



Pembina Parish Newsletter

Dear Friends,

“Christ is Risen – Hallelujah!” With those joyous words, our Easter celebration begins. This is the Day of all days, the centre of our Christian faith in which we proclaim that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, lives again. Just when we thought it was all over, that the forces of death and evil had done their worst...life bursts through. Stones are thrust aside, light pierces the tomb, and Jesus emerges to bring love, healing and forgiveness to the world. The cross, once a symbol of shame, is now a sign of hope. The tomb, once the vessel of grief, is now empty. Christ’s resurrection fills us with joy, energy and purpose as we join in acknowledging the power of God’s grace to bring new life to our world.

What does the proclamation “Christ is risen!” mean to you? For many it signifies hope: in the promise of life beyond death, in the possibility of a new beginning after desolation and destruction, in the transformation from despair to hope. For others it symbolizes new life, that same wonder we see in creation around us: tender shoots springing forth from the earth, tiny buds emerging on a tree; what was once dead having the potential to live again. For still others it simply offers the reassurance that we are not alone.

Whatever the meaning of Easter is for you, I hope and pray that you will experience it anew in your hearts and lives this year. May the gifts of this holy season fill you with joy, and may God richly bless you with hope, life and peace.

Yours in Christ,
(Rev.) Cathie



Holy Week Services

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25th

A palm processional with participation from our Sunday School children and youth will be celebrated at both Zion-Calvin and St. Paul's.

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

A reflective service of hand-washing and communion will be held at St. Paul's at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30th

A service of contemplation on the cross and death of Jesus will be held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's.

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Easter morning services will be held at Zion-Calvin at 9:30 a.m. and St. Paul's at 11:00 a.m. and include the celebration of communion



On Easter Sunday, St Paul's will be having a Easter Morning Breakfast. It will be a potluck event with coffee and juice provided. Please join us at 10:00am and bring a few Muffins Cinnamon buns, Hot Cross buns or some kind of finger food to share and celebrate Easter!

Did you know?

Funds are available through the Opportunity Fund for programs or projects that enhance and support the ministry of our Parish.

Requests may be thought of as representing the following areas of work in the church: Reaching up, Reaching out and Reaching in. These requests should not be for programs that would normally be supported by regular and ongoing operational funds.

Application forms are available at the church office or on the bulletin board. The Opportunity Fund Interest Group would appreciate receiving application requests by May 31st, 2018. Thank you!

Financial Report

| Pembina Parish | |
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| Profit & Loss Report | |
| January 1, 2018 to February 28, 2018 | |
| | Actual |
| Income | |
| Givings | \$29,571.86 |
| Fund Raising | 889.03 |
| Other | 2,834.60 |
| Total Income | \$33,295.49 |
| Expenses | |
| Salaries | \$19,150.88 |
| Administration | 3,139.26 |
| St. Paul's Bldg Expenses | 6,212.69 |
| Zion Calvin Bldg Expenses | 2,209.52 |
| Interest Groups | 478.55 |
| Total Expenses | \$31,190.90 |
| Net Surplus or <Loss> | \$ 2,104.59 |

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A note from the Pembina Parish Leadership Team

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the Annual Meeting Sunday, March 4, bring food to share, help in the kitchen, and clean up. We numbered 74 members from St. Paul's and Zion Calvin who gathered together after our worship service for a fellowship lunch and business meeting. After review of our Annual Report, the following motions were passed:

- That we accept the 2018 Budget as presented.
- That we repay the Opportunity Fund Loan in full in the amount of \$10,000.
- That we transfer the Building Fund Reserve (\$21,530) from the Operating Bank Account to a special account.
- That we set the Mission and Service Goal for 2018 at \$38,000.

We were pleased to fill most of the appointments to various positions for 2018 – 2019, and thank each one of you who accepted a nomination. We look forward to working with all of you. There is a list of all of these individuals and their positions in this newsletter. We also thanked Edith Lovatt and Bev Wilson, outgoing members of the Leadership Team, and Jean Motheral and Jackie Stark outgoing members from the M&P Committee for their years of service in these groups.

Earl Gardiner, Co-Chair of The Property Discernment Interest Group, spoke on 'Moving Forward with Property Discernment' – asking us to keep in mind 'What would God want us to do?' Earl acknowledged the Property Discernment Interest Group Members and especially thanked Bruce Shewfelt, Co-Chair for writing a comprehensive report on the methods used to gather information, and subsequent findings of this group, and Rev. Cathie Waldie for her time, involvement, and open mindedness in the discussions. Following the presentation, Earl and Bruce facilitated a conversation and responded to questions. Three motions were passed following the discussion on findings of The Property Discernment Interest Group and upon review of their suggested options or opportunities for moving forward:

- That Pembina Parish Leadership Team continue to engage the congregation in options and alternatives to "right size" the St. Paul's building and report on recommendations / options(s) feasibility at the 2019 annual meeting.
- That the Property Discernment Interest Group be authorized to explore 'Right Sizing' option(s) in more detail to explore and determine outside interests, financial feasibility and plan, and implementation strategy for recommended option(s), reporting to the Pembina Parish Leadership team by January, 2019.

- That Pembina Parish Leadership Team organize and facilitate (or coordinate) a review of our 'Mission Statement' and 'Vision' for the future.

As we move forward with our Property Discernment Process, and further explore and consider our opportunities and options, please consider prayerfully ‘What would God want us to do?’ in this time, and in this place, for today and for tomorrow. As we ponder our values, our purpose, our mission, our vision for the future, be respectful of one another’s ideas and opinions. Talk to one another. Listen to one another. Think about our church history – Where have we come from? Where are we now? Where do we want to be in the future?

The Leadership Team recognizes the ‘busy-ness’ in our parish, and we are grateful to everyone who has been jumping in to assist in so many ways, from filling in at the parish office, to supporting worship, to providing Sunday services at both Zion Calvin and St. Paul’s, Tabor Home or Boundary Trails Health Centre when the need arises, to assisting in the kitchen whenever we gather for fellowship coffees, and lunches, Soup and Pie Fundraisers, meetings, funerals, to setting up the audio/visual system and providing IT support for Sunday Service, funerals, and special events, to keeping the dust down during the building improvement projects at Zion Calvin, looking after property and grounds on a regular basis at both of our churches, to creatively leading our Sunday School Programs, or participating in the music programs, to regularly carrying out Committee or Interest Group Activities, publishing a newsletter, or managing the parish website, and the list goes on and on. Thanks to each and every one of you who give of your time, energy, talents, and skills working together to keep our parish vibrant. It is humbling to walk beside you as we strive to keep growing in our Christian faith, learning from one another and facing our challenges together. Thank you all for your contributions!

The Pembina Parish Annual Report and Property Discernment Interest Group Reports are available upon request if you have not received an electronic or a paper copy. We encourage everyone to read these reports.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Holewka
Chair, Leadership Team



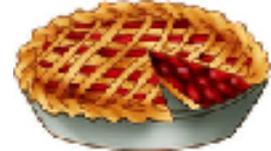
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Soup and Dessert Outreach

The last one before our summer break will be Friday April 20. Thank you to everyone who has supplied desserts, helped prepare, serve and clean up. Thank you to the Thornhill UCW for organizing and working at the January lunch. Your support was very much appreciated.

So far this year we have purchased food for the food cupboard at Donate Love. Many people are surprised that in a community as wealthy as Morden, there is still a real need for a food bank.



Another fun thing we are planning is a Mother's Day Brunch Saturday May 12 10:30-12:00. Please mark your calendar and invite your Mom, Grandma, Aunt, sister, daughter to come and have brunch with you.

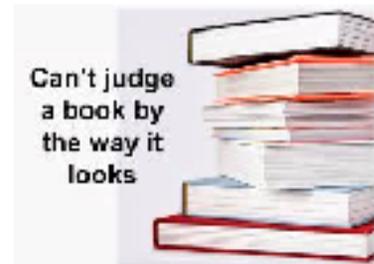
Book Club

The book club meets once a month in members' homes. The books are available at the Morden Library. New members are always welcome, join us every month or just now and then. If you would like to receive information about upcoming reads please contact Sue Nelson 204-822-6357 sue.nelson@mymts.net

Mar 22 "The Dinner" by Herman Koch –will meet at Carol Burton's home @7pm

Apr 26 "Did you ever have a family" by Bill Clegg

May 31 "I am Malala, The story of the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban" by Malala Yousafzai



Pembina Parish Appointments 2018-2019

| Position | Name | Year Appointed | Service |
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| Leadership | | | |
| Chair (2017) | Marlene Holeyka | 2016 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| Treasurer | Louise Gardiner | 2016 | 3 Years (+1 year) |
| Member | Karen Dyck | 2017 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| Member | Debbie Hamilton | 2017 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| Member | Lesley Bezte | 2018 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| Member | Margot Craig | 2018 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| M&P Rep | Karen Ching Cathy Lone - To alternate | 2017 | |
| Minister | Rev. Cathie Waldie | | |
| Minister | Vacancy | | |
| Ministry and Personnel (M&P) | | | |
| Chair | Earl Gardiner | 2016 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| One M&P Rep to sit on Leadership | Karen Ching | 2017 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| | Cathy Lone | 2017 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| | Mary Anne McElroy | 2018 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| | Beth Lovell | 2018 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| | Bruce Lyng | 2018 | 2 Years (+1 year) |
| House Group Coordinators | | | |
| | Edith Lovatt (St. Paul's) | | Annual Appointment |
| | Karen Ching (Zion Calvin) | | Annual Appointment |
| Elders | | | |
| | Doug Lone | 2016 | 3 Years (+1 year) |
| | Karen Ching | 2016 | 3 Years (+1 year) |
| | Joan Peters | 2016 | 3 Years (+1 year) |
| Presbytery Reps | | | |
| | Sharon Deceuninck | 2015 | 3 Years (+1 year) |
| | Vacancy | | <i>Lent 2018</i> |

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| Youth Reps | Ethan Bezte – St. Paul's | 2018 | Annual Appointment |
| | To Be Determined | | Annual Appointment |
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| Rock Lake Camp Reps | Bob Luger | 2018 | Annual Appointment |
| | Ron Peters | 2018 | Annual Appointment |
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| Zion Calvin Trustees | Bob Luger | 2012 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |
| | Betty Hamilton | 2012 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |
| | Debbie Hamilton | 2016 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |
| | Brian McElroy (Appointed 2017- April-27) | 2017 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |
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| St. Paul's Trustees | Fred Mayor | 2012 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |
| | Lesley Andrew | 2012 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |
| | Nancy Penner | 2017 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |
| | Brian Nedohin | 2018 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |
| | Rick Britton | 2018 | 5 Years (+ 1 - 2 extra years) |



Please welcome Laurie Wiebe to the Pembina Parish. Laurie is our new Office Administrator. Laurie lives in Darlingford. She returned to Manitoba last fall after spending a number of years living in the UK. We are very happy to have her on board and hard at work already. Feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Sharon Deceuninck for producing the Power point services AND to Rick Britton and Shannon Holenski for managing the office for the last month. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

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Pictures, including those taken at the Pancake Supper, are on the church's website, www.pembinaparish.com under About Us, Gallery. Also on the website are upcoming events under News & Events, Upcoming Events. Contact June Steiner if you have something that needs to go on the website.



Are you interested in becoming a member of our newest **UCW group** at Pembina Parish? The group hopes to involve the working demographic of women in the life of the church. For more information or to participate please contact Leslie Bezte @ dlbezte@mymts.net or text 204-823-4107.



Music and Dessert Evening - Mark your calendars for the annual choir spring concert to be held on Saturday, April 21.

Property Discernment Committee Update

A quick thanks to all those people who took the time to review our report and/or attend the coffee houses or the annual meeting, and of course for all the feedback. As reported by Marlene Holewka in the report on the Annual Meeting, the Discernment Committee will be moving forward in 2018 to explore in more detail options at St. Pauls with respect to “right sizing” our building to our congregation.

To this end we will be advertising a meeting for the start of May 2018, where we will be engaging those members of the congregation that wish to join our discernment process and help us explore several options for St. Pauls in more detail.

We hope to bring results for additional consideration of the congregation and leadership later in 2018 and will report back to the annual meeting next year for further direction.

IF you are interested, please take the time to leave your name at the office or contact one of the Committee members. Otherwise hope to see you in early May or again in the fall.

Bruce Shewfelt
Co-Lead Property Discernment

