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CHURCHILL PARK UNITED PROPHET

Minister Message

As we move into the busy time of the fall, it feels different to me. This will be my last fall season in ministry with you because I retire at the end of the year, so that is pressing on my mind. This fall we will journey toward ending this relationship.

With every ending comes new beginnings and new opportunities. The Community of Faith Profile Group has been created and will be in touch so you may all share in what the next stage of ministry for Churchill Park United will be.

We continue to be the church with all the start-up busyness of the fall. Our Garage and Bake Sale starts us off. The Koreans make a wonderful lunch. We will worship in the Garden and have the last BBQ of the season on September 8.

On World Communion Sunday, October 6 – we will share the service together with the Korean United Church and follow it with a wonderful potluck lunch.

As you look through the Newsletter, you will find many wonderful activities and opportunities for everyone.

Over the summer we spent some time looking at the elements of Progressive Christianity. Progressive Christianity is difficult to define but for sure, it's a church that works to create a welcoming community for all that is open, creative, passionate, honest, courageous, and respectful in an on-going exploration of the experience of the Divine.



Minister's Message Continued

John Oldham said it this way.

WE ARE ON A PATH

We are on a path that leads to peace and justice.
We are on the way of heart-felt (Christian) love and care.
We are on a journey led by Jesus the teacher,
calling us to follow him, to reach out, help and share.

We're called to make a path through hardship, grief and sorrow.

We're called to find a way that leads us to the dawn.

We are on a journey 'to see divine in others' -
all sisters and brothers while Spirit sends us on.

We're called to craft a path of love for self and stranger
while caring for the wounded and helping those in need.

We are on a soul-journ that beckons us to service.

We witness to love's wisdom in every caring deed.

We are on Love's path and there is no turning back!

Many Blessings

Janet

Music

Welcome to the fall and starting a new year together! I hope everyone feels refreshed after the summer! A big thanks to everyone who participated in our summer mini-choir that met at 9:30 each Sunday morning before church. As well as learning new music, it was fun to continue to sing together over the summer.

A big thanks to our instrumentalists, Louise Sloane and John Oldham, who continued to add so much to our music week by week.

Our regular fall/winter choir will begin again at 8:45am September 8th. If you haven't sang with us other years, consider it for this year!

We are looking forward to many musical guests this fall. There will be return visits by Monica Bailey on September 8th for our traditional outdoor service (if weather is good); her flute choir, Silver Winds, Oct. 27; Ken Peters with violin solos September 15; Ken Peters and Louise Sloane for violin/flute duets on Thanksgiving; as well as a new guest, Geoff Butler and his accordion with traditional Newfoundland tunes on September 29.

Join us for this . . . and more!

Passages

June 2019 – August 2019

Nancy Wright
Lillian Raffey
Elva McCarthy
Doris Quinn
Frances Utsunomiya
Gordon Quinn
Gwen Forbes



Upcoming Services and Events

Friday September 6 – 6pm to 8pm Garage Sale

Saturday September 7 – 9am to 1pm Garage/Bake Sale and Korean Lunch

Sunday September 8 – Worship in the Garden and BBQ Lunch to follow.

Friday September 13 – 1pm to 3pm Book Club

Friday September 27 – 5:30pm to 7pm Messy Church

Sunday September 29 – A brief Congregational Meeting following a condensed worship.

World Communion Sunday October 6 – 10:30 We will share the service together with the Korean United Church and follow it with a wonderful potluck lunch

Sunday October 13 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday November 10 – Remembering and Remembrance



Come and start the fall season
on September 8, 2019
at 10am for worship
in the Memory garden.
Followed by a BBQ at 11am.
All are welcome!

A graphic for a garage sale. The word "GARAGE" is written in large, yellow, sans-serif letters at the top. Below it, four brown paper tags are hanging from a string, each with a letter: "S" in cyan, "A" in red, "L" in yellow, and "E" in green. Below the tags, the text "SEPTEMBER 6 & 7" is written in bold black letters. Underneath that, a red ribbon banner contains the text "Bake Sale & Korean Lunch". Below the banner, the text "GARAGE SALE" is written in bold black letters, followed by "FRI 6PM-8PM SAT 9AM-1PM" and "BAKE SALE SAT 9AM". Below that, "KOREAN LUNCH, SAT 11AM-1PM" is written. At the bottom, the address "525 Beresford Ave. Winnipeg MB" and the phone number "PHONE: (204) 452-8561" are listed, along with the website "www.churchillparkunited.ca". The background of the graphic is dark with a wood-grain texture at the top and a white, torn-paper edge effect.



*No matter how hard the past, you
can always begin again.*

Buddha



The Building Report

As the days get shorter and the nights get cooler I realize that summer is leaving us and fall is fast approaching. Now everything in the church will begin to hum again. This summer has flown by too quickly, but it has been a pretty good summer for us. With the help of three summer students: Beitiel, David, and Hertier we have managed to do some extra painting, gardening, cleaning, hold eight community barbeques, as well as, do community work, help out with the Cuban Visit, etc, etc. I hope that this has helped to enhance the sight, look, and feel of CPUC. On the solar power front, one more developmental permit needs to be obtained before construction can start. Let's all pray that this will be done soon and that the sun keeps shining.

Wayne Arklie

Commercial Kitchen Plans

I have often said that our building is a great asset. We rent space that benefits many community groups and individuals and those groups and individuals help us with the Church's bottom line. Our commercial kitchen has become an important part of running 525 Beresford. Last year kitchen rental income was over \$13K. I like to think that by helping to incubate new food businesses, we are also helping our community. The Provincial Department of Agriculture thinks so too.

Last year Agriculture's Commercial Community Kitchen – Food Enterprise Program helped us buy a commercial refrigerator by subsidizing 75% of the cost. Then we were blessed by a gift from Janie and Alex Watt covering the remaining 25%. The Manager of that program has encouraged Churchill Park to support new food enterprises with a focus on baking. We applied to the Program for support to purchase a commercial convection oven, a commercial mixer, a cooling rack, and a freezer. We have been approved. It is a big step that would move us toward being more of a "baking" kitchen. But it is not cheap. That equipment costs \$15,180. Under the program, our share, including PST, is \$4,785. In addition, we would have to cover carpentry costs to build in this new equipment and to add additional lockable storage for renters – an additional cost of almost \$3,500.

We are, once again, blessed by people who support this congregation. The family of Elva McCarthy would like to remember her, and her long involvement in the kitchen at Churchill Park, by donating \$1,000 toward the freezer portion of this project. Our share will still be about \$7,250. A congregational meeting is planned so we can put this project before you for approval to spend money from the Planned Gift Fund.

John McNairnay



This summer we received another Canada Summer Jobs grant. We hired three young people who, together with the skills of Wayne Arklie, offered their youthful energy to the community, as well as a weekly BBQ. We thank them, and a special thanks to Wayne for his gift of time.



Ministry and Personnel

It has been an extraordinarily busy time for M&P.

We have said our sad and final good-bye to Antoniya and also to Meagan. We have also said 'Hello" to our new bookkeeper Sherri Van Aert and to our new office administrator Cindy Kraus. Both women are very experienced in their fields. Welcome!

Glenn Merritt is the M&P liaison with Cindy Kraus and Wayne Arklie; Faye Barys with Rev Janet Walker; and I am with Sheeri Van Aert and Arlene Baschak. Don Young is currently working on our next phase of ministry with the "Community of Faith Profile Group".

We said good-bye to M&P members Shanon Stewart and Glenn Harrison. Both are now serving on the Leadership Team. Thank you both for your years of faithful service!

If any problems occur, the congregation is welcome to contact any M&P member. Please state the problem clearly in writing, so we may effectively work towards a solution.

We also accept written encouragement if you think someone is doing an exceptional job. We ask that you limit your compliments to one person per week, so we will not be overloaded at one time!

Your Ministry and Personnel Committee Chair,
June Drummond



Visit Strengthens CPUC/Cuba Partnership

From July 27 to August 3, CPUC hosted Nacyra Gomez and her grandchildren Samyra, 16, and Nassyr, 14. Nacyra is the executive director of the Casa del Cariño in Varadero Cuba where Janet's many study tours stayed during their visits. As a board member of the *Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada Dora E. Valentín*, CPUC's official partner church in Cuba, Nacyra also represented an official visit from the Varadero church to CPUC.



Library News

Our library is teeming with books. Thanks to the generous people of our church, we have over 500 books. Now is the time to check out this library with so many good books there! If you haven't used this library before, it is simple to check out a book. All the books have a coloured sticker on them that indicates the type of book. For instance, a green sticker tells that the book is a novel. The sticker code is at the front of our take-out binder. You can take a book out for three weeks, but you can keep it longer if necessary. You sign your name and the book title and author in the take-out binder and away you go. You may take out more than one book at a time. When you return the book just note the date you returned it in the binder and leave the book in the basket that is provided on the shelf. It is my job to put the books back as this ensures that they are placed properly in the library. Check out the various sections as they all have very interesting books. There is something for everyone as our library is extremely eclectic and diverse in content.

"What I like in a good author is not what he says, but what he whispers"
Logan Pearsall Smith

Respectfully Submitted,
Virginia Braid

House Group News

We will still be going with the six house groups that we have used for the past years. A few changes have been made that we hope will make them more efficient. First the House Group that is working will be noted in the Church Bulletin. The names of the individuals in each house group will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office as well as the months that each house group will be working for the 2019-2020 year. This way members of the house groups will be able to know if they will not be available for a certain month and then they can inform the house group coordinators and switches can be made. We would like to keep each house group with no less than seven people. If you are not a member of a house group and would like to try it, we are always interested in having spares to help when a house group member cannot do one week. This way you can see if you are interested and would like to join a group.

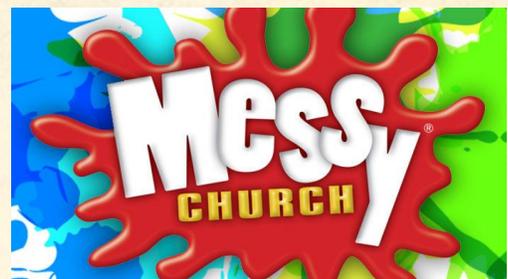
Respectfully Submitted Virginia Braid, Diane Coulter



Book Club

Book Club returns for another season, Friday, September 13! We meet at 1pm in the lounge and at our September meeting, we will be inviting everyone to share a favourite poem.

Everyone is welcome and the conversation is always good, so whether you bring a poem or not, just come and join us.



Starts up again
September 27th
5:30-7 p.m.

Come to eat, come to play, come to share.

All Are Welcome!



Kind words are short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Mother Teresa

Treasurer's Update

Seems like I was just heralding the arrival of spring and now fall is here (a high of only 14C today!). So here's an update on church finances. At the end of July, the church had a net income of just under \$2,000 for the year. This was due to the insurance payments received under the United Church Restorative Care Plan for 85% of Reverend Janet Walker's salary while she was on leave, coupled with the fact that volunteers managed many of her duties in her absence without need of replacement. The RCP payments stopped at the end of May following her return, meaning the reliance on the Planned Gift Fund to cover any current year operating deficit will resume this fall.

With respect to specific budget categories, only grants and fundraising are not on budget on the income side. This is because the maximum \$11,000 Canada Summer Jobs grant to enable Churchill Park to hire three summer students again this year, has not been received and the church's main fundraiser for the year, the September garage sale, has yet to be held. On the expense side, building and office expenses are over budget owing to the purchase of new lounge furniture, higher than expected heating system costs, higher electrical costs due to delays in the solar project implementation, and increased caretaking needs.

As the Korean United Church (KUC) cost-shares all building expenses, this increase has meant a deficit in the monthly transfer account for their 50% share which is expected to be made up in the fall. KUC is also making monthly loan payments over 5 years beginning July 2018 to the Planned Gift Fund to cover 50% of the costs of three capital improvement projects: 2018 sanctuary sound system, 2019 solar energy installation (including energy efficiency upgrades), and replacement of all galvanized piping in the building last spring.

As regards the solar project, no funds will be received from the matching \$30,000 United Church Faithful Footprints (Retrofit) grant approved last February until after the project is completed. The UCC matching grant combined with the \$17,980 Manitoba Hydro rebate are projected to reduce the total cost of the solar project to about \$17,000.

Recent staff changes with the departure of Antoniya Tsvetanova and Meagan O'Donnell-Baschak and the arrival of Sherri Van Aert as bookkeeper and Cindy Kraus as office administrator, have meant a lot of extra recruitment and training hours for staff and volunteers, including in the management of the church's accounting records and finances. Thank you to all who have contributed and participated!

One final note – of the three additional refugee families to be sponsored by Churchill Park on a self-funded basis as approved by the congregation in October 2018, two have now withdrawn due to a change for the better in their living situations, while the application for the third is under national review for UCC sponsorship in either 2019 or 2020.

Regards,
Your treasurer, Joanne



103rd Churchill Park Scouting News

The 103rd Churchill Park Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, & Venturers had a very busy end to the year last spring.

Our group was happy to provide a pancake breakfast and participate in the annual CPUC Earth Day Sunday church service in April. All proceeds from the breakfast went to Oak Table.

We held an all-sections weekend camp at Camp Amisk in May where we had a “swim up” or “leap up” ceremony for youth that were moving up in sections.

During the first week of July 9th, members of the 103rd joined about 35 other Scouts, Venturers, and leaders from across Manitoba and NW Ontario to participate in the annual 10 day “Quest” canoeing & camping adventure. This year we travelled to the Experimental Lakes area in Northwestern Ontario. We experienced paddling in some of some amazing and scenic Ontario wilderness.

As the summer of 2019 comes to an end, we look forward to another new Scouting year at Churchill Park starting in September. We welcome new members to join us at any time. Our registration/open house evening for all sections will be held on Monday, September 9th from 7pm to 8:30 pm with regular meetings starting on Wednesday, September 11th.

We already have some fall camps planned and are looking forward to another exciting year of activities, learning, and fun for all the youth and leaders of the 103rd Scouting Group.

Glenn Harrison
Group Commissioner,
103rd Churchill Park Scouting Group



Leadership Team Message

As we move into fall, with the transition and changing of the seasons, there have been lots of changes happening at CPUC.

As of June 1st, I have assumed the role of chair of your Leadership Team. I very much look forward to working with the rest of the leadership team over the next 2 years. I would like to thank Marlene Oldham for her steadfast leadership of LT during some very challenging times over the last couple of years.

This month, we give a big welcome to Sherri Van Aert as our new bookkeeper, as well as Cindy Kraus as our new Office Administrator.

We are very grateful to have Rev. Janet Walker back among us and leading us again in worship on Sunday mornings.

With Janet's upcoming retirement on Dec. 31st of this year, it is time for us to reflect on who we are as a community of faith and where we see ourselves going in the future.

The Pastoral Relations Commission of the new Prairie to Pine Region has appointed Kristin Woodburke as a liaison to support CPUC in a pastoral relations process to determine our ministry needs.

The first step in the process is to appoint a team to create a "Community of Faith Profile". This is essentially our "Living Faith Story".

A five-person team has been formed that includes Marlene Oldham, Don Young, John McNairnay, Faye Barsy, and Shanon Stewart. The team has already had an initial "training" meeting with Kristin to start the process. This group will gather information to determine what our needs are and prepare a document to present to the congregation for approval.

There will be opportunities for input from all members of the congregation, both formal and informal. Further information and details will be coming from the group soon and I encourage everyone to be involved in the process.

The next step in the process would be to develop a job description for a new minister and then search, interview, select, and call a suitable candidate. A congregational meeting will be required to approve the call.

Change is one of those things that can cause disruption and cause people to be uncomfortable, but it can also be an opportunity for renewal and new possibilities! I hope you will all join me in looking forward to upcoming changes and challenges at CPUC in a positive way.

Glenn Harrison
Chair, Leadership Team



Messy Church International Conference

In May, along with Shannon Stewart and John McNairnay from Churchill Park (CPUC), I had the opportunity to attend the second Messy Church International Conference in Hertfordshire, England.

The time was just packed with workshops and group information, creativity and reflection. Time spent with other delegates was priceless in learning about the Messy Church (MC) movement. In the lovely High Leigh Conference Centre, there were three hundred delegates in attendance and the three days were a time of playful idea sharing and reflection. A story-teller, a musician, and a scientist were there to inspire, engage, and instruct.

There are five principles to Messy Church, and we've learned how we can strengthen these areas at CPUC, and how we can deepen our work in each.

Hospitality: The area we can work on here is inviting more neighbourhood people to join us as we are good at welcoming everyone. We also have no trouble with volunteers, but maybe there are skills we can invite people to share.

Creativity: We have resources among our team, but now we have so many more ideas and ways to expand activities to support our Bible Stories.

All Ages: I learned we are doing a good job here, as we do not separate age groups in any way, but we can include older children in helping with activities and food. Also, with a minister present, we can offer all people attending pastoral care suitable for their age.

Celebration: Lots of ideas for dynamic music and storytelling. We could also explore including Communion at Messy Church.

Christ-Centered: We learned new ways to present our stories and integrate activities. We've also learned the importance of spending time building our team in this work.

What's next: here are some plans we are working with:

We held an informal meeting and light supper with the rest of our team and regular MC attenders to share our experiences and what we have learned about the Messy Church movement – what it is and what it is not. It was very well attended. We are going to increase the publicity we do in the South Osborne area. Plans include a pamphlet distribution, a table at the farmer's market, and inquiring about an article in the *Reflector*. We are going to set aside time to grow as a team by inviting members in, reflecting on the stories, singing, praying, and of course, eating. We look for continuing support from the minister with this.

And, finally, we will continue to be in touch with other MC congregations in Winnipeg and beyond, in fact a Messy Church National Conference is planned for next year in Winnipeg.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of such an amazing and inspiring event.

I'd like to thank Shannon Stewart for a stellar job planning and executing meals for our gatherings, pretty much from the beginning of Messy Church. She is now planning to get Messy in other areas of the program and we are asking for volunteers to help in the kitchen. If you can donate any time to this, please let May Innes-Rose know.

Respectfully submitted
Mary McNairnay

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