



## February 2020 Newsletter

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## Holy Week Services

**April 5 • 10:30 am • Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 9 • 5:45 pm • Maundy Thursday Potluck**  
at Crestview United Church, 316 Hamilton Avenue, Winnipeg

**April 10 • 3 pm • Good Friday "Joint Choir Cantata"**  
at PSUC with Crestview and St. Charles-Headingley UC

**April 12 • 10:30 am • Easter Sunday "Celebration of New Life"**



### Cherry Slice Recipe from January's Souper Sunday

1 cup margarine  
4 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1.5 tsp. almond extract  
3 cups flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tin cherry pie filling  
or other flavour

Cream margarine and sugar.  
Add vanilla and almond  
flavourings. Beat in eggs one at a  
time. Beat well. Spread 2/3 of  
batter on a greased 10 by 15  
cookie sheet. Spread the cherry  
pie filling over the batter. Drop  
remaining batter by spoonfuls over  
filling. Bake at 350 degrees for  
30 minutes or until done.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY BASH

**Saturday, March 7 at 6 pm**  
(Doors open at 5 pm)

Tickets: \$20 per person.

Available in the Narthex  
after church or by contacting  
the church office.

Assigned tables are available  
on a first come basis.



### SAVE THE DATE! SPRING LUNCHEON

**Saturday, April 18**

**11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

More details to come.



## Prairie Spirit United Church

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## Did You Know?

On February 17, 1JustCity posted on social media:

“Last night Just A Warm Sleep offered 30 people somewhere safe and warm to be thanks to Prairie Spirit United Church and could do a training for our staff on Non Violent Crisis Intervention this weekend so that we have more skills to support this safe space!”



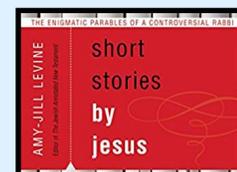
## Lenten Study

**We will meet Thursdays during Lent, February 27 to April 2 at 11:45 am - 1:15 pm to discuss Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Short Stories by Jesus*.**

Bring a bag lunch, we will provide drinks.

Please call the church office at 204-832-1000 if you're interested in participating.

There's still time to join the discussion!



## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Each year on this day, Christians of many cultures, traditions, and races, in over 170 countries around the world unite in prayer. It is held every year on the first Friday of March. This year it will be on **Friday, March 6 at 7 pm at Westwood Presbyterian Church** (the corner of Browning and Westwood).



## Spirit Given Gifts

What are your spiritual gifts? Want to go deeper into the searching?

The Transition Team is offering two opportunities to do just that. After answering a series of questions and scoring them, you will be able to see which of 22 different spiritual gifts are yours. Each gift has a separate sheet outlining how to use that gift, how to care with the gift, Bible examples, and other information.

**First opportunity: Sunday, April 19 after church in the Meeting Room**

The Transition Team will provide drinks and food.

**Second opportunity: Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm in the Sunrise Room**

The Transition Team will provide drinks and snacks.



It will be approximately 60 to 90 minutes. Please let Rev. Ken DeLisle know if you are attending so we can arrange food. You can also check [spiritgivengifts.com](http://spiritgivengifts.com) for more information.

## Pilgrimage with Moderator Richard Bott

Moderator Richard Bott is taking an “internal pilgrimage” through 2020 and invites you to join him on the journey. Each day of the pilgrimage, the Moderator will use his Facebook page and Instagram to share reflections on the themes and daily scripture readings, along with photographs and other media to illuminate the way. You can join in and share what is happening for you through this pilgrimage experience using the hashtag

**#ModeratorPilgrimage2020**. The full schedule of themes for March can be found on Moderator Richard Bott's Facebook page.



# HAPPY GANG

AN AFTERNOON DROP-IN FOR ADULTS

PRAIRIE SPIRIT UNITED CHURCH,  
207 THOMPSON DRIVE



THURSDAY,  
MARCH 12  
1:30 – 3:30 PM  
THEME:  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY



THURSDAY,  
APRIL 9  
1:30 – 3:30 PM  
THEME:  
EASTER

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!

- DOOR PRIZES
- PLAY CARD GAMES OR TABLE GAMES
- CONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS, MEET NEW PEOPLE
- ENJOY CONVERSATION AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
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## Coronavirus Update: United Church Response

The United Church continues to support the ecumenical response to the coronavirus outbreak in China.

Amid increasing concerns for those affected by the coronavirus, The United Church of Canada has contributed \$8,000 toward the growing ecumenical response to the emergency in China. These funds will support Mission & Service partner Amity Foundation as they continue their urgent efforts to slow the rise of infections.

As of February 7, 2020, Amity has organized and transported nearly 300 tons of disinfectants, 10,700 medical protective screens, 713 boxes of various disinfection supplies, 3,000 goggles, 43,000 masks, 250,000 pairs of medical examination gloves, and food items to Hubei Province, which has been the hardest hit by the outbreak.



Christians in China are actively supporting Amity's emergency relief operations directly and through the coordinating efforts of Mission & Service partner the China Christian Council.

There is still urgent need for protective medical supplies and assistance. The number of infections continues to grow, with some 31,161 cases of coronavirus confirmed on the Chinese mainland. Please continue to offer your prayers and support to the people affected, their caregivers, and medical staff who are on the frontlines of battling the coronavirus outbreak.

## In Support of Wet'suwet'en

In late 2018, conflict over who has the right to make decisions about energy projects on traditional Indigenous territories reverberated across the country from the locus point of Wet'suwet'en territory in northern British Columbia. A temporary resolution was reached in January 2019, but tensions have arisen again a year later with a new injunction against land defenders, the incursion of militarized police, and arrests.

This is of particular concern given the BC legislature's recent passage of Bill 41 to harmonize all provincial law with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Solidarity actions have once again broken out across the country.



The ongoing situation on Wet'suwet'en territory reveals, at many levels, how Settler society fails to understand and accept the Indigenous right to self-determination. It demonstrates an acceptance of unbalanced power relationships, and calls into question Canada's commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The Moderator and the National Indigenous Elders Council have discerned together how The United Church should respond, and offer this letter to the church: [united-church.ca/news/support-wetsuweten](https://united-church.ca/news/support-wetsuweten)

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