

Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

We will prepare 35 hampers and 200 gift bags
(prices are approximate):

Bannock Making Bag

Baking powder, flour, oil - \$20

Toiletries Bag

Shampoo, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste - \$20

Gift Bag

Candy, colouring books, crayons, barretts, stuffies,
socks, mittens, fidget toys, lip gloss, change purses -
\$20

Turkey Meal Bag

Turkey or ham, potatoes, onions, stove top stuffing,
vegetables, coffee or tea, sugar, creamer, oranges,
juice - \$100

Donations can be sent by e-transfer to

pohipc@gmail.com or by mail:

PO Box 4001

Redwood Center

Winnipeg MB, R2W 5H9

From Rev. Margaret

I cannot express the depth of my gratitude for all the financial and prayer support received from all of our friends of Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church. Without you we could not sustain a ministry for Indigenous people in the inner city of Winnipeg.

Baptisms, confirmations, youth and adults becoming members of the church, and weddings are all very rich blessings in our Church family life.

Instilling hope into the chaos and difficulties that are encountered by people living in poverty in unsafe neighbourhoods, and encountering too much grief in their lives becomes a preaching challenge. But the challenge is good.

During the week there is always the need to help our families navigate the social systems that are failing our people. Child and family service, social assistance, the schools, health care, the justice system are not set up to surround families with the support they need to thrive. Advocacy, support, encouragement, and prayer from the ministry team are all required. Please keep the ministry team and all our families in your prayers.

From the Congregation

Baptisms this year so far:

- 2 babies

3 youth

3 teens

2 adults

Profession of faith transfers -

4

Weddings - 2

Grade 12 graduations - 6

Donald & Trina Meekis were married at POHIPC on May 19, 2025.



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From Susan Currie

Some of you may know that there was a tragic death in my family. I was at church when I got the call and it hit me pretty hard. No one had ever seen me cry and no one knew what to do. I had told a 9 year old one time that he gave the best hugs so he made himself my official hugger. Dante came up to me that day and just held his arms out to me. "Boy do I need this today" I told him. "Then you better have another one," he replied. He's not the only one hugging. Little ones run to me and hold on dearly to my leg. Two year old Charlee comes in each week calling "hi church!" Then runs to me for a hug - and it's a long one. Little ones return love when they receive love at home.

Daily Vacation Bible School

35 Children, ages 6-12, registered for Daily Vacation Bible School this year. Rev. Jinsil Park led the DVBS with youth volunteers from Westwood Presbyterian Church and the Korean Presbyterian Church of Winnipeg. The overall theme was Love Love Love Love Love. The importance of loving God, ourselves, and others was taught. Love is one of the virtues expressed in both the seven sacred teachings and in the 9 fruits of the Spirit.

Sunday School

We have a new (and good!) problem when it comes to the Sunday school classes this year. There is a group of 11-15 year olds who had to be separated from the younger ages in order to better teach them and keep them engaged. Teachers, curriculum, and appropriate space in the building for that age group became a problem. A room in the basement of the church has been emptied and redesigned. Susan Currie, the Parish Social Worker, has been developing curriculum using both Indigenous sacred teachings and Christian teachings. The children are learning the importance of the 7 Sacred Teachings and the 9 Fruits of the Spirit to be able to live a good life.

Beading Group



A small group of women gather on Tuesday morning to learn how to do Traditional Indigenous beading. Jackie Grisdale makes up starter kits and teaches the basics. It becomes an opportunity for adult company and conversation during the week.