

FIRST THINGS FIRST

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

May 2016

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Roof

This week, the new insulated roof over the gym and office area will be completed. In addition, four flat roof pieces on the sanctuary building will be re-roofed. We received a discount on the gym roof because we were able to schedule the work early in the spring – a saving that made it possible to have the four small flat roofs redone. Every roof on our church buildings has now been renewed during this two-year project!

Funding for this year's roofing has come from several sources. We received \$30,000 from the Jack Wells Fund, approved through the Synod of Saskatchewan. We have received about \$10,000 of the \$20,000 budgeted for contributions from the congregation. We had budgeted to raise \$40,000 from the congregation for both roof projects. To date, we have received about \$30,000 as well as pledges for \$6000 more.

As the full cost of the roof comes due this month, contributions to the roof fund would be greatly appreciated. The balance of the cost is being taken out of the Property Fund, but we also need to rebuild that fund so that we can address other property needs. If you made a pledge, or if you would like to contribute to the new roof, please consider what you might be able to give to this important project. Thanks!

Board of Managers

MISSION & OUTREACH

PWSD is accepting donations for Alberta fires in the wake of the Fort McMurray disaster. Donations to support immediate relief and long-term rebuilding for people affected by the fires may be made to Presbyterian World Service & Development for "Alberta Fires". Funds will be used in consultation with presbyteries and local congregations to support Presbyterian,

ecumenical and other relief efforts. Watch for more updates at presbyterian.ca.

June 12: Healing and Reconciliation Sunday with guest minister, Rev Stewart Folster who will share about his work with Saskatoon Native Circle ministry. Our congregation has supported this ministry for two years and we are pleased to have Rev Folster with us.

Camp Christopher: this year the camp is asking First Church to donate funds to purchase paddleboards for water recreation. Watch for more information about the camp appeal soon.

Mary Jesse
Mission & Outreach Convenor

CAMP CHRISTOPHER

Camp Christopher is accepting registrations for summer camps. Brochures are on the table in the narthex.

- **URGENT:** CAMP CHRISTOPHER staff needed
- **CAMP ADMINISTRATOR:** A.S.A.P - August 29, 2016, with the possibility of part time fall and winter work off site. Full time salary \$3,000/month, plus room and board during the summer.
- **WATERFRONT/RECREATION DIRECTOR:** June 1-August 29, 2016. \$4,400 for the season plus room and board.
- **COUNSELLORS:** Wage based on experience, plus room and board.

For more information go to www.campchristopher.ca or contact Donna info@campchristopher.ca or 306-586-4026.

Camp Christopher would gratefully accept donations of Canadian Tire money. (They still give it out but you have to ask for it.)

Donna Wilkinson
Camp Christopher Convenor

CANADA YOUTH 2016

CY participants - there will be a meeting for participants and parents on May 15 at 4 pm in the Morris Room. Come to get information about flights, questions answered, and snacks!

Donna Wilkinson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

One adult volunteer is needed each Sunday until the end of August to assist with Sunday school activities. Lesson plans, materials and activities will be provided. If you can help for any Sunday, please contact Bette Kelly, or put your name on the sign-up sheet posted by the gym doors.

FUNDSCRIP

The Order Sundays for May will be May 8 and May 22. Promotions for May include Hudson's Bay 5%, Home Outfitters 5%, Winners 8%, Marshall's 8%, Golf Town 7%. Stop by the FundScrip table in the gym following worship to place your order or buy grocery and gas cards. Thanks for your support!

TRI TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP WALKATHON

For many years, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, has raised funds to send upwards of 125 children and youth to Camp Christopher each year. Most of these children, who would otherwise not have such an opportunity, are from local schools and Mistawasis First Nation.

Sandy Scott, during his tenure in PA, started an annual Triathlon to raise funds. The current Interim Minister, Ted Hicks, has spearheaded a Walkathon that covers the entire Rotary Trail around Prince Albert, a distance of about 15 miles or 25 kilometres. Several staff persons from local schools continue the Triathlon from Sandy Lake to PA, while Ted and several St. Paul's people choose the Walkathon. To support them - and the campers through them - you are invited to send a donation made out to St. Paul's Church/TRI at Box 69, Prince Albert, SK S6V 5R4. The Triathlon and Walkathon will be held on June 11th.

Ted Hicks

ST. PAUL'S PRINCE ALBERT CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to celebrate with St. Paul's a special Service in Prince Albert on Saturday, June 18th, 2pm, in the former St. Paul's building in downtown PA. The Rev. Angus McGillivray, a former St. Paul's minister, will be the guest preacher. The guest soloists will be Peter McGillivray, baritone, and Judith Oatway, soprano. The organist and pianist will be William Sgrazzutti from First Presbyterian, Regina. A local Lutheran choir leader, Colleen Bowen, will coordinate a massed choir. For those planning on being part of the choir, please practice hymn #65 in the Book of Praise, a setting of the "old 100th". There will be a chance to practice together prior to the service. If you plan to be in the choir, please bring your choir gown and hymn book and let St. Paul's know you are coming by contacting the Interim Minister, the Rev. Ted Hicks, at 306-314-1425 or by email at tedhicks.cv@gmail.com. As this occasion remembers not only the founding of St. Paul's but also the founding of the city of Prince Albert as well as the coming of Presbyterian worship and witness to Saskatchewan, this service has regional and Synod-wide significance.

Ted Hicks

THE 172nd CONVOCATION OF KNOX COLLEGE

The 172nd convocation of Knox College, University of Toronto, will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, 2016. In addition to honouring this year's graduates in Theology, the convocation will highlight and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of women to the Eldership and ministry of Word and Sacrament in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Rev. Linda Ashfield of Knox Church, Waterloo, will deliver the Convocation address: "What matters is faith expressed through Love". As well, she will conduct an interactive pre-convocation workshop from 9:30 - 12:30 entitled "Full Inclusion of Women in the Church: What were they Thinking?" This workshop will be broadcast over the Knox College *You Tube channel*. For more information and to register go to <http://www.knox.utoronto.ca/convocation/> Thank you for your assistance in sharing this event.

John Henderson, Coordinator of Continuing Education

MAY EVENTS

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| 8 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service
(Rev. Bob Wilson)
& Sunday School |
| 10 | 10:30 AM
Noon | Bible Study
Freedom 55ers |
| 12 | 7:30 PM | Choir |
| 15 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service
(Rev. Bob Wilson)
& Sunday School |
| | 4 PM | Canada Youth meeting |
| 17 | 10:30 AM
Noon | Bible Study
Freedom 55ers |
| 19 | 7:30 PM | Choir |
| 22 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service
(Rev. Bob Wilson)
& Sunday School |
| 23 | Victoria Day - office closed | |
| 24 | 10:30 AM
Noon | Bible Study
Freedom 55ers |
| 25 | 7:00 PM | Board of Managers |
| 26 | 7:30 PM | Choir |
| 29 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service
(Henry Friesen)
& Sunday School |