

# FIRST THINGS FIRST

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

June 2017

#### **FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR**

Just a reminder that **The Reverend Amanda Currie** has been sustained by both the Presbytery of Assiniboia and the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan, and that as a result

***The Induction Service  
for Rev. Currie has been set for  
Friday, July 28th at 7:00 pm  
at First Church.***

Rev. Devon Pattemore  
Interim Moderator

#### **SESSION**

As summer draws near and holiday plans fill our minds, may you have a wonderfully restful and relaxing summer!

In the middle of summer this year we will be having a celebration! The Rev. Amanda Currie will be coming to First Church and, along with her husband Nick, making Regina their new home. To officially start the celebration on Friday July 28, there will be a potluck supper at 5:30pm in the gymnasium followed by a Service of Induction for Rev. Currie at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary, all to mark the beginning of her ministry at First Church. Please be sure to come out and help us welcome Amanda and Nick to our Church community.

Rev. Amanda will lead worship on Sunday, July 30 and commence her duties officially on August 1.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

On Sunday, June 18, there will be a brief meeting of the congregation immediately following the worship service to consider a recommendation from the Board of Managers regarding the sound system in the sanctuary. At the annual meeting earlier this year, the

congregation requested additional investigations of the matter, and as a result there are new quotes to consider.

#### **BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Please be aware that summer office hours through July and August will be Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 to 12:30. Shirley will be on holidays during the second and third weeks of July.

In terms of finances, the Board has transferred another \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund to cover cash flow. A total of \$20,000 has now been transferred into the Operating Fund in 2017. We are hoping this will get us through the summer and we encourage members of the congregation to continue to give to the church throughout the summer months.

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

##### **Congratulations to Grade 12 Graduates!**

Alex Doolittle  
Lauren Miller  
Sarah Miller  
Gabe Omolida

We trust that God will bless you and be with you as you prepare for the next stage of your lives.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight*  
*Proverbs 3:5-6*

##### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is here again. Everyone is welcome! Monday July 10th, 2017 to Friday July 14th, 2017 9 AM - 12 PM at First Presbyterian Church. This year's theme is *Maker Fun Factory - Created by God, Built for a purpose*. VBS is for children from age 4 to Grade 6. To register, contact [firstpresregina@sasktel.net](mailto:firstpresregina@sasktel.net)

We are looking for volunteers to help with registration first thing each morning and for a snack for each day. If you would like to provide a snack or spend an hour at the registration table to welcome the children in the morning, please let Shirley know at [firstpresregina@sasktel.net](mailto:firstpresregina@sasktel.net) (or call 306-522-9571).

Bette Kelly  
Christian Education Convenor

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

First Church has three scholarship funds for post-secondary studies, and makes awards to students each year. Application deadline is September 30; criteria and award amounts vary. Applications are available on the church website at [www.firstpresregina.ca](http://www.firstpresregina.ca) (click "Who We Serve" and then "Scholarships"). For further information contact Jim Doolittle, Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Mary Jesse  
Scholarship Committee member

### **FUNDSCRIP**

Sunday, June 18 will be the last order Sunday for FundScrip before summer. We will continue to have grocery and gas cards for sale if either Lizz or Jo are in church, but the next orders will be on September 3. Stock up now for the summer. Eating out, buying groceries, gas for your vacation, or gifts for family and friends - you can do it all with gift cards! And the church benefits from every card purchased. Thanks for your support and have a great summer!

### **CAMP CHRISTOPHER**

**Camper registration forms are now available. Get yours today!**

On the bulletin board in the gym there is a post-card with a group picture larger than the one shown below. Please pray that God would give our staff wisdom, guidance and patience as they minister to the many needs of the campers they will be meeting this summer.



**Summer Staff 2017**

### **Open House**

You are invited to our annual Camp Open house, Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from noon until 5pm. Join us for worship as we commission the summer staff, spend time on the beach, meet the staff, visit old friends or introduce camp to a first-timer. There will be a BBQ at noon followed by the Commissioning Service at 3pm. All you need to bring is your appetite to help us launch the summer of 2017!

### **Canadian Tire Money**

Your Canadian Tire Money is greatly appreciated at Camp Christopher! It helps buy some amazing things for the Camp, from kayaks to craft supplies to kitchen pots and pans.

Donna Wilkinson  
Camp Administrator

### **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

ADVANCE NOTICE: WELCOME Rev. Amanda and Nick, and WELCOME BACK everyone. A potluck supper is being planned for **Sunday September 17 at 5:30pm**. More information will follow in the September newsletter. Mark your calendar and plan to be there. It will be delicious as always!

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer - relaxing, travelling, getting together with friends and family, reading a good book or just enjoying the great outdoors.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for a great feast, great friends and great fellowship.

Sheila Wilson  
Fellowship Convenor

## **FUNDRAISING**

We are planning to hold a Value Village fundraising drive in the fall. This is just a “heads up” to start collecting used goods as you clean out closets over the summer! We will be paid by the pound for soft goods: clothing, shoes, hats, scarves, undergarments, jewelry, accessories, bags, wallets, bedding, towels, curtains, tablecloths and other cloth materials; as well as for hard goods: toys, small household goods and appliances, books, CD’s and DVD’s. Please start collecting now. We will give you more information and a date in the fall!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

There are more than 800 congregations within The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC); that over 20 different languages are used in Presbyterian worship services across the country; that since Confederation the PCC has sent nearly 840 missionaries and supported thousands of projects in India, Africa, Eastern Europe, Central and South America (eg., health services, human rights and gender empowerment training, maternal health programs resulting in greatly-reduced mortality rates among new mothers); and, that Presbyterian churches in Canada offer a range of social/humanitarian programs including children’s after-school and lunch programs, family violence prevention, refugee sponsorships, etc\*.

\*Source: *The Globe and Mail*, Wednesday June 7, 2017, “Presbyterians continue to help build and strengthen Canada’s social fabric”, p. AFP2.

Doug Stewart  
Editor

## **JUNE EVENTS**

<b>11</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> (Rev. Bob Wilson)
13	noon	Freedom 55ers
<b>18</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> (Rev. Bob Wilson)
<b>25</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> (Rev. Henry Friesen)
28	7:00 PM	Board of Managers