

# Prairie Spirit United Church

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Weekly Update – Friday 28 July 2023

**Worship on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

Our guest minister is Rev. Dr. James Christie.

Our Scripture Reader is Thomas Ormonde

The scripture passages are: Psalm 105 VU 828 part 1 and Revelations 21:1-4

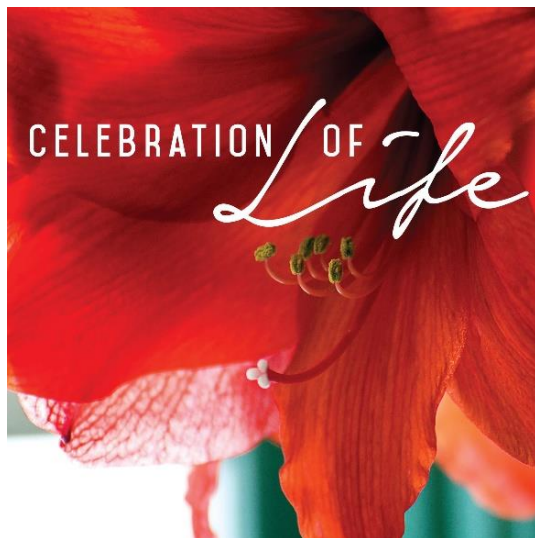
The Theme: Biblical Beasts and How to Best Them

## **What's Happening Over the Summer**

This Sunday is the last Service until September.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable August.

Services will resume on September 10 with Rev. B. Roberts leading worship.



Celebration of Life  
in honour of

**Lou-Anne Buhr**

Friday, August 11, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn

Winnipeg Airport West, 2520 Portage Avenue.

All are welcome.

## NEWS FROM THE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

### Good News From The Oversight Council

I am very happy to announce that the Nominating Team has finalized the slate of officers by filling the positions of Oversight Council Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. If approved by our Community of Faith, this would fulfill the last of 5 requirements set out by the Prairie to Pine Regional Council in order for Prairie Spirit to be deemed viable.

At a Community of Faith Meeting on September 24th, the following proposal will be put before the congregation for their approval.

1. Val Goodridge would move from Acting Chair to Chairperson of the Oversight Council until the Annual Meeting in early 2024.
2. Pat Rothney would become Vice Chairperson; agreeing to assume the Chairperson position at the Annual Meeting in early 2024.
3. Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk would become the Past Chairperson until the Annual Meeting in early 2024.

Once this is completed, Prairie Spirit will be able to move forward with initiatives that we have been waiting to pursue. Reports and plans for future leadership will then be shared and acted upon. Work of the Nominating Team will continue as we determine future leadership roles in the church. For example, with Pat Rothney assuming more responsibilities on the Oversight Council, the Worship Team will need several volunteers. In addition, our viability provides the opportunity to begin the process for a search for a new minister. Details of this process will be shared at a later date.

There is an exciting future for our Community of Faith and we trust that everyone will want to participate in making Prairie Spirit United Church a vibrant part of the St James community.

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### Donation To 1Just City

In May the congregation was informed of the Oversight Council's plan to donate \$5,000.00 to 1Just City in support of indigenous programming and training. Feed back was requested.

The following motion was passed unanimously at the June 26th Oversight Council meeting.

#### MOTION

Moved by Linda Uhrich

Seconded by Pat Rothney

That Prairie Spirit United Church donate \$5,000.00 to 1Just City for Indigenous Programming and Training.

This initiative was first proposed by Doris Orchyk and brought to the floor of the Annual Meeting last April by Jeanie McAlpine. We are pleased that this donation will be made by our Community of Faith in the spirit of reconciliation.



## LAST CALL FOR SUNDAY SUNDAES

What could be better on a warm summer day than  
ICE CREAM.

Donations are welcome.

**All proceeds raised will go to the Cool Project.**  
Help Social Justice support this valuable project.



Did you know the program **Tabs for Wheelchairs** is still going strong??? Save your drink can tabs this August and bring them to the church in September. It's a great cause and easy to do. The more tabs the more wheelchairs available for those children in need. Click on the link below if you would like more information.

<https://www.manitobapossible.ca/stories/strength-in-numbers>

# Root to Rise: a climate workshop

Led by climate motivator Eli Kanhai

Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30-11:30am at the United Church in Meadowood (1111 Dakota St.)

Please join us for a climate awareness workshop! With the goal of encouraging you to take climate action, develop an environmental awareness and create a richer, more meaningful connection to the earth and people who make up your everyday lives, *Root to Rise* is meant for people of all backgrounds, regardless of how you consider the climate now. All you need is an open heart and mind. (There will be snacks)

Sign up: <https://forms.gle/fwwSRBRUZPNQFsjF9>



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**Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Join us to welcome everyone back to Prairie Spirit after our August apart.

Invite a friend or two or three, attend the service and stay for a special lunch and a time of fellowship afterwards.

- Congregational Life



# Stories of Our Mission

## Learning the Gospel at Camp

Children come together at United Church camps across Canada to learn the gospel in a safe and supportive environment. Through campfire stories, hiking, music, canoeing, and so much more, campers gain confidence while enjoying unique activities and exploring their curiosity. Mission and Service support gives many children the opportunity to have these affirming and defining experiences.



[Image credit: Cave Springs Camp]

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Sun 30 July	10:30am	PSUC Worship
	10am-2pm	Christ Church Global Ministry
Mon		
Tues		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Regular Office Hours in August are Tue & Thurs 10am-2pm Please call before planning a visit to the church.		
The office will be open Tuesdays and Thursday in August 2023. For a church emergency, please contact Val Goodridge. For a Pastoral Care emergency, please contact Bryan Gawryluk. There will be no Sunday Services, PA Food Bank, or Weekly Updates in August.		

If you have an announcement in August, **Please make your submission to the office as soon as you are able.**

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

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.

If you would like to sign up for email editions of our Weekly Update and Newsletter, please contact the church office