

Here's what's up at Prairie Spirit

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Weekly Update – Thursday 1 April 2021

Worship Service – Friday 2 April and Sunday 4 April 2021

Join us for Sunday Service virtually:

April 2 – Good Friday – Rev. Deborah Vitt will lead us in Worship.
Pat Rothney will be our scripture reader.

April 4 – Easter Sunday – Rev. Paul DuVal will lead us in worship.
Marsha Jones will be our scripture reader.

April 11 – Easter 2 – Rev. Deborah Vitt will lead us in Worship.

All services available via YouTube.

Sunday After Worship Zoom Chat

Please join us anytime after the end of Worship until 12:30pm

[Zoom Link to Join After Worship Chat on Sun 4 April](#)

To connect by phone:

204 272 7920

Enter

Meeting ID: 937 5201 7388

Passcode: 007963



Wishing **Evelyn F. Smith**
Happy 90th Birthday!

April 7th.

Please join in a Birthday Window Celebration
Saturday, April 10th at 2pm

Golden West Centennial Lodge
811 School Road

Light a Candle for a Guaranteed Livable Income

On April 8 the United Church is organizing a national moment to bring attention to the need for a **Guaranteed Livable Income**. **Social Justice Team** will be organizing a small gathering (masked and distanced) at our local member of Parliament office. If you would like to be part of that gathering, or light a candle in your own home, please contact Linda Urich or Paul DuVal for more information.



If you love to read and talk about good books then this group is for you.

Our format for this meeting will be to talk about books we have read, enjoyed and that we would recommend to others.

Here is a sampling of the books that were recommended at our last meeting:

Rules of Civility - by Amor Towles

The Henna Artist - by Alka Joshi

Lab Girl by Hope Jarhen

A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

The Midnight Library: A Novel by Matt Haig

American Dirt by Jeannie Cummins

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kaddish

Educated by Tara Westover

Calling Me Home by Julie Kibler

The next Zoom meeting will be held on Friday, April 9 starting at 1:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

[Zoom Link to Join Let's Talk Books on Fri 9 April](#)

Let's make a connection and "Let's Talk Books"
Val Goodridge

PSUC's Annual Meeting

will be held on Sunday, April 18th beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, there will be an opportunity to learn how to use this program, which is easy to access, prior to the meeting. As well, if you do not have an electronic device to use, you will also be able to join the meeting via your phone.

Further information will be shared with you closer to the date.

A copy of the Annual Report will be sent to you electronically next week and copies of it will be available in the office as of Wednesday next week.



'Ask Worship'

Worship Team is preparing a weekly question and response feature for the 'Weekly Update' where you ask questions about Worship and the Ministry & Worship Team reply.

Send your questions to the church office by phone or eMail and the Worship Team will respond to one question a week. If you wish further information on any questions asked, just let the Worship Team know and we will get back to you.

Let us learn together about this significant shared experience of our church life!!

Our seventh question:

What are some common Lenten traditions and Practices?

The traditions of Lent are epitomized by fasting and by refraining from certain pleasurable activities as a sign of self sacrifice. (It might be chocolate, or movies, or alcoholic beverages). The most obvious tradition is the Shrove Tuesday gathering of rich, sweet, luxury foods and having a feast, before the fasting begins on Ash Wednesday. Another is the annual festival called "Mardi Gras" (French for Fat Tuesday) which is one last raucous party before the more austere season of Lent.

Other Lenten traditions are the instruction and preparation of candidates for baptism, confirmation, and first communion Easter Sunday.

Although lent has been most often marked by the Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions, and less so by more Reformed Protestant churches, in recent years our own United Church has invested in Lenten study guides and programs as a way to encourage us to be more focused and intentional about exploring the roots of our faith during this season.

Liturgically, the colour of Lent is Purple, and we decorate our sanctuary with banners and hangings expressing the theme of preparation. Sometimes we mark the progress of the season by extinguishing candles as the weeks go by.

Are you feeling disconnected from our community of faith?

Serving on an Oversight Council Team would be one way to become involved and feel more connected to others at church. Meetings continue to happen over Zoom and initiatives undertaken. Do you have an interest in Pastor Care? in Congregational Life? In Worship? In Social Justice? In Stewardship? In Finance or Property? If so, please put your name forward for one of these teams. If you would like to discuss this with someone, Rev. Paul DuVal would be happy to speak with you.

Being involved in the life and the work of the church is a great way to get to know others and to make a difference in our community!



Fabric Art Easter Mural
Artist: Judy Morningstar, Goodlands, Manitoba

Angel tells woman he is not here.

After the crucifixion, woman in the tomb.

Jesus walks with two disciples.

Jesus blessing and breaking bread together.

Jesus doubting Thomas.

Jesus with the fishermen.

Fire of Pentecost.

God, make Easter my home.
Shelter me from apathy
with a desire to do good.
Let the rhythm of my days
pulse with your call to live justly.
Set the table of my soul
with the generosity of your Spirit.
Furnish my life with such hope
that, while I have breath,
I might not only share good news
but also be a source of it.
God, make Easter not only my home
but also my mission.
Amen.

Happy
EASTER!

Have You Purchased A Memory Stone Yet?

Have you checked out the sidewalk pavers at the front of the church? They are in desperate need of repair before we have an injury from a trip and fall accident. Property is planning to replace them this summer. This restoration presents us with a unique opportunity which will allow families to leave a lasting mark on Prairie Spirit as well as help to raise money to offset the cost of the repairs.

Memory or Inspiration Stones will be installed in the new sidewalk! Memory Stones are a perfect way for your family to commemorate a loved one, an important memory, a short Bible passage or an inspirational quote or word, in a prominent location at Prairie Spirit United Church.



An 8x8 inch, paver, engraved with your choice of lettering, will be available for a donation of \$150.00. Donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt and would be added to your church givings in 2021.

Contact the church office at office@prairiespirituc.org or (204) 832-1000 to express your interest in a donation towards your Memory Stone and to receive more information.

If you haven't taken advantage of this unique opportunity to have your memory set in stone don't lose out! Act now!

Please click [here](#) for a Memory Stone Order Form.
Please click [here](#) to read Frequently Asked Questions.



You are now able to start ordering your plants online

[Fundraiser 2021 Home Page – Glenlea Greenhouses](#)

There are also limited 4 page colour paper copies of the flyer now available. We would ask you to avoid taking one if you have access to the online version. The full **16-page catalogue will still be produced but in digital form only.**

Important Fundraiser dates to remember –

April 5th – paper orders due to the church

April 15th – deadline for online orders

May 19th – ordered plants delivered to Prairie Spirit United Church