

**GSUC News**  
**May 17, 2026**



Join us for worship May 17, the Seventh Sunday of Easter  
as we explore the reflection topic *“What are you looking at?”*  
with Rev. Patrick Woodbeck.

**Worship begins at 11:30 am**  
**All are welcome!**  
**See you Sunday!**

In person or live stream @ [On-line Service | Grey Street United Church](#)

**Stewardship Second - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*Stewards care passionately, humbly, and graciously about God’s vision for the world.*

**Important News!**

All requests to book the church should now be sent to the new mailbox.  
[gsuchurchbookings@gmail.com](mailto:gsuchurchbookings@gmail.com)

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**Upcoming Worship**  
**Pentecost 1**

**Pentecost Sunday May 24**, Rev. Patrick Woodbeck. Communion Sunday.  
*Reflection: The Spirit of God*

**Pentecost Sunday May 31**, Prairie to Pine Regional Meetings.

**No worship at Grey Street United Church**

You are invited to worship at:

Birds Hill UC 2105 Burton Ave. Birds Hill @ 10 am - worship leader Dan Schwartz LLWL  
Or

Immanuel UC 755 Golspie St @ 10:45 am – worship leader Rev. Nancy Saunders

**Pride Sunday June 7**, worship leader Luane Campbell (worship team)

*Reflection: TBA*

**Sunday June 14**, worship leader Diane McKenty CDM

*Reflection: TBA*

**Sunday June 21**, worship leader Rev. Patrick Woodbeck

*Reflection: TBA*

**Sunday June 28**, worship leader Rev. Patrick Woodbeck

*Reflection: TBA*

**July and August** – No regular Sunday worship at Grey Street United Church  
Get ready to join with our TBJIGGN friends for the ultimate summer worship,  
**Churchorama 2026**. *Passports will be ready by the beginning of June.*

**Check this box for each week's scripture selection.**

**Lectionary calendar Year A**

**Scripture Reading(s) for Sunday May 17, 2026**

**Acts 1: 6-14**

*The ascension of Jesus.*

**Psalms 68: 1-10, 32-35 (VU p787)**

*God makes a home for the poor.*

**1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11**

*Cast your cares on God. Be alert.*

**John 17: 1-11**

*Jesus prays that his disciples "all may be one".*

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### **Prayer Cycle 2026**

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

**For the week of May 17 to May 24, 2026**

**Prairie to Pine Region Prayer Cycle** – •International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (May 17) Victoria Day (May 18) •Winnipeg: Crescent Fort Rouge  
•Winnipeg: Harrow • Ignace (SM) • Northwest Interlake (Grahamdale, Gypsumville)

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

### **Leadership Team News**

**A/Leadership Team Chair: April 16 to May 20, 2026**  
**Brent Poole** : 204-897-1545 email : [brento@mymts.net](mailto:brento@mymts.net)

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](mailto:npalylyk@gmail.com)

**Next Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Wednesday May 20, 2026 @ 6:30pm**

**Eco-Theology Study Group**  
**Last day on Thursday May 28, 2026**  
**From 1pm – 3pm @ Gordie's Coffee house (127 Cobourg Ave.)**

**Join Rev. Patrick Woodbeck as he facilitates conversation about faith and the living world.**

**A Celebration of Life for Bob Logan will be held on Wednesday May 20th, 2026, at 1:30pm here at Grey Street United Church.**

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#### **Church Window Update** **Exciting News!!!**

It has been almost two years since our church windows were vandalized. After much discussion the Leadership Team made the decision to take the “long road” to repair them. The team did not think it made sense to file an insurance claim only to replace the windows with glass that could be easily broken again. Rather, we started to research security glass as a replacement. This glass is significantly more expensive. As you know money is not plentiful around our small church. Luane Campbell took on the task of researching and applying for grants to help pay for the installation of security glass.

This spring (our second time applying) we got the exciting news that the Winnipeg Foundation was granting us \$10,000.00 to fix our windows (this amount was approximately half of what we requested). We also applied to the Province of Manitoba’s grant aimed at vandalism and hate crime. After initially being turned down, we received notice that \$2,500.00 was coming our way. We are most thankful to both organizations for granting us these monies.

Our trustee/maintenance guru Glenn Poole contacted Hi Tech (the company that previously installed our new windows). Tom from Hi Tech informed Glenn that their company was now a manufacturer of security glass. What this means to us as a customer is that we can now skip the “middleman” when purchasing the security glass. What does this all mean? We have been granted a total of \$12,500.00 to add security glass to our windows. The \$12,500.00 is going to cover the work itemized below with less than \$400 left over.

The order has been placed with Hi Tech to replace the following sealed units complete with security glass (included as part of the sealed unit).

- 2 big front windows facing Grey Street
- Entire admin office window
- Entire minister study window.

If all goes as planned, the new windows complete with security glass will be installed by the time we reconvene for worship in the fall.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we worked through this process.

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### Wider Church News and Events

#### **NEW: Winnipeg Pride Parade – June 7th, 2026**

Thanks to Charleswood United Church for registering to walk in the parade, and for your willingness to have other United Church groups join you. As in the past, walkers can carry their church banners, pride flags, and signs of celebration and affirmation for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. The theme for this year's pride festival is "Celebrate YOU!"

Rosalie (rep from Charleswood) would like others to step forward to join her in marshalling our now larger group. Please contact [tmacnair@united-church.ca](mailto:tmacnair@united-church.ca) to be put in touch with Rosalie.

Anyone who wishes to become more informed about the parade plans/process is welcome to attend the info session **tonight (Wed, May 13) at 7 pm**. [Click here to join](#). The info session is open to anyone, but it would be especially helpful if you are willing to be a marshal.

#### **NEW: Take action for Guaranteed Livable Income**

Everyone deserves to live with dignity. Across the country, people are struggling to afford basic necessities. That's why the United Church is calling on the federal government to create a **Guaranteed Livable Income program**. It's a practical, compassionate solution that would help ensure no one is left behind. By providing a consistent income floor, it can reduce poverty, improve health outcomes, and give people the stability they need to thrive.

**You can help make this change happen.** We've made it easy to contact the Senate Committee that is reviewing Bill S-206 for the creation of a Guaranteed Livable Income. **Add your voice today** with just a few clicks: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>

Together, our voices can help build a more just and compassionate Canada.

#### **NEW: Canadian Foodgrains Bank appeal for Sudan**

The United Church is a founding member of the CFGB, and many in our Region are involved in its ministry. Executive Director Andy Harrington writes, "Last month, I travelled to Sudan and South Sudan and met people living through the world's largest humanitarian crisis. I saw firsthand what it means to survive without reliable access to food, shelter, healthcare, or safety. The suffering is overwhelming.

After 3 years of conflict, millions of families are unable to access food or basic necessities needed to survive. The United Nations (UN) is reporting 33.7 million people in Sudan – around three-quarters of Canada's population – need humanitarian assistance right now. The situation is grim.

And yet, even in the midst of such devastation, I continued to see signs of hope and humanity. Communities sharing what little they have. Neighbours looking out for one another. Humanitarian workers are doing everything they can to bring relief, often at great risk to their own safety.

From now until Sunday, May 31, your donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$250,000 to help fund emergency food assistance, thanks to a generous private donor who cares deeply about the people living through this crisis." To give, [please visit the CFGB website](#).

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**Minister Office Hours:**  
**Wednesdays 8:30am to 2:30pm**

**Patrick Woodbeck – Email: [ministergsuc@gmail.com](mailto:ministergsuc@gmail.com)**  
**Pastoral Care emergency, please leave a message at 204-962-1060.**

**Contribution Envelopes**

If you would like contributions envelopes or have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you.

**PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittances)**

If you require information about PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittances) donations to Grey Street UC, please contact the office. Thank you.

**GSUC Office Hours:**  
**Monday to Friday 9:45am – 1:45pm.**

**Email: [greyunited@gmail.com](mailto:greyunited@gmail.com) Phone: 204-667-9413**

**Eco-Theology  
Study Group**



**Every second Thursday starting  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
From 1pm - 3pm  
At Gordie's Coffeehouse**

**Join Rev. Patrick Woodbeck as he  
facilitates conversation about faith and  
the living world.**



**THE BIG RED CHURCH  
COMMUNITY  
GARDEN**

We have a few garden boxes available to "rent." They are \$15 for the 2026 year and are rented on a first come, first served basis, with previous year's renters given first choice.

Each person who rents one is responsible for that garden box, and must follow the gardening etiquette and guidelines (document provided).

If you're interested or have questions, email Betty Kuras at [bbldadybug@shaw.ca](mailto:bbldadybug@shaw.ca) or call 204-667-8781 and leave a message to have someone get in touch with you.

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**“MARKET DAY”**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**9 AM TO 2 PM**

AT JOHN BLACK MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

CORNER OF ROBERTA AND HENDERSON HWY

HUGE ASSORTMENT OF GARAGE SALE ITEMS

-TOYS - SMALL FURNITURE -CHINA -BOOKS



-TOOLS -HOMEBAKING -HOMEMADE PIES

-ACCESSORIES -PLANTS

-SPORTING GOODS -JEWELLERY



STAY FOR BBQ HOT DOGS & BURGERS

BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR!! EVERYONE WELCOME!

Donated items may be dropped off Mon, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Thurs, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am to 8:00 pm

We will take everything **EXCEPT:** clothing, stuffed toys, TV's, computers, large furniture, venetian blinds, & mattresses.

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# Garden Tour

# Tea, Craft & Plant Sale

Saturday, June 20, 2026  
10 am to 4 pm

**Beautiful Gardens of Norwood**

**Info & Tickets at [1JustCity.ca/gardentour](https://1JustCity.ca/gardentour)**

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