

Here's what's up at Prairie Spirit

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Weekly Update – Friday 19 November 2021

In-person Communion Worship
Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.
Rev. Susan McIlveen will lead us in worship.
Judy Lawrence will be our scripture reader.
Mark 8: 27-30 and John 18: 33-37

Bring your mask and join us for worship in the sanctuary at Prairie Spirit!

You may pre-register with the office if you plan to attend in-person worship regularly
or you can sign in when you arrive.

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Please Note:

- Although we are not mandating people to be fully vaccinated to attend in-person worship, we strongly encourage you to become vaccinated.
- If you are feeling any COVID symptoms or are not fully vaccinated, we request that you not attend in person worship.
- The service will be taped and available for viewing early in the week.
Services are available via [Prairie Spirit YouTube link](#).

We have been working hard to make in-person worship safe for everyone who wants to attend but we can't do it all. We will need 4 volunteers each **Sunday** to serve as greeters and ushers. Training will be given the morning before the service at 9:45am.

If you are able to help, please phone (204) 832-1000 or email the church office@prairiespirituc.org.

Thank you,

Worship Team at PSUC



Attending public gatherings contains some risk. We are doing our best to manage these risks by following all public health mandates and recommendations.

We are very excited to share with you that Prairie Spirit United Church has returned to in-person worship as of 31-Oct-21! We are doing so carefully and continue to follow the current health orders that include:

- Wearing a mask at all times when in the church building
- Not participating in shared prayers or singing
- Maintaining our distance
- Seating people in the sanctuary in a distanced way with single households seated on their own or households with more than one person together
- Signing in on arrival for contact tracing
- Answering the COVID screening questions for the Greeter as you sign-in
- Being ushered to and from our seats
- Doing all visiting once outside the building
- You can pre-register for in-person services by emailing (office@prairiespirituc.org) or phoning the office ((204) 832-1000). Your name will be placed on a list and used for registration on the service day and will only require a check mark on arrival

Most importantly, we need to share that the services you have been watching on-line will continue on a new schedule. The Sunday services you have been viewing on YouTube have been pre-recorded during the week and set to air at 10:30am on Sunday mornings. With our focus on having our congregational members join us 'live' on Sunday mornings, we are taping the Sunday services and they will now be available to view as of the following Wednesday.

If you have been receiving the email notice announcing the service is available including the link to the service - it will now come to you on Wednesdays.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Sundays if you are able to join us then, or if unable to do so, very pleased to offer you the opportunity to view the service on YouTube later the following week.

Thanks so much,
The Worship Team

[Click here to read the COVID-19 PROTOCOLS for Re-opening to In-Person Worship](#)



Big Thank you to the Property Team (Don O.) for installing this big and beautiful mailbox.

This new mailbox can be found outside the South Entrance and conveniently located on the ground level.

It is locked and has lots of room so any correspondence or envelope dropped off will be kept secure.



Coffee and Conversation on November 24th
Wednesday Morning at 10am

The Happy Gang is inviting YOU to join a Zoom Coffee Time on Wednesday, November 24th 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 24 November at 10am](#)

Look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

Christmas Giving 2021

Christmas Giving this year will look very much like 2020. The Christmas Cheer Board and St Matthews-Maryland Community Ministry would prefer monetary donations as they can access more toys and food that way.

If you would prefer...you can send a cheque to Prairie Spirit United Church and let us distribute your givings to the places you wish to donate to.

Please go to the link in this newsletter for the form and return it to the church by Dec 1. If you cannot print the form, you may get one from the church office or at church on Sunday morning.

Stars and Doves, gifts in memory of or in celebration of a loved one or event will continue as usual. You can use this same form to donate and someone will hang the Star or Dove on the tree and names will be read during the weekly service. If you are attending church in person, you can get your Stars or Doves before the service in the Narthex. They will be available until Dec 18. Stars and Doves support 1JustCity .

Our Mitten Tree will be up this year. You can bring mitts, hats, socks, scarves etc. to the church on Sunday Mornings or drop them off during the week. They will be distributed at our Portage Avenue Food Bank which continues to run every 2 weeks.

Completed forms and cheques can be put in the secure church mailbox or put in the collection plate on Sunday morning.

Your Social Justice Team wish you all a peaceful and safe Christmas 2021.

[Click here for the Christmas 2021 Donation Form](#)

Community News

Windsor Park United Church (1062 Autumnwood Drive) invites you to our **Cookie Drive Thru / Walk Up** in the church parking lot. on **Saturday, November 27, 2021** beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Containers will be pre-packaged and sealed with a minimum of three dozen cookies! Cost is \$10.00 a container (containers are bio-degradable) Cash, debit or credit accepted. All Public Health Protocols followed. Please note this is **NOT** a nut-free environment.

Stories of Our Mission

No Way to Treat a Child: Obaida's Story

13,000 Palestinian children have been detained by Israeli forces and held in military detention facilities since 2000. Your Mission & Service gifts support partners to defend and promote the rights of children living in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip. Thank you!

[Photo credit: DCIP/Matthew Cassel]



Please submit Weekly Updates to the office by **Wednesday morning**.

Please send the article as you would like it to appear, include Title, Write-up, files or posters to be included if any.

Submissions for our December/Christmas Newsletter should be received in the office by **Dec 1st**.

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 & Executive Minutes, Newsletters & Weekly Updates.

PSUC Regular Office Hours are Tues-Fri 10am-2pm

How to Reach us by email:

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