

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Please call before planning a visit to the church.

Weekly Update – Friday 15 September 2023

Worship on Sunday, Sept 17th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday's worship service will be led by the Worship and Faith Formation Team.

The scripture reader will be Thomas Ormonde.

The scripture passages are:

Psalm 19 Verses 1-3

Romans 13: 8-12

Theme: Creation in Ojibway Tradition

We are VERY EXCITED to unveil and dedicate the new PSUC Creation Banner!

What's Happening for the month of September

Sept 24th, 2023: The Social Justice and Outreach Team are leading our Orange Shirt Day service with guest speaker Niigaan Sinclair joined by a guest musician Melanie Stevenson, an Indigenous drummer and vocalist.

Oct. 1, 2023: The Worship Team is leading the service with special guest Right Reverend Carmen Lansdowne - United Church of Canada Moderator providing the sermon and presiding over communion for World Communion Sunday.

Link to get to know Carmen:

<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/organization-and-governance/moderator/right-rev-dr-carmen-lansdowne-44th-moderator/who-carmen-lansdowne>

This is also our 5th Anniversary as Prairie Spirit United Church!!



There is a sign up sheet on a bulletin board in the narthex.

Your help is greatly appreciated and if there are any questions please call Marg Fisher.

Introducing the new PSUC Creation Banner

We are in the church season of Pentecost, 2nd portion commonly known as Common Time but recently focused on Creation.

To reflect our respect and understanding of creation as well as an intentional act of reconciliation, the Worship & FF Team commissioned a new banner depicting creation in the Ojibway tradition. The banner was designed by Darlene McPherson, Stewart Hill and Phyllis Poole.

The banner was made by Darlene with Stewart's guidance and Phyllis' assistance.

This week we are introducing the last two spirit animals who came forward to help, telling their story.



Beaver:

Beaver is another animal that volunteers to help build Turtle Island.

The beaver teaches us wisdom.

He teaches us that we all have a purpose in Life.

Muskrat:

Small and oftentimes overlooked, the muskrat is the last animal to volunteer to gather the much needed soil to build Turtle Island.

Many of the other animals scoffed at the idea of the muskrat diving so deep!

After all, the muskrat is not known as a diving animal. Only the Creator can pass judgment and so the little muskrat was allowed to try...



Notice of Meeting

**Community of Faith Meeting
Prairie Spirit Sanctuary
Sunday, September 24th
12:00 Noon**

This Community of Faith Meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve an Oversight Council Chairperson
2. To approve an Oversight Council Vice Chairperson
3. To approve the following revision to the Governance Document:

D1 Membership (Oversight Council)

Addition of 2 Member At Large positions

G Terms - a new #6

Term shall be two years, beginning at the Annual meeting or a Community of Faith Meeting.
May be extended to one additional term.

F Position Descriptions

- Serve as a liaison between the Community of Faith and the Oversight Council.
- Attend Oversight Council meetings in order to stay up to date with the Council's activities.
- Participate on the Oversight Council with full voting privileges
- Share ideas, guidance and expertise with the Oversight Council
- Potentially facilitate special projects and accept duties as needed by the Oversight Council
- Respect, uphold, and support collective Oversight Council decisions
- Maintain confidentiality of Oversight Council deliberations.

Following this brief meeting, the congregation will meet in table groups for a guided discussion of our vision for Prairie Spirit and our future ministry needs.

Please plan to attend this important Community of Faith Meeting.

Community of Faith Profile

The **DRAFT** Community of Faith Profile is available for review by the congregation. While many hours have been spent drafting this document, it is open to suggestions from the community of faith. Feedback received at the September 24th meeting and discussion, will be taken into consideration prior to the final draft being determined.

As this profile is a draft, it is not to be copied or circulated.

The Prairie Spirit United Church DRAFT Community of Faith Profile is available to read in the office.



The Prairie Spirit Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden was a beautiful place to spend some time this summer! Many thanks to our gardening team.

The perennials and annual flowers put on a colourful show with ever changing colour. The bees enjoyed the sunflowers that were grown and planted by Darlene and the youth.

Right now, our hydrangeas are particularly lovely as they change from white to pink with the cooler nights.

If you haven't visited the garden this year, take time this week to visit this beautiful, contemplative space.





It's Finished!

As many of you know, we have been in the process of having the basement flooring replaced. Over the past 4-5 weeks, the old tiles were replaced with vinyl plank flooring. The floor in the Sturgeon Room as well as the hallway, washrooms and stairs have been replaced. If you are interested in supporting this capital project, please make a donation to the Building Fund. We invite all to come down and have a look.



Did you know the program **Tabs for Wheelchairs** is still going strong??? Save your drink can tabs and bring them to the church. 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>

Community News

Truth and Reconciliation Week September 25-30, 2023

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, University of Manitoba, invites you to join their Daily Virtual Lunch and Learns for an immersive experience to UN-learn the myths of colonial history in Canada. All are welcome. Please click the link below for more information and to register.

<https://nctr.ca/education/coming-soon-truth-and-reconciliation-week-2023/trw2023-gen/>



The poster features a bright sun in the top left, a green apple and a corn cob in the bottom left and right respectively, and a logo in the top right that says 'NOURISHING OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD' with icons of a house, a person, and a tree. The main title 'COMMUNITY FOODSHARE 2023' is in large green and pink letters. Below it, a yellow box contains the text: 'Support people with limited access to food in your neighbourhood. Grow a row of vegetables. Pick and share fruit. Donate grocery items. Deliver to :'. The delivery locations are listed in a table with two columns: 'LOCATION' and 'DROP-OFF DETAILS'.

LOCATION	DROP-OFF DETAILS
529 COUNTRY CLUB BLD 55+ Housing	MONDAY to FRIDAY 9:00-4:00 Phone or text with subject "Food Delivery" to 204-888-5534
125 CARRIAGE RD 55+ Housing	MONDAY to FRIDAY 9:00-4:00 Email with subject "Food Delivery" to Nicholas.Rush@gov.mb.ca
22 STRAUSS DR Manitoba Housing	MONDAY to FRIDAY 9:00-4:00 Email with subject "Food Delivery" to Nicholas.Rush@gov.mb.ca
825 SCHOOL RD The Salvation Army	MONDAY to FRIDAY 9:00-3:00 Phone: 204-889-9203
170 HENDON AVE Manitoba Housing	THURSDAYS Phone or text with subject "Food Delivery" to 204-619-4634
1-225 DONCASTER ST Tuxedo Family Resource Centre	TO ARRANGE DROP OFF Phone: 204-488-2133

For inquiries about the Food Security Network, call Kathy Perrault @204-223-0934

Stories of Our Mission

Breaking Down Barriers to Education

Every child has the right to learn. But school fees, violence, child labour, and discrimination mean that in some parts of the world, too many children can't go to school. Mission and Service partner [Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children](#) (KAACR) brings together child rights organizations to share information about child protection and safeguarding and helps to support children in schools.



[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE		
Sun 17 Sept	9:30am	PSUC Choir
	10:30am	PSUC Worship
Mon		
Tues		
Wed		
Thu 21	1:30pm	Trustee & Finance Meeting
Fri 22		Portage Avenue Food Bank
Sat		
Regular Office Hours are Tue-Fri 10am-2pm Please call before planning a visit to the church.		

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.

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, please contact the church office.