

Here's what's up at Prairie Spirit

## Prairie Spirit United Church

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**Weekly Update – Friday 20 August 2021**

### **No Worship Services in August**

*Join us for Sunday Service virtually:*

No Services in August – Our hard working Tech Team will be on a much deserved break.

If you would like to try a local service,  
search “Westworth United Church You Tube” ;  
or “Charleswood United Church You Tube”.

You can also choose to rewatch one of your favorite services from our PSUC YouTube channel. The link to our YouTube channel can be found on the home page of our website [www.prairiespirituc.org](http://www.prairiespirituc.org)

*All services available via YouTube.*

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### **“Can You Help” Update**



We are wrapping up the “Can You Help?” campaign. The congregation has donated \$3,900 to this campaign which is 50% of the actual moving costs. It will still make a significant difference to the financial goals of PSUC. The outstanding cost of Susan’s move will come out of general funds, increasing our deficit, as congregants decided at the Annual General Meeting in April. Donations can still be made to this appeal until the end of the year. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support in this fundraising effort.

John McLeod



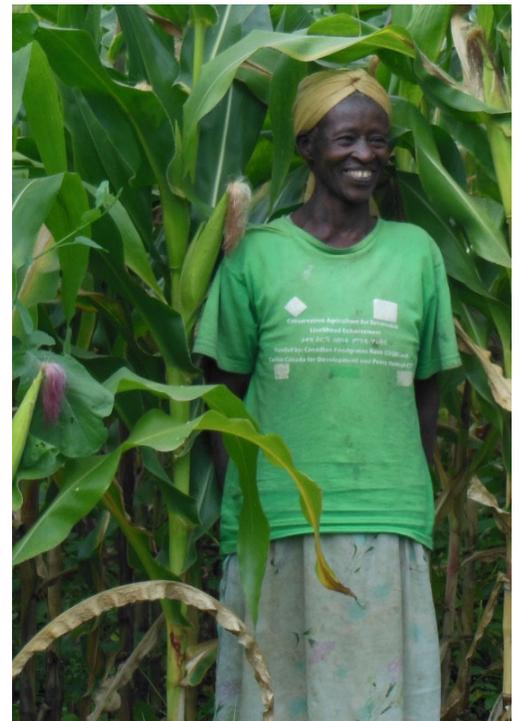
Have you been to see Canada's Diversity Gardens at The Leaf in Assiniboine Park? The Leaf is still under construction, but the gardens are completed. The Indigenous Peoples Garden has exceptionally beautiful fire and water features!

## Stories of Our Mission

### Women Like Barari Are Catalysts for Change

Barari remembers the way the other farmers in her village laughed at her when she began to farm differently. "It is a waste of time," they said. "It will never work." Here's how it turned out.

Photo credit: Emma Taylor



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.

**PSUC August Summer Office Hours are Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm**

**How to Reach us by email:**

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## SURVEY

**You can complete this page and return to the PSUC MailBox for an anonymous response.**

The responses to this survey can be viewed by office admin only. All answers will be collated to preserve anonymity and will be used to guide our plan for reopening our sanctuary to in-person worship.

1. Given that safety protocols (physical distancing, registration for services, no singing, extra cleaning etc.) such as we had in September 2020, will be put in place, are you planning to return to in-person worship when available?

Yes

No

2. PSUC is considering mandating that everyone wear a mask when in the building. Do you agree with this?

Yes

No

3. Do you think that being double vaccinated needs to be a condition of attending in-person services?

Yes

No

4. If you answered Yes to #3, how do you think we might lovingly serve and stay in relationship with others. There are worshippers who are not yet vaccinated, unable to be vaccinated, or not yet comfortable with large groups in unpredictable settings/circumstances.

Comment:

5. As the Oversight Council wants to be supportive of the community of faith, we are wondering if we can be of help. If you are not vaccinated and are hesitant to do so, what might help you to get vaccinated?

Check any of the initiatives below, that might be supportive/helpful for you.

- information on the efficacy of the current vaccinations
- an opportunity to talk to someone who has been vaccinated
- a ride to a vaccination centre
- an opportunity to attend an informational meeting with a medical expert

6. Do you have comments or any other information that you wish the Oversight Council to consider as the reopening protocols are developed?

Comment: