

Pincher Creek Pastoral Charge News!!

It's a lovely day and we've just had a good week of rain and heat and I hear the hay fields are growing madly! Great news! The livestock will eat well this winter!

I will be around all summer, so please don't hesitate to call, visit, invite me to lunch or coffee!!

July 1 is a Sunday, and we will celebrate Canada's 151st birthday with special services at the regular times!

Summer is fairly quiet, but there are some schedule changes for summer:

- July 15 there will only be one service at Mountain Mill at 1:30 pm with a potluck picnic to follow the service. If it isn't too warm we will have the service outdoors, so bring your lawn chairs!
- July 29 there will only be one service at Cowley Foothills at 9:30 am.

July council meeting will be on the 10th.

August services will be the usual schedule.

General Council will take place in Oshawa this summer from July 22-27. You can follow the votes on the remits to change the structure of the governing bodies of the church will happen as follows unless there are changes to the agenda. See the quote below for scheduling:

"Plenary sessions at GC43 will be livestreamed throughout July 22–27. A button on generalcouncil43.ca will take you to the livestream—it will appear when streaming begins the morning of Sunday, July 22.

According to the current draft agenda, Council will deal with the remits around 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on Sunday, July 22. Any change to this time will be reflected in the online agenda, which will also be available on generalcouncil43.ca, and on social media."

Much work has been done on the assumption that the changes will take place as all the remits but one, have passed the votes at the congregational and presbytery levels, and we are beginning to see what the new structures will look like.

Thanks to Patti for all her work keeping the church building clean!

Special thanks to Marion Hodgson and Judy Vance for all their work cleaning the kitchen! Fantastic job, ladies! Thanks also for all the work you do in preparing for funeral lunches. Thanks also to all who serve and clean up afterwards.

Thanks also to the dedicated ladies who work so hard in the thrift shop every week! There is quite a list of them and they are faithful in coming in to sort and price, hang clothes, jewelry, dishes, etc. and remove things that aren't selling to go to the Diabetes Society. And then there are those who work in the shop each Friday and Saturday! Donna does a great job of organizing them!

Thanks to Caroline and Bessie for their gifts of music to the church! Thanks to Eva who plays for me when I do services at Crestview and Vista Village, and Caroline at Whispering Winds. Thanks to Hilah and Lynn C. for playing at Mountain Mill and Lou Niven at Cowley! Thanks also to Marjorie and Eva for filling in when someone can't be there!

Thanks to Diana for leading the choir, blessing us with that gift of music as well!

Many thanks to Maureen for her work in the office and for reading the Minute for Mission each week when she is here.

Thanks to Garry for keeping the buildings and grounds in good repair, and to him and Brett for all their work pricing out the technology upgrades we would like to make to our sound system, and online stuff. (Get the impression I'm not sure of some of that?)

Thanks to all the members of council for their work in keeping all the balls that involves in the air!

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers and employees!!

Blessings, Judith

