

# Prairie Spirit United Church

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**Please call before planning a visit to the church.**

Weekly Update – Friday 6 October 2023

**Worship on Sunday, Oct 8th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

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

Our scripture reader is Carol Blacher.

Scripture passages are:

**Psalm 95** (*Part One*) VU814

**Matthew 21:33-46**

Our guest soloist is: Deidra Borus

Theme: Thanksgiving

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## What's Happening for the Month of October

Sunday October 15th is World Food Day: Social Justice is leading the service and welcoming guest speaker, Dave Wiebe, a farmer with C.O.O.L.

Sunday October 22nd will be led by Rev. Dr. James Christie.

Sunday October 29th we welcome back Rev. Deborah Vitt to lead our worship service.



As a reminder our caretaker Manny will be moving into a new Habitat home that is being built in Transcona this year. To show our support for the Habitat volunteers, we will be providing snacks next week on October 11-13. If you are able to provide a dozen snacks (cookies, muffins, oranges or bananas) please contact Gwenda Matieshin at 204-795-2006 (call or text). Arrangements to either drop off at Gwenda's home or pickup can be arranged.

# Notice of Meeting

**Community of Faith Meeting  
Sunday, October 15th  
12:00 Noon**

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

**To approve the Community of Faith Profile.**

Please plan to attend.

The Writing Team reviewed all the feedback from the Table Group discussions on Sunday, September 24th. Based on the most common responses, revisions have been made to the profile.

[Follow this link to the Community of Faith Profile:](#)



The Worship and Faith Formation Team has undertaken an upgrade to our audio microphones, both wired and wireless, to improve sound during our services.

As with all things new, we have and will encounter glitches as we work with these new tools. We are asking for your patience and understanding.

We anticipate the issues will be resolved in the next couple of weeks.

We ask you to be our partner in this work by giving us feedback as to what is working or not from your position in the pews.

Please speak to Judy Restall or Pat Rothney with your feedback.

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# From the Oversight Council

## Replacement of Flooring in the Rainbow Room

It has come to the attention of the Oversight Council that some congregants were surprised when the flooring was replaced in the lower level of our building. The Council was remiss in not informing the Community of Faith of the reasons for this decision before the work was undertaken. I will endeavor to correct that omission now.

The Property Team has been concerned about the condition of the flooring in the Rainbow Room and other areas in the lower level for several years. Recently the floor has become a serious hazard that could cause a slip and fall injury. The Rainbow Room is one of Prairie Spirit's most valuable spaces both for our own use and for rentals. It is in constant use seven days a week by people of all ages and abilities. The safety of those using this space is of utmost importance therefore replacing the floor had definitely become a priority.

The Property Team gathered quotes and brought a motion to the May 29, 2023 Oversight Council meeting. Council members agreed that the flooring needed to be replaced and discussed the timing of the work. With PSUC closed in August there was a window to have the work done this year or it would have to wait until the summer of 2024. The Council agreed that with new renters coming in the fall, the work could not wait a year. The motion to replace the flooring passed unanimously.

It was unfortunate that this expenditure was not part of the budget presented to the Community of Faith on April 2, 2023. Although replacing the flooring was a substantial expenditure, we have the financial ability to maintain the safety and security of our building. The work needed to be done and the Oversight Council has the duty to approve capital expenditures for any project or asset not previously specified by the Community of Faith. Be assured that the Oversight Council will always act in a way that is prudent and protects the people who use Prairie Spirit for worship, fellowship, meetings and other gatherings.

Blessings,

Val Goodridge, Oversight Council Chairperson

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**Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in drink tabs.**

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 here to read the Tabs for Wheelchairs October Newsletter.](#)





Although you haven't heard from us for awhile, the HHH Team is still hard at work contributing to Habitat for Humanity Manitoba and our caretaker, Manny Kambale's new HfHM home. Our team now consists of approximately 18 volunteers who are committed to volunteering their time, talent and resources to helping Manny and HfHM build homes here in Winnipeg.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Thom, Gwenda & Reid Matieshin and Linda & Dennis Bitton spent the day volunteering at the HfHM build site in Transcona. It was a beautiful day and, although we may have come home with sore muscles, we each had big smiles of satisfaction for a day well spent! Joycelyn & Bryan Gawryluk have signed up to work at the build site October 5<sup>th</sup>. Others may have joined them. All in all, the HHH Team has accumulated many "Friends and Family" sweat-equity work hours going towards Manny's new home.

But we're not finished yet! The HHH team is planning to provide snacks for the HfHM volunteer workers for a few days this month. Donations toward HfHM (receiptable) and Manny's HfHM home (non-receiptable) have been steadily accumulating. For that we are truly thankful. Send your donations to the PSUC office.

Also... we have EXCITING NEWS about an upcoming "Coffee House" fund raiser at PSUC! Mark your calendar. Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 until 9 p.m. A Coffee House-type event will be held in the PSUC Narthex that evening with music provided by two wonderful musicians, Chuck Kroeker and Bruce Waldie. Refreshments and desserts will be available for sale. It will be a great time to meet up with your friends and neighbours for fellowship and laughter. More information and pre-sale tickets will be available soon. You won't want to miss this event! Stay tuned...





OCTOBER 2023

Dear Friends,

Just a short note to update you on Tabs for Wheelchairs. On June 22, at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we were finally able to have an assembly in Holy Cross School's gym and present our 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> wheelchairs to Bernard & Hayden, and what a special day it was! We also had the opportunity and pleasure to meet Kyrie, who will be our 2024 recipient. For those who didn't get to watch CTV's coverage of the event, you will be able to at the end of this letter.

Thank you to everyone for helping us achieve this milestone! Your participation and dedication to this program is the reason we have accomplished this wonderful goal! You can be very proud of what we have been able to do in these last 25 years! A special thanks goes out to those who take the time to drop off their tabs, cans and metals of all kinds to Western Scrap Metals in Winnipeg or Wesman Salvage in Brandon. This definitely adds greatly to our total! Please remember to always inform them that it is for "Tabs for Wheelchairs".

Our program has been blessed once again by our generous donor of the last five years. This family is wanting to give six specialized wheelchairs, in memory of my son, Anthony, as it was the sixth anniversary of his passing in June. Thank you so much, and I know Anthony would have been very pleased to be remembered **with anything to do with those precious little tabs!**

A few weeks ago, Western Scrap Metals presented me with a cheque for **\$6758.60**, plus a \$100 donation. Over the last year, **10,237 lbs.** of aluminum tabs and **857 lbs.** of miscellaneous metals were brought to their place. This is a little less than the previous year because this year the collection of tabs was for only 9 months while the year before was for 12. **Wesman Salvage** in Brandon has also given us a cheque for **\$1614.44**. It is so nice to have another location in our province to receive tabs and metals of all kinds and keep a running tab for our program! A big thank you to both of these companies for all that they do for us!

**Trailblazers Life Choices** must also be mentioned and recognized as they have been a tremendous asset to the program by bagging all the tabs delivered to them, both in Winnipeg and Steinbach. **Important to note: both locations will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Friday, Dec. 22 – Monday, Jan. 8.**

The following is a picture taken at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June of myself, the 2023 recipients (Bernard and Hayden), and our 2024 recipient, Kyrie.



At our June assembly, CTV was present and the following is a clip of that event. Just go to the following link (the news clip follows after a couple of brief advertisements:

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2713646>

Please continue the great work you are doing and to continue to save tabs for Kyrie! Our next newsletter will be in April 2024.

Wishing everyone Peace, Happiness and Good Health always!

Gwen Buccini  
Tabs for Wheelchairs Coordinator

## Community News



The 2023 Angel of Joy is now available for purchase!

The Angels of Joy are available in a limited quantity. These ornaments are handcrafted by stained glass artist and Oak Table Board member, Leo Boiteau. Leo and his wife, Lynn are donating the angels to Oak Table, because angels feed the hungry.

Each Angel has the word Joy engraved on one side, and the year on the other, making them a perfect Christmas gift, hostess gift, I miss you gift, or a treat just for you as they come in a gift box ready for wrapping. In future, Leo will make an Angel of Love. You can collect them all!

Pass on a little Joy to someone today, and that will help us pass it on to our guests.

Angels are \$50.00 and you will receive a \$35 donation receipt, making it easy to support the under-served and under-loved in our community.

[Click here to buy an Angel](#)



Presenter

**Dorothy Stephens**

Advance Care Planning Educator, Dying with Dignity Canada

**Saturday October 14 at 10am-1pm**

Coffee, tea and muffins provided

A **FREE** workshop

Presented by The Pastoral Care Committee

60 places



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## Stories of Our Mission

### Geeta's Story

When Geeta's husband died, she not only lost her life partner but also her home. Because she was no longer married, her in-laws wouldn't allow her to stay in their multi-generational residence. That's when she turned to Mission and Service partner Astha Sansthan's Association of Strong Women Alone for help.



[Image credit: Astha Sansthan's Association of Strong Women Alone]

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Sun 8 Oct	9:30am	PSUC Choir
	10:30am	PSUC Worship
Mon		
Tues 10	10 am	Worship and FF Meeting
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
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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.