

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Please call before planning a visit to the church.

Weekly Update – Friday 8 September 2023

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

This Sunday's worship service will be led by Rev. Barbara Roberts.

Our Scripture Reader will be Pat Rothney.

The scripture passages are:

Psalm 104

Genesis 1-2:3 with insights from Rev. Barbara Roberts

Theme: Creation

Bennet Charter is returning as our Music Leader for the 2023-24 church year!

The choir is also returning as of this service.

Thoughts & Prayers

- Our thoughts and prayers are with **all those returning to schools**, training centres, colleges and universities this week including students, teachers, those in support roles and parents. As a new school year begins we are aware of some issues and challenges in some areas of our province and our country related to the high cost of school supplies, staffing shortages and support for 2SLGBTQ+ students.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **all those impacted in any way by the wildfires** that continue to burn throughout Canada especially in and around Hay River, N.W.T. We pray for safe travels and patience this week for those evacuees beginning to return to Yellowknife after three weeks away. We are grateful for the many firefighters and first responders from all around the world who have come to assist with what has become a record-breaking wildfire season and for those who are putting in place return plans for their communities.



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

WELCOME BACK!

It is difficult to believe that summer is over and fall is upon us! At Prairie Spirit the arrival of September means that soon we will be reconnecting and re-energizing as a faith community. We will be together, sitting, singing and praying in communion with one another.

There are many exciting services with special guests planned for the fall months. You won't want to miss a Sunday so let's get started! Put on your name tag, grab your coffee mug and come back to church.

**On September 10th, celebrate being back together
in the sanctuary at Prairie Spirit!**

The Oversight Council

What's Happening for the month of September

Sept 17th, 2023: The Worship Team is leading the service and we are VERY EXCITED to unveil and dedicate a new Creation Banner!

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 singing and on guitar.

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!!



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 Board's deliberations.

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

Please plan to attend this important Community of Faith Meeting

Val Goodridge
Acting Oversight Council Chairperson

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 be made 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.

Over this and the next Weekly Update we are introducing the spirit animals that are on the banner and telling their story in creation.



Loon: Loon is the first volunteer to come forward to help get the soil necessary to build Turtle Island. Loon is respected for her beautiful feather's and flute like song. One story tells how Loon showed kindness to a blind man and was gifted her beautiful necklace.

Otter: Playful and full of joy, Otter also volunteered to dive and gather the necessary soil to build Turtle Island. Otter is also attributed as the animal that taught humans the Medicine Wheel. He also was awarded his lush fur and big bright eyes for his bravery. Otter was able to put the Sun in its proper place so it would no longer burn the Earth with its heat.



Two further spirit animals will be introduced in next week's Weekly Update. Stay tuned!

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 bottom of the poster has a green grassy field.

COMMUNITY FOODSHARE 2023

NOURISHING OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
St. James & Assiniboine South
Food Security Network
in partnership with Wabana Public Health
est. 2021

Support people with limited access to food in your neighbourhood.
Grow a row of vegetables. Pick and share fruit. Donate grocery items.
Deliver to :

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

Providing Tuition Assistance

[Hamdan wants to become a doctor someday](#). This young teenager dreams big amidst the daily struggles that he and his family face. Hamdan and many other children in Lebanon are at risk of losing their education because economic crises have plunged their families into poverty. Your support through Mission and Service helps remove barriers for teenagers like Hamdan so they can work toward their dreams.



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Sun 10 Sept	9:30am	PSUC Choir
	10:30am	PSUC Worship
Mon		
Tues		
Wed		
Thu 14	10am	Worship and FF Meeting
Fri		
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.