

Here's what's up at Prairie Spirit

## Prairie Spirit United Church

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**Weekly Update – Friday 24 September 2021**

*Join us for Sunday Service virtually:*

September 26 – Susan McIlveen will lead us in worship.

Shirley Lyon will be our scripture reader.

Mark 9:38-50

All services available via [Prairie Spirit YouTube link](#).

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Reverend Susan McIlveen who was ordained into the order of ministry, word and sacrament last Sunday evening. Susan began her discernment process while a member of the congregation at Churchill Park United Church and together with Susan and the Prairie to Pine Region, the folks of CPUC planned a beautiful service. The music was uplifting and the messages were inspiring. People came from across the city and the province to celebrate with Susan as she begins her ministry. One long journey has been successfully concluded; a new one begins.



*Service celebrating the Ordination of Susan Irene McIlveen on September 19, 2021 at Churchill Park United Church, Winnipeg.  
Left to right: Rev. Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister; Rev. Susan McIlveen, Rob Smith, Representing Office of Vocation and the Prairie Candidacy Board; Diane Dwarka Co-Chair of Prairie to Pine Regional Council.*

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Congratulations to Jim and Marlene Taylor  
who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary!

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### **Meat Pies and Turkey Soup**

Time to stock your freezer for Fall. We have just finished making Beef and Turkey pies, \$5.00 each, and an added bonus, Turkey Barley and Turkey Noodle soup \$4.00 each.

Please call Heather 204-795-5569 to order for pickup Tuesday Sept. 28th at 11:30 at the east door. Please have cash or cheque in a sealed envelope with your name and amount on the outside. They go fast so get your order in soon.

Congregational Life and Friends

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### **September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation making September 30th a federal statutory holiday called **the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. The Bill responds to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's [call to action number 80](#) which calls on the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish the holiday to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and honour the survivors, their families, and communities. On September 03, 2021 the Province of Manitoba announced that September 30 will be a holiday for schools and non-essential government services. Additional information is available on the [Prairie to Pine Regional Council website](#)

**Prairie Spirit United Church will be closed on Thursday September 30.**

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# Sept. 30 is Orange Shirt Day.

**Wear orange** to show your support  
for survivors of residential schools.  
**#everychildmatters**

On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential schools.

The summer of 2021 was a summer of orange shirts as Indigenous communities across the country shared the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned from residential schools remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

This Orange Shirt Day is also the first observance of a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For settler Christians in particular, this is a time when we can reflect on our role in colonialism and the residential school system, and our ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

Indigenous Ministries and Justice at The United Church of Canada encourages everyone to participate in [Orange Shirt Day \(opens in a new tab\)](#)!

Why orange? Because of Phyllis Jack Webstad from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, who went to St. Joseph Mission Residential School. On her first day of school, Phyllis wore an orange shirt that her grandmother had given her. It was immediately taken away, and that marked the beginning of Phyllis's long separation from her family and community, a separation caused by actions of the church and federal government.

Orange Shirt Day is a time for us all to remember those events, their ongoing impact, and just as importantly the continuing strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples. Former Healing Programs Coordinator Honarine Scott has written a [powerful reflection](#) on this.

- UCC Website

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## Orange Shirt Day vigil, September 30, 3:00PM in SK

Executive Minister Murray Pruden will be hosting a candle light vigil to honour the children who never made it home from Residential Schools and survivors. Please join us for an evening of remembering and please bring a candle or a light. This gathering will be live broadcast on the Indigenous Ministries and Justice Facebook page, which is accessible to all:  
<https://www.facebook.com/IndigenousMinistries/events>

# Stories of Our Mission

## Wondering What More You Can Do to Become Anti-Racist?

Wondering what more you can do to become anti-racist in your local communities? You aren't alone. [40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#) may be the next step you are looking for.

40 DAYS OF ENGAGEMENT  
on *Anti-Racism*

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 October Newsletter should be received in the office by **TODAY, October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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 will be closed on Thurs. 30 September**

**Susan's Regular Office Hours are Tues-Fri 10am-12noon**

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

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Have a good week everyone!