

# FIRST THINGS FIRST

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

May 2013

#### MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Well it appears that the Childs family has a new home!

Tracy, Wesley, Madeline, Cohen and I would all very much like to say "Thank You" to everyone at First Presbyterian Church for all that you have done for us. A "Thank You" as well to babysitters, kid-watchers, movers, truck and equipment loaners, and to gift-givers; and thank you for your prayers. So many people, so many wonderful people, and so many new memories to be made...

So it may be a little crowded but that's all right. Let's have a house warming party. Anyone and everyone is welcome to the Childs' home Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 1:30-4:30. Snacks and Drinks on us!

Rev. Brad Childs

#### MUSIC AT FIRST

Special Music events in April

1. A "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" service was held on Sunday April 21. The choir and congregation sang "Auld Lang Syne" at the conclusion of the service.
2. The Senior Choir, with soloists Rodolfo Omolida, Marianne Woods and Jason Yuen, gave a successful concert at Rivera Marian Chateau on Thursday evening, April 25.
3. Jason Yuen completed his term as Choral Scholar on Sunday April 28. We thank Jason for his dynamic addition to our Choir practices and performances in 2013/14. The Choral Scholar program will resume in October, 2013.

Special Music events in May and June:

1. A Hymn Sing will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, starting at 10 AM. Congregants are asked to fill in a ballot form found in the May 5 and May 12 order of service identifying two favourite hymns from the Book of Praise. Please join us when you arrive at church on the 19th, but if you arrive at 10 AM you will be able to enjoy the complete Hymn Sing!
2. David Lewicki and his sons Patrick and Matthew will be attending the church service on June 23. At that time the commissioned piano and organ piece "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" will be performed.

Jack Partridge  
Director of Music

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Youth Group will be taking part in a number of activities over the next few weeks.

First of all, on Saturday May 11 at 7pm the youth will be having a run-through for the youth-led worship service to be held on Sunday, May 12.

Next, we are looking for youth and families to man First Presbyterian's booth at the Cathedral Village Street Fair on May 25 between noon and 4 pm.

Finally, a heads-up: we will be having a wind-up in June. Details have not been finalized yet but we are planning to go to Laser Quest.

Joel Richter  
Youth Worker

## **MISSION & OUTREACH**

**Cathedral Village Festival Street Fair:**  
On Saturday, May 25, First Church will again participate in the big neighbourhood fair. Our family-friendly tent is near Angus Street beside the farmer's market section - stop by and say hello! Better yet, volunteer to help for an hour or two. Please call Mary Jesse at 789-5845 or email her at [mary.jesse@uregina.ca](mailto:mary.jesse@uregina.ca) if you would like to help out.

**Camp Christopher Clothesline Project:**  
Our church camp north of Prince Albert provides a vital ministry to almost 300 children and youth each summer. This year the camp asked First Presbyterian Church to help cover the cost of a T-shirt for each camper. Many children come from low-income families who can't afford this item, and kids are happy to have something of their own to take home to remind them of the great summer experience. FPC Session has approved a congregational appeal for this project.

How will the appeal work? For each \$10 donation to this project, you can hang a T-shirt on our Camp Christopher Clothesline. The fundraising project runs for three Sundays from May 26 to June 9. Let's try and fill the clothesline!

Mary Jesse  
Mission & Outreach Convenor

## **PLANNED GIVING AT FIRST CHURCH**

### **How Planned Gifts Build for the Future**

There is a rich legacy of planned giving in our congregation. The Planned Giving Team is developing a program to ensure that we support, encourage, recognize, and celebrate the gifts of planned giving. As we do this work, it is also important to recognize and celebrate those planned gifts that are already enriching our First Church community, such as the following scholarships

The **Murray Bayne Scholarship** was established by Margaret Stewart in memory of her first husband, Murray Bayne, a practicing Regina lawyer, to assist students of high academic standing who are in financial need to further their post-secondary education. It was Mrs. Stewart's desire to commemorate her late husband who had financed his own higher education under difficult circumstances -- an experience that led him later in life to assist and advise other young people regarding their further education. Mrs. Stewart's instructions stated that the scholarship was to give preference to a member or adherent of First Church studying for a degree in either Theology or Medicine, although students entering other academic fields were, and are, eligible.

The **Rosella Neilson Overseas Education Scholarship** was established in 1973 through the generosity of the late Rosella Neilson as part of the observances for the Centennial of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church Regina. The scholarship is specifically intended to assist students from underdeveloped nations to further their education at a Canadian university.

The **Fraser and Bernice Reid Scholarship** was established with funds left to First Church by Fraser Reid. Mr. Reid served on the Board of Managers at First Church for many years, and his wife, Bernice, taught Sunday School. In advising First Church of this gift, the family of Fraser and Bernice noted that their "entire family have a great feeling about First Church and all of its members. It holds a special place in our hearts." The Reid family mentioned their father's

concern for the welfare of young ministers and the difficult time they often faced when first coming out of college and noted that perhaps something could be done in this area. Today, the scholarship is awarded to a student who is either a member or adherent of First Presbyterian Church and is attending any post-secondary institution.

This past year the Memorial Committee awarded bursaries from these scholarship funds to the following individuals:

- Elijah Ngor, working towards a BA degree at the University of Regina
- Rev. Brad Childs, pursuing an MA degree in Theological Studies at Briercrest Seminary
- Donna Wilkinson, completing a certificate program in Pastoral Care at Campion College, University of Regina
- Ashlie Martin, a student in the Nursing degree program at the University of Regina
- Michelle Pugsley, completing her degree in nursing education at SIAST
- Amy Pugsley, an Education student at the University of Calgary
- Kirsten Miller, a student in the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan.

It is because of the generosity and foresight of Margaret Stewart, Rosella Neilson and Fraser and Bernice Reid that these young people are already making a difference. We look forward to further contributions they will make to our First Church community, and the wider community, as a result of their continuing education.

Lisa Ann Wood  
Planned Giving Committee

## CAMP CHRISTOPHER

**CAMP CHRISTOPHER** is getting ready for another amazing summer of camping ministry at beautiful Christopher Lake. Get your registration in to attend some great summer fun! Pick up a registration form or brochure from the table in the narthex. For more information please go to [www.campchristopher.ca](http://www.campchristopher.ca) or email [info@campchristopher.ca](mailto:info@campchristopher.ca)

Donna Wilkinson

### MAY EVENTS

5	10:30 am	<b>Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School</b>
7	10:30 am noon	Bible Study Freedom 55ers
12	10:30 am	<b>Youth Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
14	10:30 am noon	Bible Study Freedom 55ers
16	8:00 pm	Choir
19	10:30 am	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
21	10:30 am noon	Bible Study Freedom 55ers
23	8:00 pm	Choir
26	10:30 am	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>