

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Weekly Update – Friday 08 March 2024

Worship is on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

This Sunday's service will be led by Rev. Don Johnson
with a Celebration of PIE DAY.

Sermon: The Wisdom of God's Foolishness

Our scripture reader is Barry Campbell

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 3: 14-21



The Search Team formed in early January to seek a full time called minister has completed their work. This Sunday, March 10th at a community of faith meeting, the Search team will present their recommendation. The meeting can only be held with a member of the Pastoral Relations Commission in attendance. Rev. Harold Kenyon who is a minister at Carman, Manitoba is our designated liaison. 1:00 pm. Is the earliest that he can be in attendance. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Joycelyn Fournier-Gawryluk, Chairperson, Search Team

What's Happening for March

Sunday March 17th will be led by Rev. Don Johnson.

Sunday March 24th - Palm Sunday - will be led by Rev. Irene Greenwood.

Friday March 29th - Good Friday - will be led by Rev. Don Johnson.

Sunday March 31st - Easter Sunday - will be led by Retired Lay Worship Leader, Rita Swan.

National Affirming Day / PIE Day:

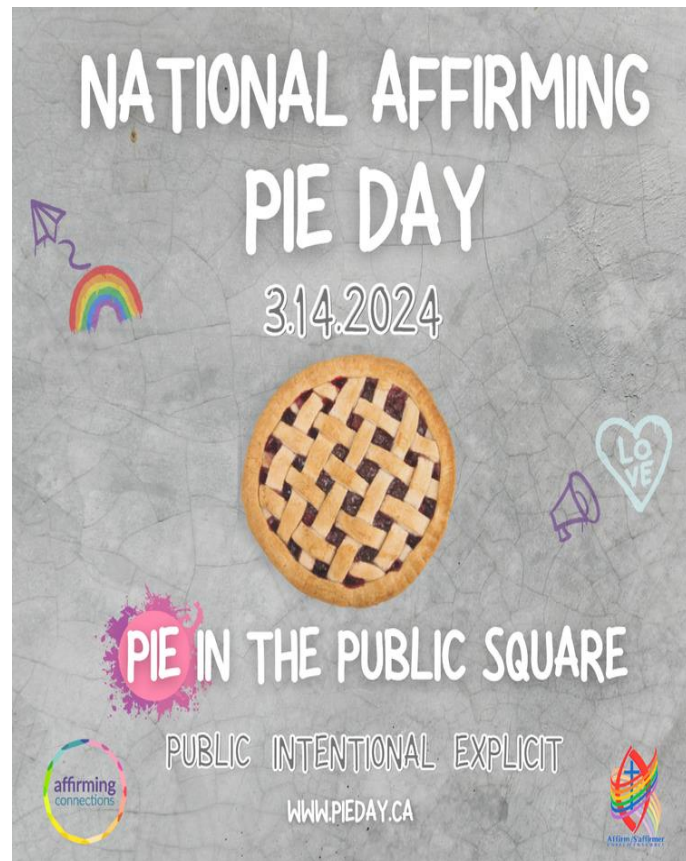
Why PIE? PIE = Public, to show up and give support, Intentional, to learn more, Explicit in written statements. Those are the standards we hold ourselves to when we seek to live into being Affirming, Welcoming, or Inclusive Communities of Faith.

March 14, (3.14 - pi - get it?!) is a special day, set aside, to celebrate the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ and 2 Spirit People in faith communities and beyond!

This day also reminds and challenges us to continue widening our welcome and using the concepts of PIE Day to embody love and celebrate gender and sexual diversity in all its forms, all year long.

Another reason for PIE is because everyone loves pie.

Please stay and enjoy a piece of pie after this Sunday's service.



LENT

Rev. Dr. James Christie will be away on March 13.

The next session is **Wednesday March 20th.**

We meet at 10am at PSUC
in the Kirkfield Park Meeting Room, off of the Narthex.

Your Social Justice and Outreach Team invites you to bring a can or bag of ground coffee to church to assist the West End Ministry (formerly St Matthews Maryland) with their drop-in coffee time. They are beginning their outreach programme in their new location in the former Balmoral Hotel This is one way we can help them get started. Look for a bin in the narthex next Sunday. . Our coffee drive will continue until mid March. Thanks for your support.

Last day to contribute coffee is this Sunday March 10th.



EASTER COOKIES FOR HOMEBOUND

We are planning once again to deliver cookies and Easter cards to the Homebound.

We are looking for your help. Donations of cookies, no nuts please, to be labeled and dropped off to the freezer in the Sunrise room by Fri. Mar. 22.

A big part of this outreach is to deliver and have a short visit with the recipient. We have received many wonderful comments about this outreach. Will you help us?

A yellow Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex on Sunday.

Community News

**Centre Flavie-Laurent
301 Archibald St. Winnipeg, MB R2J 0W6
(204) 231-9513**

This is a charity which offers newcomers and others in need, a place to “shop” for free. Centre Flavie-Laurent gratefully accepts furniture, clothing, bedding, tools, all the necessities for setting up a home. In great demand are children’s books and toys.

If you have large, heavy items too large for your vehicle, arrangements can be made for a pick-up. No charge.

Tax receipts are available on request, when you provide a list of items you donate.

Stories of Our Mission

Two Years of War in Ukraine

Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, sparked a humanitarian crisis and has left more than 30,000 people dead. As of January 2024, more than 3.6 million people are displaced within the country and about 6.3 million others have sought refuge abroad. After two years of war, your help is still needed to address this ongoing crisis.

Your donations are supporting the work of people like Budolai and Katya, who put their faith into action to help Ukrainian refugees arriving in their country along with the people they were originally called to serve.



Sun 10 Mar	10:30am	PSUC Choir
	11:30am	PSUC Worship
	1pm	Community of Faith Meeting
Mon 11		Annual Report Submission Deadline
Tues 12	10am	Worship and FF Meeting
Wed		
Thu 14	2pm	Tone Chimes
Fri		
Sat 16	11am	Production Team Meeting
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.