

CHURCHILL PARK UNITED WORSHIP CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
March 21, 2025



Sunday, March 23 – Lent 3

9:15am – Choir meets in the Lounge

10:00am – Worship Service

11:00am – Visiting and Refreshments (*Lounge*)

The [You tube link](#) for Sunday worship will be sent on Saturday.

Calendar at a Glance:

Tuesday, March 25, 7:30pm – Building Transition Team Meeting (*N. Office*)

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30pm – Leadership Team Meeting (*N. Office*)

Friday, March 28, 1:00pm – Book Club discusses the books of Anne Lamott (*N. Office*)

Sunday, April 6 – Worship followed by Congregational Potluck

Sunday, April 13 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Wednesday, April 16, 1:00pm – Women’s Spirituality Group (*N. Office*)

Friday, April 18, 10:30am – Good Friday Worship, *Fort Garry United*

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Worship

Sunday, April 27 – Worship with Scouts participation

Sunday, June 8 – Centenary Celebration, *Crescent Fort Rouge*

Sunday, March 23 - Consolation and Desolation

Bring a reading, poem, reflection or song suggestion to contribute to the Service

Joan of Arcadia is a TV series that ran from 2003 to 2005. It is the story of 16-year old Joan Girardi, who (unbeknownst to her family) sees and speaks with God. Helen, Joan’s mother, is also on a private spiritual search. In the final episode of Season 1, Joan is in hospital with Lyme disease. While Joan sleeps, her parents talk quietly in her room.

Helen: I talked to a priest earlier today.

Will: Was he handsome?

Helen: Not as handsome as you.

Will: Go on.

Helen: The priest said that we go through times of consolation and desolation. Consolation is when things are flowing, and everything makes sense, and you feel connected. You’re aware that God is present and has plans for you, maybe even likes you a little bit. You remember that? **Will:** Sometimes.

Helen: Desolation is the other thing. When you are scared and confused and alone and out of step, and your cell phone doesn’t work, and your daughter gets sick, and the cops come to the door and say there’s been an accident. God retreats, and you’re left with your own thoughts, and those thoughts are dark. There are answers there. He told me. And strength.

Will: How long does desolation last?

Helen: As long as it needs to.



In the hands of caring staff at the Heath Sciences Centre, and loved by so many, **Dorothy Smith** died peacefully on Thursday, March 21, just as spring was beginning.

The family want to thank the congregation for the care shown to Dorothy, and to them, during this difficult time.
A service will be held later in the spring.



You are invited to join an informal National Town Hall on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. with United Church General Secretary, Michael Blair and guests from the General Council Executive. Our first Cross-Country Check-In last October had more than 330 attendees!

This invitation is for **you** to join and discuss the decisions and dialogue from the GCE meeting. Register on [CHURCHx](#).

Watch for scheduling and updates by subscribing to the [General Council website](#).

Joint Centenary Worship

10:30am, Sunday, June 8 – Lunch to Follow

Churchill Park, Fort Garry, Crescent Fort Rouge, Augustine, Young, Westminster, Harrow

We will need many volunteers to carry out this service.
Sign up to volunteer on the sheet at the back table or contact the office.
Thank you in advance.

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