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Weekly Update – Friday 19 July 2024

Worship is on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday's service will be led by Rev. Scott Macauley.
Guest Musician – Chuck Kroeker with Andrew Fennell on saxophone

Our scripture reader is Darlene McPherson.

Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 7: 1 - 14a

Ephesians 2: 11 - 22

Mark 6: 30 - 34, 53 - 56

Missed last Sunday July 14th? Listen to the Sermon "Hope and Resilience" at:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1437418/15407779>

Looking Ahead

Worship on 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.

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

*Our actions and decisions today form our ongoing legacy.
Please consider a gift to the church in your will.*

Come check out our garden.
Despite being flooded twice,
it has survived and is looking beautiful.



Spiritual Gardening

Every year around the May long weekend I visit the local greenhouses and consider the various flowers and ornamentals that will be planted outside of our Condo. Although my choices vary from year to year, I still default to a fairly predictable template: a couple of hanging baskets here; a planter or two there; and always some marigolds and snap dragons at the base of the front steps.

The days go by and turn into weeks but with clockwork like precision I always find myself pausing in mid-July to take in how delightful my little pot garden looks. There is something about mid-July where everything we planted appears to be at its peak of lushness, vibrancy, colour and overall beauty. It is striking to me because this natural lushness kind of mirrors the life of faith in its fullness and vibrancy. Just as July brings a burst of greenery, warmth and flourishing landscapes, our faith lives have a moment or too throughout the year where they are also filled with growth, joy, and abundance. It is in this experience of abundance, both in the landscape of our world and the landscape of our spiritual lives that we need to remind ourselves to simply savour the moment of beauty and vitality before us. On a walk it might be simply to stop and smell the flowers and in our spiritual lives it might be to stop and smell the spiritual flowers. Regular prayer, meditation and the practice of mindfulness is a way for us to savour the spiritual beauty which helps us to appreciate the richness of our experiences and nurture the relationships and passions that make our lives feel lush and full.

I hope that as you take in the beauty of the July landscape around you, that you will also pause to take note of your own spiritual landscape. Is it lush or does it need a bit of a green spiritual thumb to perk it up? Like the summer sun, our lives can radiate warmth, friendliness and positivity, but only if we take the time to do some spiritual planting and of course...to stop from time to time and smell the "spiritual" flowers!

Peace,
Scott

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1 style="margin: 0;">WEEKLY</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0; color: #E91E63; font-family: cursive;">Sneak Peek</h2>						
Sun 21 July	10:30am	PSUC Worship				
Fri 26		Portage Avenue Food Bank				
Sat						
<p>July Minister Hours are Mon- Thurs 10am-2pm <i>Anticipated Absence for Rev. Scott: Mon 22-Fri 26 July</i> 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.</p>						

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In the Member Only section you will have access to Annual Reports, Governance Structure, Ministry Profile, Council Minutes, & Weekly Updates.

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