

HARROW UNITED CHURCH



Harrow United Church Anniversary Appeal
Engaging with our Neighbours in Hope and Transformation

November 2023

Greetings from Harrow United Church! We will celebrate the congregation's 107th anniversary on November 12. This has been a year of major transition for Harrow. Our long time minister, Rev. Teresa Moysey, retired on April 30 and we have been holding worship with a variety of special guest ministers and dedicated lay leaders. We are glad to have in-person worship and Sunday school as well as live streaming our services on YouTube for those that can not attend here. Harrow continues to host monthly worship at the Parkway Retirement Community and at the Jessie Avenue Convalescent Home of Winnipeg. We also have an active "Faithful Readers" book club, prayer shawl group, a beautiful garden, Messy Church activities, Rhyme and Storytime, Souper sales and a variety of outreach projects supporting 1Just City, food banks and United Church Halfway Homes.

One of the keys to our success this year is collaboration. Our Reconciliation Group worked with the Walking Together Grant Team, Winnipeg Foundation, Take Pride Winnipeg, Rolling River First Nation, United Church youth and Indigenous artists so that Harrow could proudly display a beautiful reconciliation mural on the exterior east wall of our church. The reconciliation group also worked with Indigenous Elders to hold a special Orange Shirt Day worship service and feast.

In the summer Harrow participated in Church'orama, a collaborative worship experience that we shared with Westminster United Church., Crescent Fort Rouge UC, Churchill Park UC and U.C in Meadowood. We had a chance to host services, as well as visit other congregations, listen to different ministers and make some new friends during the social time after worship. It was a very positive experience which will probably occur again next summer!

We want to keep our doors open and share space with others in our community. We have a number of outside programs that use our facility. Halfway Homes staff, Village Green English Country Dancers, Little Opera Company and Yoga classes have all been here for a few years. New renters include a karate club, two women's movement classes, a Ukrainian Dance group, Big Band Rehearsal, Manitoba Association of Schooling at Home (use our gym) and Prairie Buffalo Local – Manitoba Metis Federation. We are so pleased that you have all become a part of Harrow's "caring and sharing" community.

To maintain all our programs and pay for the upkeep of our aging building requires a major financial commitment. Some of our income is from our renters and church fundraisers but the rest of our income is from congregation members' offering, and donations from others who utilize this space. We depend upon the generosity of those who share our passion for all this community embodies: education, hospitality, inclusion, support, fitness, healing, hope, joy and compassion.

When we celebrate our anniversary every fall we make an appeal to members, friends and adherents to make a special anniversary gift. How can you help?

- ✓ Special one-time donation – cash, cheque, e-transfer to secretary@harrowunited.ca, or online through Canada Helps (see link on our website www.harrowunited.ca). All donations will receive tax receipts.
- ✓ Gift of securities or shares
- ✓ Beneficiary directive
- ✓ Perhaps you have a fabulous fundraising idea that you would like to take on to raise money for Harrow. We appreciate any financial support you are able to give.

We invite everyone to our 107th anniversary worship service on Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 am. Our guest minister on that day will be Rev. James Christie. Stay and share coffee and cake after the service.

Blessings to all ...

Harrow Chair of Council

Rae Leaden