

# FIRST THINGS FIRST

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

#### October 2012

#### **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! & Happy Thanksgiving!

The Christian life is all about grace. Each breath you take, the next beat of your heart, food in your cupboards, clean water to drink, family to love, friends to enjoy, and gainful employment are all tangible evidence of God's unmerited goodness bestowed on His children. Yet, even when one or all of these cease, God's grace sustains His children. In fact, His chief grace is extended to you and to me in the person of Jesus who, "... though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich". (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Thanksgiving weekend reminds us annually that everything we have comes from God's bountiful grace. Take time, sisters and brothers in Christ, this Thanksgiving to think about all that God's grace has done in your life and in the lives of those whom you love.

As it says in His word, "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms." (Ps. 95:2) Thanks be to God for His amazing gifts to us! And may we do all things with thanksgiving in our hearts.

Rev. Brad Childs

#### **MUSIC AT FIRST**

Guest soloists in September were Richard Burdick, French Horn, Lynn Channing, soprano and Cameron Lowe, cello. Our thanks to these professional players who shared their musical talent with us.

Choir practices resumed on Thursday evening, September 20. We welcome soprano Barbara McRae to the choir. Barbara has moved recently

from Toronto and was originally from Truro, Nova Scotia. There are now six sopranos, five

altos, two tenors and one bass in our choir. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Jack Partridge by leaving a message at the church office (522-9571).

Plans are being made for a choir concert at Parkside Extencicare in the near future. Long-time choir member Henk Koopman is at Parkside. We are looking forward to our concert for Henk and the other residents.

A Hymn Sing is planned for Sunday, October 14, starting at 10 AM. We will be singing favourite hymns, so do plan on coming to church a bit earlier to take part. Even if you arrive somewhat later, do move forward to join us.

Five congregation members have decided to join the choir for special Thanksgiving music, October 7. If you would like to join with the choir for the Rotary Christmas Carol Festival, Wednesday, December 5, please contact Jack Partridge by leaving a message at the Church Office, 522 9571.

Soloists Rodolfo and Gabe Omolida (October 14) and Heather Gosselin (October 21) will be sharing their musical talents with us. The final chorus from The Risen Christ which the choir premiered last Easter will be sung as part of the observance of All Saints' Sunday at the morning church service, November 4<sup>th</sup>. A Brass Quartet will be performing on November 11 as part of our Remembrance Day observance. The choir is preparing for the Canadian premiere of "This Christmas Child" by Sir Philip Ledger, Sunday December 16.

Jack Partridge  
Director of Music

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

October 7: The congregation is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be dedicated during the worship service. This food will be given to the Food Bank during our Food Bank Drive on October 13.

October 13: Food Bank Drive: The youth will meet at the church between 9 am and 9:15 am, and then depart to pick up bags of food donations from people's porches at 9:30 am. Drivers are needed for this event. We will meet back at the church at 11:30 am. From there, we will go together to the Food Bank for a barbecue. Volunteers will be given a t-shirt.

October 26: Youth trip to the Pilot Butte Corn Maze. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm for supper. About 6:30 pm, we will leave for the Corn Maze. Drivers are needed for this event as well. Parents, youth, and siblings are invited. The cost is: adults \$10; children ages 5-12: \$7; children 4 and under are free. This event is weather permitting. If it is raining or snowing, we will have an activity at the church. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights. Some of the events we can take part in at the Corn Maze are a campfire, corn box, and hay jump.

Joel Richter,  
Youth Worker

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Worship committee met September 15 to begin plans for the upcoming year of worship at First Church. During this meeting we had discussions regarding the recommendations brought forward during February's Worship Workshop. Most of these recommendations have been addressed and implemented.

We are pleased that the new Chalices were ready for use for Communion September 2. The chalices are donated by the family of Rev. Walter Donavon in his memory. They are to be used specifically for the times when we have

Communion by Intinction. Dates for Communion by Intinction are usually in June and September. Since the chalices have not been formally dedicated this is planned for World Wide Communion Sunday on October 7 when some of the Donavon family will be present for the occasion. Communion on October 7 will most likely be done in this manner to coincide with the dedication ceremony. The chalices were made by Zach Dietrich of Parsons Dietrich Pottery in Moose Jaw and are beautifully done in blue with gold trim.

Zach Dietrich is a graduate of the University of Regina. Upon completing his degree, he attended pottery classes at the University of Regina's Extension Department where he studied with well known artist Mel Bolen and Donovan Chester. Following his studies, he moved to Endeavour with his wife Wendy Parsons and set up a pottery studio. At Endeavour, they built and fired a wood burning kiln. In 1980, they moved to Moose Jaw where they bought a little church for a studio/gallery and built a gas fired kiln. Their gallery is just off the #1 Highway, near the Prairie Oasis Motel. Zach has received the "Best Clay Award" at the Saskatchewan Craft Council's annual juried exhibition, received Saskatchewan Arts Board grants and shown his work extensively. He is a juried member of the Saskatchewan Craft Council and served on their board for many years. Zach has also been on the Sask. Culture Board and the Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery Board.

Lectors are needed for December 9, 23 and 30. If anyone would like to participate in worship as a lector please speak to Marianne Woods. She would be pleased to hear from you.

As a point of interest the colour for the church calendar is green and is used for the ordinary time of the year. It will remain on the pulpit and chancel table until Christ the King Sunday which falls on Nov. 25.

We look forward to another year of meaning full worship at First Church.

Joyce McKersie  
Worship Committee

## ADULT WALK

Back by popular demand! Adult walk takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00AM, beginning on Tuesday, October 2. Come and join us. For information, contact Bob Wilson, 525-3889.

## ONLINE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Last month's newsletter introduced Regina & Area Support Services (RASS), an online directory of human support services for Regina and local area residents. For many people, fall is a time of garage sales and house cleaning. Have you considered donating your gently used household items? By donating directly to the program, you'll know your items will be used for a good, local cause. When searching for listings in the directory, click on a listing name to view its program description, website link, and contact information. Here are a few programs listed in RASS that accept donations:

Angels 4 Warmth makes afghans, quilts, hats, mitts, sweaters, lap robes, chemo caps, premie caps, shoulder shrugs, slippers, and a variety of other knitted and crocheted items, distributing them throughout the city to those in need. They gladly accept your homemade knitted and crocheted items. Contact Thelma 306-545-3270 \* 306-692-4786

Blue Mantle Thrift Shop provides low-cost household goods, clothing and furniture. Call for donation pick-ups. 306-565-8025 \* 306-569-8440

Canadian Diabetes Association: Clothesline has free pick-ups of your reusable clothing, shoes, boots, books, kitchenware, toys, small appliances, cell phones, iPads, digital cameras, mp3 players and much more. 306-569-9025 \* Toll free 1-800-505-5525

Carmichael Outreach: Used Clothing and Small Household Item Depot accepts used clothing and small household items, for anyone in need, free of charge. 306-757-2235

Options Pregnancy Centre accepts some types of donations, and it accepts used cars! See their "want to donate?" web page for more information. Office/Crisis 306-757-3344 \* Saskatchewan-wide Toll free 1-866-870-3344

Souls Harbor Rescue Mission: Soup Kitchen and Free Clothing Store accepts bags of good clothing and stacks of warm blankets. 306-543-0011

YWCA: Anything Goes is a second hand store for women. It accepts toys, female clothing, books and household goods. 306-525-2141

The directory is maintained and updated regularly by Regina's North Central Community Association. If you find this service to be useful, a Facebook icon lets you "like" the directory.

Regina & Area Support Services  
Office: 306-565-8889 Mon - Fri 10 am - 4 pm.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am noon	Walk Bible Study Freedom 55ers
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Session
4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 8:00 pm	Walk Choir
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Monday ~ Office Closed	
9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am noon	Walk Bible Study Freedom 55ers
11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 8:00 pm	Walk Choir
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am noon	Walk Bible Study Freedom 55ers

18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 8:00 pm	Walk Choir
21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am noon	Walk Bible Study Freedom 55ers
25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 8:00 pm	Walk Choir
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
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