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Weekly News – Friday May 9, 2025

Worship with us
on Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
Worship Leader - Rev. Scott Macauley
Series: God's Blessings, Our Responsibility
Theme: Time, Talent, Treasure: Living Generously

Scripture Reader: Linda Landiak
Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & 1 Peter 4: 7-11
Music Leader – Bennet Charter
Choral Scholar – Melanie Dupuis

Voices United 187 The Spring Has Come
Voices United 518 As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought
More Voices 127 I Saw the Rich Ones
Voices United 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands
More Voices 182 Grateful
More Voices 214 May God's Sheltering Wings

Missed a Service?
Catch up on our YouTube [Prairie Spirit Channel](#)
Watch [Sunday May 4 Worship](#) (has a low sound level)



*Let us take
time to listen
to the Spirit
within us that
calls us to
follow the
example of
Jesus.*



Cheering on the Winnipeg Jets—In Worship and Spirit!

As long as the Winnipeg Jets remain in the playoffs, I encourage everyone to proudly wear your Jets gear—jerseys, t-shirts, hoodies, scarves, or any other team paraphernalia—to Sunday morning worship services!

And if you're feeling especially bold, why not turn our sanctuary into a Worship White Out? Let's celebrate together in both faith and fandom, lifting our voices in prayer and in support of our team. No matter the outcome on the ice, may we continue to embody the spirit of unity, joy, and hope—because we know those things are given to us by Christ Jesus and they extend far beyond the rink. We can say “The Lord be with You” at the same time we shout “Go Jets Go”. Let these acts of pious fun strengthen our faith and our community.

Scott



Celebrate UCW and Mother's Day in Style!

As part of our 100th UCC celebrations, we will be shining a spotlight on the wonderful work of the United Church Women this Sunday, Mother's Day. Let's honor their contributions with joy and fellowship—join in the fun by wearing a hat or fascinator to mark this special occasion! We can't wait to see your creative headwear as we celebrate together.



Meat Pie & Fruit Crisp

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Ground beef and turkey meat pies along with limited fruit crisps will be available for sale on Sunday. Get yours now for the summer. Please bring your bags to carry home.

Meat pies are \$6 and crisps are \$5 each.

Congregational Wellness

Share Your Story on a Recipe Card!

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations, we're inviting everyone to reflect on their journey with the United Church. This Sunday at Worship, you'll receive a *recipe card*—but instead of a favorite dish, we're asking you to share a slice of your faith story.

You'll have the chance to answer **one** of the following three questions:

1. What brought you to the United Church?
2. What is your most memorable or enduring recollection affiliated with being part of the United Church?
3. What has kept you engaged over the years in the church?

Take your card home, reflect on your response, write it down, and bring it back next week. You can either post your card on the *bulletin board in the sanctuary* or offer to *read it during one of our weekly 100th Anniversary Moments in worship*.

Let's celebrate our shared story—one card at a time!



Habemus Papam: Why a New Pope Matters to All of Us

I had intended to write this week's musings on the importance of Spring in our spiritual lives, however as I sat down to write, a notice came across my phone that white smoke was billowing out of the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. This of course changed my thought processes as I fixated on the live coverage from CBC I had airing on my computer. Notices began to come across my phone – texts and emails from Catholic and non Catholic colleagues alike stating “Habemus Papam” – Latin for, “we have a pope”! It was exciting and it was even a bit humorous when you think about it. I mean, the technology that was settled around St. Peters square over the last few days, all of us watching on tv and computer screens with signals being beamed around the world through satellites and... the Cardinals of the largest Christian denomination on earth are communicating with us with smoke!

Even for those of us outside the Roman Catholic tradition, the election of a new pope often stirs a sense of interest—even hope. Why? Because it's not just a moment for one denomination; it's a global event that reminds the world of the power and presence of faith. A new pope signals a turning of the page, a new chapter not just for Catholics but for anyone watching the Church wrestle with change, leadership, and moral responsibility. Whether we share Catholic theology or not, we know what it is to long for leaders who embody grace, justice, humility, and courage. In a time when many institutions feel fragile or fractured, the emergence of a new spiritual figure on the world stage is a powerful reminder that the world is still watching—and still hoping—for wisdom rooted in something deeper.

But I guess it's not all that far from my original musings about spring and spirituality because in a way, the choosing of a new pope mirrors the movement of spring. It's a visible sign of renewal—of something old being made new, of possibility rising again after seasons of uncertainty. Just as spring calls forth green shoots from bare ground, a moment like this invites all Christians to reflect on how leadership, faith, and community are always evolving. We may not all be Catholic, but we are all people on a spiritual journey, shaped by the seasons and the stories we live through together. And so we pray—not just for the new pope, but for a world ever in need of shepherds who lead with love.

Peace,
Scott

Prairie Spirit United Church
207 Thompson Drive

Thursday, May 15, 2025
1:30 - 3:30 pm

The Happy Gang Afternoon

Join us for an afternoon of fun and conversation.
Play card games, table games, bridge.
Light refreshments served complimentary from us.

For more information,
call 204-832-1000 or 204-895-7410



Garden Tour,
Tea, Craft & Plant Sale
June 21, 2025

**Help us raise \$30,000* for
1JustCity's inner city work**

Volunteer for 2 hour shift
Contribute Homemade Baking and
Plants (house or garden) for the sale
buy tickets for this fantastic event

gardentour@1JustCity.ca 1JustCity.ca/garden-tour



*2024 total

Please join the St. Charles Headingley United Church Outreach Committee for an

EDUCATIONAL EVENT

Viewing of the “Honor to Senator Murray Sinclair” documentary video (about 30 minutes) followed by discussion.

This film was directed by Alanis Obomsawin and was released in 2021. It includes excerpts of former Senator Murray Sinclair’s 2016 acceptance speech when he was presented an award by the World Federalist Movement – Canada for his role as Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada combined with personal testimonies from Residential School survivors.

**LOCATION: St. Charles Headingley United Church
110 Bridge Road, Headingley**

DATE: Tuesday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome to attend.

**If you have any questions about the event, please contact
Dayna Weiten at 204-771-7518**



SENIORS CONNECTING SENIORS

Fun & Learning for the 55+ begins with you,
your friends & neighbours

What sparks your interests for great presentations or
discussions? Join us for fun, snacks and share your ideas.

May 14, 2025
1:00 - 2:30 pm

Westworth Centre - 1750 Grosvenor Avenue

Westworth Centre is a space for social, educational and recreational activities

We look forward to meeting you!

For more information and to register
Email: programcoordinator@westworth.ca

On **Saturday, August 16**, Prairie Spirit along with Dreamland Diner are hosting a **Community Pop-Up Market** in our **church parking lot**. This event is organized by **IvyQuinn Crafting**. There will also be an indoor **Information Expo** for service agencies and non-profits within our community that will be held in the **Narthex** at the same time. Come explore local crafts and goods while connecting with community resources, and enjoying a lively day of outreach and engagement!

If you're interested in having a table at the outdoor market, please contact IvyQuinn Crafting through the following link:

[ivyquinncrafting | Instagram, Facebook | Linktree](#)



**Community
Family
Pop-Up Market**

Sponsored By

*Dreamland
diner*  **Prairie Spirit
United Church**

Aug 16 2025 12pm to 8pm
207 Thompson Dr, Winnipeg, MB

Food Truck **50/50**
Kids Activities **Door Prize**
Over 40 Vendors **Special Guests**

Hosted By **IvyQuinn**
 **IvyQuinn_Crafting**

Stories of Our Mission

Learning about God's Love

[Queer Kid Bible Camp](#) is a unique and affirming space that has emerged to provide a supportive environment for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth within the framework of spirituality. This camp blends teachings of God's love with messages of inclusivity.



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	WEEKLY <i>Sneak Peek</i>						
Sun May 11	9:30am 10:30am						
	PSUC Choir Practice PSUC Sunday Worship						
Mon							
Tues							
Wed							
Thu 15	9:30am 1:30pm						
	Worship & FF Team Meeting The Happy Gang						
Fri							
	Portage Avenue Food Bank						
Sat							
Regular Office Hours are Tue-Fri 10am-2pm Please call/email before planning a visit to the church.							

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

[Sign Up here for our Weekly Update.](#)

The Weekly Update is always available on the front page of our Website.

Our Building Calendar is always available on a front page tab of our Website.

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, Council Minutes, & past Weekly Updates.