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Please call before planning a visit to the church.

Weekly Update – Friday 10 November 2023

Worship on Sunday, Nov. 12th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday's service will be led by Rev. Ken DeLisle.

Our scripture reader is Michael Hill.

The scripture reading is Psalm 139 verses 1-16

What's Happening for the Month of November

Sunday November 19th will be led by Rev. Deborah Vitt.

Sunday November 26th: Reign of Christ Sunday written by Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell with Darlene McPherson as the Worship Leader and Rob providing a recorded sermon.

Thoughts and Prayers

- While many Communities of Faith held services on Remembrance Day themes this past Sunday, this coming week as we move toward November 11th the official day known as **Remembrance Day** in Canada, we continue to remember and give thanks for all those who, past and present, have given of themselves for the cause of world peace through military service, humanitarian support, advocacy and dialogue. We remember individuals directly involved in conflict situations and family, friends and communities impacted by the realities of warfare and the advances of peace.

It is with regret we share with you the recent death of **Hazel Brock**. Hazel and her husband, Al, were long time, faithful members of Sturgeon Creek United Church. Hazel and Al were very involved in the community of faith making many contributions to the life and work of the church. Please hold Hazel's family in your thoughts and prayers. A private service will be held in the future.



Another long time member of Sturgeon Creek United Church passed away on October 12th,

**Elizabeth (Beth)
Derraugh.**

Her family is planning a private remembrance for her in the future. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Pancake Breakfast



Supporting the COOL Grow Project

Saturday November 18

9-11 AM

Silver Heights Restaurant

Tickets \$20

Second helping and Children's Tickets
also available.



The HHH Team here at PSUC is pleased to announce our **COFFEE HOUSE FUND RAISER** for Habitat for Humanity Manitoba and our caretaker, Manny Kambale's new HfHM home. Mark your calendars! The evening of Wednesday, November 22nd opening at 7:00 P.M. Musical entertainment by Chuck Kroeker and Bruce Waldie. Reservations are a MUST.

Don't have dessert at home – there will be plenty to choose from at our Coffee House! Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, soft drinks and water will be available. Cost: A donation to this very worthwhile cause.

Invite your family! Invite your friends! Invite your neighbours! BUT... you must make a reservation! (We need to know numbers for supplies.) To reserve, call, text or email Sharon Thom (office will forward). Give her your name & number of reservations you require.

- Phone: 204-918-8714
- Text: 204-918-8714
- Email: office@prairiespirituc.org

This will be a great time to meet up with friends and neighbours for fellowship and laughter. We guarantee you'll have a most enjoyable evening AND help Habitat for Humanity Manitoba build houses for Manitobans.

HHH Team



Do you want to shape the future of Prairie Spirit United Church? Opportunity knocks if that is the case. A search team will be constituted in the near future in the interest of hiring a minister for PSUC. If this is an area of interest for you, particularly if you have some HR experience, please contact Val Goodridge, Chairperson of the Oversight Council at valgoodridge@shaw.ca. As well, if you have the name of someone to suggest, feel free to convey that idea as well. Once all names are received, a process will be undertaken to determine a Team which represents our community of faith.

7 Winter Jackets and 20 Fall Jackets/ Fleece have been delivered to Oak Table this last week.



Winter has arrived!

This year we are collecting clean, gently used coats for all ages. Please hang them on the rack in the Narthex and we will sort and deliver them to the Oak Table as they come in.

Bring in hats and mitts and place on The Mitten Tree in the Narthex.

Thank you.

Social Justice and Outreach Team

UCW AND PORTAGE AVENUE FOOD BANK

Just a gentle reminder that we are asking for your donations to the Touch & Take Table (gently used household items, coffee mugs, kids story books, coloring books, crayons, cards, games, jewellery, Xmas decorations, ornaments, gift bags, small toys, toques, mitts, scarves, socks, anything that is useful, does not have to be new, just gently used)

A box is at the South Parking Lot Door for donation drop-offs prior to November 26th.

Food Bank clientele has vastly increased, so this is where we need additional help from our cookie bakers. Cookies can be bought or home made with three put in plastic snack bags for distribution. (if put in the freezer, please identify as Food Bank). The cookies could be made and frozen, and delivered to the church by November 26th.

Thank you for your help. For more information please contact any member of the UCW.

Sunday 5 November 2023

We were blessed to have two gifted and knowledgeable speakers from our Community of Faith provide insights into Canada's people who served. More specifically, Ivan Poitras spoke of the number of Canadian individuals who were present in the many arenas with all branches of the military in the 1900s with a focus on where and the roles women took.

Darlene McPherson provided a personal and detailed account of Robert George Thomas (Bob) Kellow (RAF Flight Lieutenant), a former Sturgeon Creek United Church Member. Bob was a member of the newly formed strategic squadron called the 'Dambusters.' Bob published the squadron's experience in a book titled "Paths to Freedom" which was made into a movie in 1955 '*The Dam Busters*.'

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to John and Judy Lawrence for decorating the Communion plus one other table for Remembrance Day which included war artifacts from Minto Armories. John also brought a free standing display that was in the Narthex for folks to view and read.



The Blue Beret was worn by Ivan Poitras while serving on a United Nations peace keeping mission in the Sinai Desert.

Some years later, the Rust Beret was worn by John Lawrence on a subsequent peace keeping mission in the Sinai Desert.

The combat boots were worn by a soldier stationed in Afghanistan.

The water bottle and mess kit were standard issue for the soldier to use when out on duty.



The helmet sitting by the open bible on the right was worn by soldiers during the first and second World Wars. The hole on the top was made by shrapnel hitting the helmet and luckily the soldier was only grazed and returned to active duty.

The other two helmets, on the left, were worn by Canadian soldiers in the Korean War and other more recent conflicts.

The Unit that John Lawrence is a part of has put together and maintains a historical museum exhibit at the Minto Armouries which is open on Tuesday afternoons for all who are interested.

Community News

St. Mary Charleswood Office Administrator Ad.

St. Mary Charleswood is looking for a part time contract Office Administrator (15 hours per week).
For a detailed job description, e mail stmary1@mymts.net or phone 204 - 832 - 1302.

St Charles Headingley United Church - UCW Home Made Pie Raffle

What is your Favorite?

Apple / Raisin
Chocolate Cream
Cherry / Pecan
Key Lime Chiffon
Lemon Chiffon
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Tickets:

\$2.00 each OR



3 for \$5.00

Win
One Home Baked
Pie
Per Month
For
12 Months

Contact Darlene 204-255-1123 or Carol 204-895-9179

*Proceeds for The Children's Rehabilitation Center
– Early Essentials Equipment Program for Infants.*

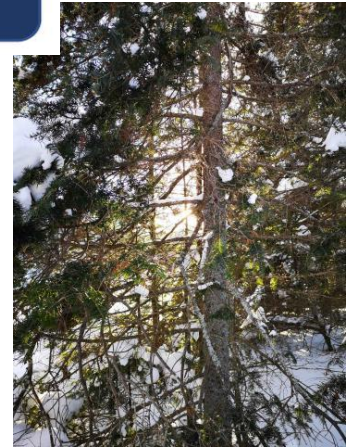
**Draw: Wednesday, December 3rd – 10:30 am at Church
110 Bridge Road, Headingley - Licence #RMH-16/23**

Stories of Our Mission

Compassion into Action

Acts of compassion, both big and small, give rise to peace. We can't wave a magic wand and bring about world peace, but with [every act of compassion](#) we harness the power of love, the same love Jesus lived and died for and that he promised would move mountains.

[Image credit: Lindsay Vatour]



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Sun 12 Nov	9:30am	PSUC Choir
	10:30am	PSUC Worship
Mon		Choralfest Week
Tues		
Wed		
Thu		
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.