

Here's what's up at Prairie Spirit

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Hello!

If you know of someone who does not receive email messages, it would be appreciated if you would contact them with this information.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 PM, there will be a Congregational Meeting to deal with the motions regarding a Call to a new minister for Prairie Spirit United Church. Due to the COVID-19 Code Orange restrictions currently in effect for Winnipeg and the surrounding area, this meeting will be held on Zoom, with a phone-in option.

How to Register

You must register to attend the Congregational Meeting on November 1. When registering, include your name, and indicate whether you will be joining the meeting on Zoom or via the phone-in option. More than one person can be present on a single ZOOM or phone connection but all persons must register so that attendance and voting can be properly recorded.

Call the office at (204) 832-1000 or email at office@prairiespirituc.org by October 26. Registrants will receive the Zoom link, including the number for the phone-in option before the meeting.

The meeting will be chaired by Reverend Patrick Woodbeck, our Regional Representative. The candidate will be presented and there will be an opportunity for questions. On the Zoom platform, there is no option for a secret ballot. All voting will be done by polling the people in attendance via Zoom or over the phone.

By now you have received a letter or email with detailed information, including all motions and the directions for registering. The deadline for registration is **Monday, October 26**, so you still have time to participate in this very important meeting.

Information explaining how to join the Zoom meeting either via computer or the phone-in option will be sent to all participants by Friday, October 30.

The Oversight Council

PRAIRIE SPIRIT RESPONDS TO CODE ORANGE

Due to the Code Orange designation for the Winnipeg region, in-person worship at PSUC has been suspended. But, as our outside sign says, "WE'LL BE BACK!"

While we are not gathering together in our Sanctuary, our worship has moved on line. On Sunday, October 25, 2020, Reverend Deborah Vitt will be leading the service with the assistance of Renate Rossol, our Music Director, and the Media Team.

The link to the October 25th service can be found [here](#).

CODE ORANGE AND OUR BUILDING PARTNERS

The new restrictions under the Code Orange designation affect all the groups that use our building, not just the congregation. The government has mandated that inside gatherings can be no larger than five people, masks must be worn at all times, and physical distancing must be maintained. Our interim Rental Administrator, Judy Lawrence, is working with all the groups that use our building to be sure that they know and are following all the changes required by the government. As these rules are changing frequently, this has been a challenge and the Oversight Council thanks Judy for taking on this important job for Prairie Spirit.

PORTAGE AVENUE FOOD BANK

The Portage Avenue Food Bank, a depot of Winnipeg Harvest, is operated out of Prairie Spirit United Church with the help of volunteers from the church and community. The Food Bank is open every two weeks, year round. The Portage Avenue Food Bank is open Friday, October 23rd.

We are looking for donations of egg cartons which are forwarded to Winnipeg Harvest. We also need more plastic shopping bags, as well as the heavier reuseable ones.

Pick-up can be arranged by emailing Doris Orchyk at orchyk@mymts.net or calling (204) 837-6166. Donations can also be dropped off any Friday morning during food bank hours.

Food bank dates for November are **November 6th and 20th**.

Thank you for your support.

Doris Orchyk

DID YOU KNOW??

. That 201 turkey pies were made and all sold in 3 days! Ground beef pies and fruit crisps coming up in the near future. Stay tuned!



OFFICE RENOVATIONS

Over the last few weeks the Property Team has been hard at work freshening up our office space. The walls have been painted a beautiful shade of blue and last week new upper and lower cabinets were installed in the hallway in front of the offices. The new counter space will provide a third work area in the office. In the future Prairie Spirit will have one Office Administrator so one of the desks from the office may be removed and an inviting seating area for visitors to the office may be created. It is going to be a warm and welcoming space!

Many thanks go to the Property Team.

TRANSITION TEAM FINAL REPORT

The final report from the Transition Team is now available to the congregation. There are copies in the office and you can receive a digital copy by e-mailing the Office Administrator at office@prairiespirituc.org.

The Oversight Council will be holding their October meeting on Saturday, October 24th via Zoom.

Items for the November Newsletter

If you have an item for the November newsletter, please submit it by Thursday, October 29th to the office email or drop a hard copy off at the church. The email is office@prairiespirituc.org.