

FIRST THINGS FIRST

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

May 2017

FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR

I am happy to announce that First Church's call to **The Reverend Amanda Currie** has been sustained by both the Presbytery of Assiniboia and the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan.

***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

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Thank you for your generous givings. There were several large Sunday offerings in April. We are still experiencing cash flow pressures though, and having to juggle the payment of invoices to make sure we have enough to cover payroll. We have already transferred \$10,000 early in 2017 to cover cash flow.

In the next few months, as we move into summer, we encourage consistent contributions. With our new minister, the Rev. Amanda Currie, starting in August, we will need to have higher levels of giving to balance our books.

Thanks for your ongoing support of the church! (If you don't use FundScrip gift cards for gas and groceries, it would help if you could try that out!)

Jo Szostak

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone for bringing your empty food containers for Carmichael Outreach. The agency has enough containers for their needs now, so we have put away our collection bin until further notice.

Camp Christopher Appeal: Every spring, First Church provides funds to help Camp Christopher operate a welcoming and safe camp experience for youth. The 2017 appeal will run from June 4 to 11.

This year the health inspector has said we can no longer use our stove, and the walk-in fridge is not working to capacity. Therefore, the camp is asking for donations to buy a new stove and walk-in cooler! You can imagine how important it is to have safe and tasty food for campers, so we need your help.

Mary Jesse
M&O Committee Convenor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*** Maker Fun Factory ***

Vacation Bible School will be held at First Church, July 10 to 14.

More details to follow but mark your calendars!

Save the Date! Our Sunday School Wind Up will be held on Sunday, May 28.

As of May 31, the Right Now Media Subscription has been cancelled. The Christian Education Committee will determine which online resources best suits our congregational need after Reverend Currie arrives.

Bette Kelly
Christian Education Convenor

SUNDAY TALK

Just a reminder that Blair Stonechild, First Nations University of Canada, will be speaking on the topic of "reconciliation" on Sunday, May 7, during the regular coffee hour immediately following the morning service.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be available.

Doug Stewart,
Editor

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 (click "Who We Serve" and then "Scholarships"). For further information contact Jim Doolittle, Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Mary Jesse
Scholarship Committee member

FUNDSCRIP

The Canadian Brewhouse is now a FundScrip participating retailer. Specials for May include Marshalls (8%), Winners (8%), HomeSense (8%) and Chapters (7.5%). Visit the FundScrip table in the gym after worship. The church earns money on every purchase but it doesn't cost you anything!

Jo Szostak

CAMP CHRISTOPHER

Camper registration forms are now available. Get yours today!

Volunteers Needed

Camp Christopher is in need of volunteers! Each week we need a chaplain, first aider, kitchen and maintenance helpers. Have questions? Let us know! Send us an email at info@campchristopher.ca

Work Weekend

Camp Christopher also needs help getting the camp ready for summer. There are all types of jobs, projects and cleaning to do! The work weekend will be held May 26-28th. Please contact Robb for more information at robbs@sasktel.net or (306) 229-0743. Bring food and we will work together.

Open House

You are invited to join us for our annual Open house, Saturday July 8th, 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! When it is all added up we can buy amazing things for the Camp, from kayaks to craft supplies to kitchen pots and pans.

Donna Wilkinson
Camp Administrator

MAY EVENTS

7	10:30 AM	Worship Service (Rev. Bob Wilson) & Sunday School
9	noon	Freedom 55ers
11	7:00 PM 7:45 PM	Contemporary Practice Choir Practice
14	10:30 AM	Worship Service (Henry Friesen) & Sunday School
16	noon	Freedom 55ers
18	7:00 PM 7:45 PM	Contemporary Practice Choir Practice
21	10:30 AM	Worship Service (Rev. Bob Wilson) & Sunday School
22	Victoria Day	Office Closed
23	noon	Freedom 55ers
24	7:00 PM	Board of Managers
25	7:00 PM 7:45 PM	Contemporary Practice Choir Practice
28	10:30 AM	Worship Service (Rev. Bob Wilson) & Sunday School
30	noon	Freedom 55ers