

Here's what's up at Prairie Spirit

Prairie Spirit United Church

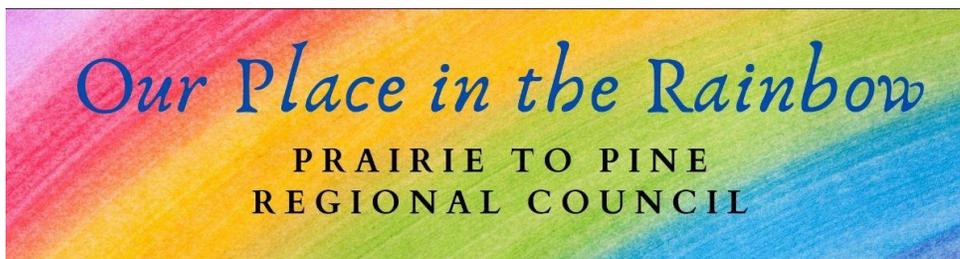
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Weekly Update – Friday 28 May 2021

Worship Service – Sunday 30 May 2021

Join us for Sunday Service virtually:



Prairie to Pine Regional Meeting 2021 will be taking place May 28-30. Paul and Deborah will be attending all 3 days. Val Goodridge, Pat Rothney and Donna Little will be serving as PSUC reps.

You are invited to Our Place in the Rainbow, a service of worship to celebrate Prairie to Pine becoming an Affirming ministry.

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Sunday May 30, at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC79A2-hDDSmRsurCvDu-ePw>

Please bring your communion elements.

This Zoom dessert event is a separate offering and people are asked to register through the link below.

A Zoom dessert will follow. Wear your Pride colours and bring a dessert such as [PIE pie!](#) We'll visit and celebrate. Register in advance and you'll receive the link by email automatically (remember to check your spam folder):

<https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpc-Ghqz8rGdRxW2q9w9erFVlwTBTXjf1j>

Full details [are on our website, here.](#)

June 6 – Pentecost 2 – Rev. Deborah Vitt will lead us in worship.

All services available via YouTube.

NOTICE
Prairie Spirit United Church
Community of Faith Meeting
Sunday, June 6, 2021
2:00 PM

A Community of Faith meeting will be held **on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** via Zoom with a phone in option. At this meeting the Search Team will present a candidate for the position of full time minister at Prairie Spirit United Church. It is the hope of the Oversight Council that the congregation will approve a motion to Appoint/Call a full time minister to Prairie Spirit United Church effective July 1, 2021.

How to Register

You must register to attend the Community of Faith meeting on June 6, 2021. When registering include your name, and indicate whether you will be joining the meeting via Zoom or with the phone in option. More than one person may 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 June 2**. Registrants will receive the Zoom link, including the number for the phone in option as well as any other necessary information on Friday, June 4.

Format for Meeting

Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk will serve as chair of the meeting, since the present chairperson of the Oversight Council serves on the Search Team. Reverend Elizabeth Brown will attend the meeting representing the Prairie to Pine Region. Most recently, Reverend Brown has served as the regional representative to the Search Team. The Search Team will be in attendance and present the candidate for your consideration.

We have been informed that since the meeting is taking place via Zoom there can be no secret ballots. There also cannot be any mail-in or proxy ballots as per United Church protocol. Participants will indicate their vote by a “show of hands”.

Please plan to register and attend this meeting. We must have a quorum of twenty people in attendance to hold a Community of Faith meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at (204) 832-1000 or email office@prairiespirituc.org

Val Goodridge
Oversight Council Chairperson



Coffee and Conversation on June 2nd
Wednesday Morning at 10am

The Happy Gang is inviting YOU to join a Zoom Coffee Time on Wednesday, June 2nd from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. This will be an opportunity to catch up with old friends and have a discussion on a relevant topic for these COVID times. We hope you will be able to make a coffee or tea for yourself that morning and join us from the comforts of your home. The link to join the “Meeting” is below:

[Zoom Link to Join Coffee and Conversation on Wed 2 June at 10am](#)

Look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

The Church Office will be closed on Mon 31 May and Tues 1 June.
PSUC Office Hours this week will be Wed-Fri 10am-2pm

Deadline for June’s Newsletter is Monday May 31st.

Please submit Weekly Updates to the office by Wed.

If you would like to register for our Member Only area of the PSUC website, please email the office with your name and email address.

In the Member Only section you will have access to past Annual Reports, Governance Structure, Ministry Profile, Oversight and Executive Minutes, Newsletters and Weekly Updates.

How to Reach us by email:

Rev. Paul DuVal pduval@prairiespirituc.org
Rev. Deborah Vitt dvitt@prairiespirituc.org
Sherri in the Office office@prairiespirituc.org



Worship Team invites questions from you about worship practices. Send your questions to the church office by phone or email. One question per week will be responded to by the Ministry and or Worship Team. Once your response is given, if you have further questions, feel free to probe for understanding. You will receive a response from someone on the Worship Team. Let us learn together!

Our fourteenth question:

What is the significance of the ‘flames’ of Pentecost?

The story of the Pentecost is one of the most dramatic of the New Testament.

Is it based on a memory of events long past? Or is it Luke’s metaphorical representation of the huge transformation that took place in the life and work of the first disciples?

A strong wind is the expression of the experience of a new Spirit moving through this group of disciples and empowering them to communicate with the diverse crowd gathered for the festival.

Flames and or fire have been associated with burning of agricultural waste to create space for new growth. They are also associated with purification and cleansing, and fire is understood as the source of passion and enthusiasm.

One more metaphor, the tongues that touched each disciple have been understood as setting people apart for ministry, designating the apostles as the leaders of the new “church” that was coming into being.

PSUC Community Connection Groups

A big thank you to those who have already responded committing to act as a group leader for one of our Community Connection (C2) groups! As a larger and newly amalgamated community of faith, we do not have as good a sense of community as we might/should have. Many are expressing that they do not feel connected to the faith community; particularly at this time with the impact of COVID 19. The Group leader’s role is as follows:

- Phone at least quarterly during the year
- Call or email with regard to important events such as the Annual Meeting or a Fundraising event
- Phone if they haven’t seen the person at church of late. If a call doesn’t get a response, perhaps an email to follow up. In the event that the person is not reached, a call to the church office to assure that the person is okay (particularly for those who live alone)
- Make a point of chatting when we are together for fellowship
- ***“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11***

IF INTERESTED IN SERVING IN A GROUP LEADER CAPACITY, PLEASE EMAIL OR PHONE OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, SHERRI VAN AERT.