facing worsening food insecurity.

**The Christian Year** - Today is **Pentecost**, the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season, and the last of the four major festivals of the Christian Year (the others being Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter). Pentecost celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and followers of Jesus, seven weeks after his resurrection (and ten days after his ascension), as narrated in **Acts 2.1-41**. The Holy Spirit was given to the community of Jesus’ followers to take his place as their teacher and leader, and to empower them to continue his ministry. The Holy Spirit continues to be given today to everyone who believes in Jesus.

Pentecost was originally a Jewish festival (called the “Festival of Weeks” in the Old Testament), which took place seven weeks after the Passover festival. On that day, offerings of the “first fruits” of the wheat harvest were presented to God in gratitude for the harvest. By the First Century, it had also come to commemorate God’s giving the Law to Israel at Mount Sinai. Thousands of Jews from all over the Roman Empire and beyond traveled to Jerusalem for Pentecost each year. When the disciples started speaking in all kinds of languages, these “Jews from every nation under heaven” were all able to understand what the disciples were telling them about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection (Acts 2.5-11).

The symbolic color for Pentecost is **red**, recalling the “tongues of fire” that appeared to Jesus’ disciples when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 2.3). The name “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word *pentēkostós* (“fiftieth”), since the Jewish Pentecost festival was the fiftieth day after Passover.

*(from "Announcements Sheet", 5 June, 2022)*

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**“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER**

**Wednesday: MAY 27**

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

**THICK HOMEMADE SOUP**

**Served With**

**Homemade Bread and Biscuits**

**SOUP:**

**MEXICALI PORK SOUP**

**or**

**HASH BROWN POTATO SOUP**

**DESSERTS:**

**PEACH ANGEL FOOD CAKE**

**or**

**CARROT CAKE**

**TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY**

**\$15.00 AT THE DOOR**

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

**TO PLACE YOUR ORDER**

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