

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Weekly Update – Friday 12 July 2024

Worship is on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday's service will be led by Rev. Scott Macauley.

Guest Musician – Chuck Kroeker

Our scripture reader is Carol Blacher.

Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Missed last Sunday July 7th? Listen to the Sermon at:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1437418/15370247>

Looking Ahead

Worship on July 21st and July 28th will be led by Rev. Scott Macauley.

There will be no services in August 2024.

In-Person Worship will resume on Sunday 8 September 2024.

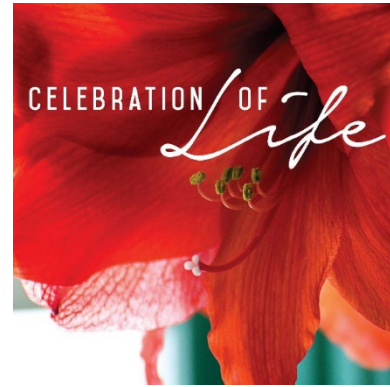
Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of **Lorna Mack**, a long time member of Sturgeon Creek, who passed away on July 5, 2024. Her family is planning a private remembrance for her in the future.

Douglas Wayne Cottrell
October 1, 1956 – March 29, 2024

Celebration of Life
will be held at Prairie Spirit United Church
on Friday 19 July 2024 beginning at 11am.

Refreshments to follow.



"A Library of Life"

During my first week at Prairie Spirit, I spent a considerable amount of time packing up books from my old office and unpacking them here in my new office.

Like most ministers, I have an affinity for books and over the years I have accumulated lots and lots of books. I took this "move" time as an opportunity to thin out my collection and create some space for new books. What I was not expecting

however was that this act of sorting, purging and moving was not only a physical activity but also an emotional activity since each book I looked at carried its own story and significance. As I held each book, memories would flood back making it all the more difficult to make a decision. I had to ask myself: do I keep this book or repurpose it? Some books were bought at conferences I attended and written by author's I had met; some were resources and studies that I once used for worship services or Christian education; others were more spiritual in nature and held their own personal significance because they had helped me through my own ups and downs in life. Some decisions were easy since a few books were simply outdated or irrelevant to post-modern church realities. Other decisions were more difficult because even though outdated, they still held strong memories that were positive and good. So many books...so many decisions...everything so deeply personal.

All these recollections stirred a sense of both nostalgia and gratitude within me that in the end allowed me to honour the journey that has brought me to this point. Finally, with the decisions made of which books made the non-negotiable box, I unpacked them with a sense of intentionality and new purpose, asking myself how I would group them, arrange them, and shelf them. This was a chance to create a space that was different than the last.

I guess what I am trying to share with you is that in the end, this process of thinning, packing and unpacking of my books turned out to be a metaphor for my own transitions in life and ministry affording me the peace of mind to let go of what is no longer needed, cherish what remains significant and make new space for new possibilities. I now look at my much thinned out office library shelves and see room for the new and exciting ministry possibilities here at Prairie Spirit.

Peace,
Scott



On Sunday, July 7th our new minister, Reverend Scott Macauley led his first worship service with us; the beginning of a new dawn! We at Prairie Spirit United Church are so fortunate to have him in our midst. There was a palpable positive energy in the narthex after the service with many optimistic and favourable comments being shared.

Prior to the service, a warm welcome was offered to him by sharing the information below with the many folks in attendance. For those who were unable to be there, it was thought that you would appreciate reading about him.

Here are some points of interest which will help you to get to know him:

- Reverend Scott has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master of Divinity from the University of Western Ontario.
- He has over 20 years experience in spiritual leadership inclusive of worship, Christian education, pastoral care and outreach. He is very knowledgeable about the Bible with a deep personal faith.
- He has spent time on the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery; held the position of chair of Selkirk Presbytery; and contributed as a member to several committees of the General Council including EDGE, Theology and Faith, Inter-church and Interfaith, and the Migrant Church working group.
- He has worked in both urban and rural congregations; since 2001 at Sparling United in Winnipeg and since 2014 at Rosser Grosse Isle Pastoral Charge.
- Reverend Scott has led congregations through considerable change and worked with the community of faith to identify opportunities for new ways of doing church; he will challenge and support us!
- On a personal level, he and his partner Harvey like to travel, visit NHL cities, spend time at the lake and support both local arts and sports. Harvey is the avid Jets fan so if you want info about stats, trades, coaching, and the like; he's your guy – Scott is more of a "Go Jets Go" fan.

- Scott is involved with his extended family and enjoys the connections he has with siblings as well as nieces and nephews.
- He is friendly, approachable with a quick wit and genuine interest in learning about and caring for others.
- Reverend Scott is dedicated to his call as a minister but also knows how to manage personal self care. He is deeply committed to being here for us as a community of faith.

There are many other attributes and interests that Scott has which we will learn about over time. As well, he is very excited about the possibilities that Prairie Spirit presents for him and truly feels a calling to be with us.

An opportunity to get to know him will be offered over the summer through coffee times arranged by the Oversight Council when Reverend Scott will be available for a chat. The first will be on Wednesday, August 7th from 2:00 until 3:00 pm. The second will be Wednesday, August 28th from 10-11:00 am. These gatherings will take place in the Narthex.



YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

What if our life's purpose is simply to share? When we give time and money, skill and expertise, we are making a faithful statement about what we believe and value.



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MONDAY to FRIDAY ONLY
9:00-4:00

Phone or text with subject "Food Delivery" to 204-888-5534

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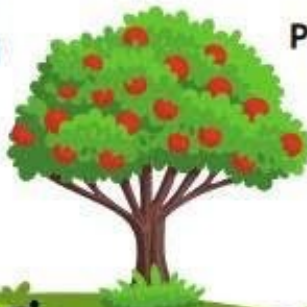
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MONDAY to FRIDAY
9:00-3:00
Phone: 204-889-9203

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Office régional de la Santé de Winnipeg

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

Stories of Our Mission

Restoring Lost Languages

Revitalizing a lost language, as one of our partners in Nunavut is doing, is an important way to preserve not just the language but also the culture that surrounds it.

[Photo credit: Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society]



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEEKLY <i>Sneak Peek</i>						
Sun 14 July	10:30am	PSUC Worship				
Mon		Office Closed JKW Summer Camp				
Tues		JKW Summer Camp				
Wed						
Thu						
Fri 19	11am	Funeral Doug Cottrell				
		JKW Summer Camp				
Sat						
July Minister Hours are Mon-Thurs 10am-2pm July Office Hours are Tue-Fri 10am-2pm July Custodian Hours are Mon/Tues 4-8:30pm and Sat 9-1:30pm Please call/email before planning a visit to the church.						

Please submit Cheque Requests and Weekly Updates to the office by Wednesday morning.

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 Annual Reports, Governance Structure, Ministry Profile, Council Minutes, & Weekly Updates.

If you would like to sign up for email editions of our Weekly Update, please contact the church office.