

GSUC News
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Stewardship Second

*Stewardship is not just about money.
It's about how we use everything we have and who we are as we walk the Way of
Jesus*

*Join us for Worship
Sunday April 28, 2024 at 10:30 am,
as we honor Camping Sunday*



Wellman Lake United Church Camp in the Duck Mountains, Manitoba

In the tradition of the United Church of Canada, the last Sunday in April is known as “Camping Sunday.” Camping is one of the biggest youth ministries in the United Church. Each summer thousands of children and youth across Canada come together to be in relationship in community, with creation and with God. Camp is a place where young people are welcomed as they are, it is a place where they are encouraged to wonder and deepen into their connection to the environment and respect for creation. Camp is a place to be creative, wonder and engage in questions about our everyday lives and of the mystery of the Holy. Camp is a place where young people are nurtured in their own leadership skills and abilities.

Your donations to the Mission and Service and The Sunshine Camp Fund ensure that camps such as Wellman Lake United Church Camp continue to offer programming to our youth each summer.

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The United Church of Canada

It is the season of Easter, where we move from the despair and hopelessness of Good Friday—when it seemed that death and destruction triumphed.

In their grief and numbness, the women went to the tomb. Together. And together they encountered hope, new life, resurrection.

On the road to Emmaus, the disciples walked with a stranger. They prayed together, broke bread together, and they also met hope, new life, resurrection.

Sometimes I despair. I lose hope, especially after watching or reading the news, or hearing reports from global partners. I think of Palestine, and the sheer number of people who have died, or been injured or displaced. The destruction of everything they know as home, and the threat of another ground invasion, with nowhere safe for them to go.

I think of Israeli hostages who have not yet been released. I think of collective warmongering that pours fuel on the fire of this conflict at the peril of all in the region.

We need a lasting and just peace in the region—and that seems so desperately far away. But then I remember the words of Jesus: “Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there.”

The power of accompaniment and of radical solidarity is a long-term commitment to knowing and walking beside. There are simple actions for us to take to radically accompany partners in Palestine and Israel. As members of KAIROS Canada, we join with others across the country, and indeed across the world, in joining the [Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage](#).

We track the distances we walk in prayerful solidarity. If you are unable to move with us, please wear white, and take a photo to share on social media and with [your MP](#), urging Canada to join in the [call for a permanent ceasefire](#).

On April 18, I will start my walk with ecumenical partners in Manhattan, New York. And on May 22-23, I will join church leadership from KAIROS Canada members to

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walk in Ottawa. We will bring our prayers and concerns to the Government of Canada and Parliamentarians, urging them to take immediate and sustained steps to advance and promote a just and lasting peace in Palestine and Israel. If you can, please join us in Ottawa on May 22.

For specific actions, resources and other ways to witness, please refer to the special edition of E-ssentials (April 18), or to the [news update](#).

I ask you to join me, and the countless many faithful who continue to walk. To gather together—in twos and threes, in tens, twenties, hundreds, and thousands—in prayer, in solidarity, in radical accompaniment, for Palestine and Israel. Gather together, even amid your despair and hopelessness, to roll, walk, move together.

Let us pray:

As relentless as the rising sun,
may we, steadfast God,
pray relentlessly,
 until the violence, war and bloodshed in Gaza ends.
Give us the fortitude to pray, without ceasing,
 until the safety, well-being and dignity of all people is cherished and held as
sacred; and until elected officials and those in positions of power safeguard the
most vulnerable and protect the human rights
Give us the courage to pray boldly with
 our hearts, our words, our actions and our resources
until all people in Palestine and Israel can enjoy freedom, justice and peace in
abundance.
May it be so,
Amen

This is how we can be neighbours to those far away.

This is how we can be pilgrims—disciples—together.

Together in Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

Moderator of The United Church of Canada

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Prayer Cycle 2024

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world.

For the week of April 29 – May 4

Prairie to Pine Region Prayer Cycle – Camping Sunday • Rock Lake UC Camp
• Wellman Lake UC Camp

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle – Next week we pray for: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle takes us through every region of the world over the course of a year. Praying for each place on earth and its people at least once a year, we affirm our solidarity with Christians all over the world, brothers and sisters living in diverse situations, experiencing diverse problems, and sharing diverse gifts.

Pray with us!

Worship at Grey Street UC

Worship either in person or via live stream Sundays @ 10:30 am.

Live stream can be viewed by clicking on this link.

[On-line Service | Grey Street United Church](#)

Scripture Readings

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Lectionary calendar Year B

Check this box for each week's scripture selection.

Acts 8: 26-40

Peter and the Ethiopian eunuch.

Psalm 22: 25-31

Praise God who has heard our call.

1 John 4: 7-21

Everyone who loves is born of God.

John 15: 1-8

Jesus, is the true vine.

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Worship Services and Celebrations

Each Sunday Worship from **April 28 to June 2** will highlight a different theme. These services are being designed to learn, pray and celebrate how we live out being Called To Be The Church. We look forward to you joining us!

April 28 – Camping Sunday. Sharing memories of camp experiences.

May 5 – Mental Health Sunday

May 12 - Christian Family Sunday and Mothers Day

May 19 - Diane McKenty leads worship welcoming Pentecost. A lunch will follow the worship service celebrating Diane's successful completion of her Licensed Lay Worship Leader studies.

May 26 – Trinity Sunday

June 2 – Ginny's last preaching Sunday. Join us for communion and a time of fun and fellowship as we say thanks to Ginny for her time with us.

Leadership Team News

The position of chair of the Leadership Team is a shared position by members of the team. Each member of the Leadership Team is expected to be in the role of the Acting/Chair for a period of 1 month.

A/Chair April 18 – May 15, 2024

Eleanor Harrison, 204-229-9743 or eharisonn7@gmail.com

Do you have a bouquet, question, or concern that you would like to pass on to the Leadership Team? Please contact our Wise one.

Nick Palylyk npalylyk@gmail.com

Next Leadership Meeting

Wednesday May 15, 2024

Do you have an item/news of interest that you would like to have posted in the weekly GSUC News? Send an email to Stacy in the church office greyunited@gmail.com by end of day Wednesday of the week you want it announced and Stacy will ensure it is included in the newsletter.

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Minister's Office hours:

Sundays 9:00am – 2:00pm

Contact Ginny anytime - Phone or Text. 204-230-8656

Email: kvcoleman@me.com

In an emergency, please call 204-230-8656 day or night.

GSUC Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:30am to 1:30pm

Email: greyunited@gmail.com

Phone: 204-667-9413

Grey Street is looking for volunteers to help cut the lawn over the summer for these weeks: Sept. 1-15, 16-30, and Oct. 1-15. The church has a lawnmower you can use or feel free to bring your own. If interested contact Nick Palylyk at npalylyk@gmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated.

20th Annual Walk With L'Arche
Sunday May 5, 2024

Since 1973, L'Arche Winnipeg has been creating homes and social opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities in Winnipeg. L'Arche Winnipeg believes that every person has a unique and sacred value, and our mission is to be a sign of hope in a divided world, offering an example of how people of different abilities, social origins, religions, and cultures, can live together in harmony.

Keith Gannon will be participating in this walk. If you are interested in supporting Keith as he walks to raise funds for the good works of the L'Arche community, you will find a pledge form in the Narthex.

John Black's Annual Soil Sale

Soil is arriving on Tues. April 30th

Help is needed at 6:00 pm for bagging.

All are welcome, please bring gloves and shovels.

Soil will be on sale - \$6.00 per bag after 6:30 pm

Please contact Donna at 204-799-5882 for other sale times

Hello to Ben Eko-Davis and Family. Long time readers of the GSUC weekly news.

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Sonolux means sound and light, and as most of you know it is the name of the choir I sing in. Our upcoming concert is Friday, May 3rd. Let me know if you're interested in tickets. They sell out fast. There's 20 of us in the choir and the venue's full capacity is 180.

Three years ago, **Sonolux** came into my life with the exact sound and light I needed. I was asked to audition for it and one week later I joined, my mother died. I will be forever grateful to have been introduced and invited to this choir. They're a beautiful group of people who are fun, talented, kind and loving. I consider them a gift in my life.

My hope is that as long as I continue singing in **Sonolux**, may I always bring sound and light to it not just as a chorister, but as a voice to one who is needing comfort and a light to another whose path is darkened.

This choir has brought light into my life with its sound, its warmth, and its love. I love sharing the joy it brings me with the joy it brings to others in our concerts. It's who I am and have always been. Please see attached flyer for more information about the concert. For tickets you can email me @ darciaiphone@me.com or Ph: 204-791-6311.

Darcia Albrechtsen



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Immanuel United Church

755 Golspie Street

presents

An Entertainment Variety Special

Featuring music by the
"Play It Again" Trio

Trivia

Mini Drama

Refreshments

Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7pm

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 2pm

Tickets are \$15.00 each

Call 204-669-0220

to reserve tickets



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*for Mother’s Day or
for that Someone Special in your life*

\$15 Takeout

*Fancy Sandwiches &
Dainties - serves two*

To Order:

Email Darlene – darlmae@shaw.ca

OR call (204) 255-1123

Order Deadline: May 6, 2024

When to Pick Up:

Saturday, May 11, 2024
Between 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.



Pick Up Location:

St. Charles Headingley United Church
110 Bridge Road, Headingley, MB R4H 1G3

Proceeds for Church Emergency Building Repair Fund

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KEN MARTIN ART SALE

ALL PROCEEDS
GRACIOUSLY DONATED
TO WESTWORTH UNITED
CHURCH GENERAL FUND
BY THE MARTIN FAMILY

MAY 11, 11-3
MAY 12, 1-4



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