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Vision Statement of Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge

We will strive to worship God

By maintaining the Christian way of life, and

By upholding the common beliefs of the United Church.

We will help to provide

Leadership, service, fellowship, Christian education,

Stability, and security in the life of our community.

Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge

Two churches in the southwest corner of the province of Manitoba are located within our pastoral charge – **Reston United Church** and **Pipestone United Church**. Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge is part of the Assiniboine Presbytery.

Through monthly payments, each church contributes a percentage of the operating expenses of the Pastoral Charge. Currently Reston United Church contributes 65% and Pipestone United Church contributes 35%.

The Pastoral Charge is responsible for the salaries of the minister and administrative assistant, as well as the office expenses.

General church maintenance is the responsibility of each church.

The **Pastoral Charge Office**, located at the west end of the Reston United Church, can be accessed from outside or from within the basement. This area consists of two rooms - the minister's office (15 feet x 14 feet) and the administrative space (12 feet x 15 feet). This fully equipped modern office has two desktop computers, a photo copier, and fax machine. Wireless internet service is available throughout the building. On average, the administrative assistant works 6 hours weekly.

The Pastoral Charge **manse** is located next door to the Reston United Church. Insurance, taxes, and hydro costs of the manse are covered by the Pastoral Charge. An annual financial allocation is given to the Manse Committee for general maintenance.

Two committees - **Ministry and Personnel Committee** and the **Manse Committee** - are part of the Pastoral Charge Official Board.

Reston United Church

Reston United Church serves approximately one hundred fifty families from Reston, Sinclair and the surrounding area. Our average weekly attendance is approximately twenty faith-filled people.

During 2014 our resident membership numbered eighty-seven, with seventy-six non-resident members. There were no weddings, baptisms or confirmations. There were eight funerals.

Our **Reston United Church Choir** is directed by the organist. We have both an organ and a piano in our church.

Several outreach programs have been initiated by the **Congregational Life Committee** and church family members– Muffin Sundays, a weekly Coffee House, monthly lunches, a prayer shawl ministry, 'Hen House' gatherings, Days for Girls, quilting bees, Grow-a-row, School Supplies, Christmas Hampers, and Willowview Personal Care Home visits, to name a few.

The **Worship Committee** competently organizes the details of each weekly service and prepares the church for special events.

The **Property and Finance Committee** coordinate the annual fall canvas. They are responsible for building maintenance, for exploring options regarding repairs or renovations, and for overseeing the work of the part-time custodian.

Our church was built in 1903. There is a full size basement renovated in 2000, known as **Schurman Hall**. It includes two bathrooms, a well-equipped kitchen, and a large area that can accommodate approximately 150. Schurman Hall is utilized for social events such as funeral lunches, children's activities, a gathering place for the choir, etcetera.

A covered outdoor ramp provides access to the main floor while an inside ramp gives wheelchair access to Schurman Hall.

The Pastoral Charge Office, located at the west end of the building, can be accessed from outside or from within the basement.

Pipestone United Church

Pipestone United has an attendance of approximately twenty-four people per week. It is a very close church family who care for and help out one another and the community as needed. Formal Sunday school has been suspended but lessons are provided for children who attend and it is hoped to reintroduce children to worship perhaps with a planned Sunday school program once a month and encouraging children to participate in the worship service.

Pipestone Choir is small with four to six faithful members and a very dedicated pianist. When she is unable to attend, Hymn Master provides musical accompaniment. Voices United has been used for several years. In the past, members and choir have organized occasional services at the Willowview Personal Care Home and this could be reintroduced as part of our outreach.

The **Worship Committee** has not been very active in the last seven years with only occasional meetings, but it is hoped they will become more active in the future. Communion is held at least four times per year. Christmas Eve and Good Friday services are held in Pipestone. Several people in our congregation are willing to help out with readings and doing occasional services.

Property and Finance Committee work to provide funding for the church and are responsible for maintenance. They organize the fall canvas; monthly brunches during the winter months; and other fund raising activities.

Maintenance: The building is in good repair although some work needs to be done to the porch. New windows were installed a few years ago with a special donation (no money from general or memorial funds was used). During the last number of years, maintenance has been done as required due to financial restraints. Weekly cleaning, housecleaning, and yard maintenance of the church is done by volunteers.

According to our 2014 annual report there are fifty-one resident and forty-seven non-resident members on our role with one non-resident being removed by death in 2014. Pipestone had one baptism, no weddings and four funerals in 2014. These statistics are fairly consistent with the last few years.

Pipestone is a warm and welcoming church whose doors are open to anyone who wishes to enter. Following services each week, a time of coffee and fellowship is held in the church basement with all invited to attend.

Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge Manse

This lovely brick three-storey manse was constructed circa 1915. It boasts a study, kitchen, laundry room, living room, dining room, two-piece guest bathroom and covered veranda on the main floor. A refrigerator, stove, washer, and dryer are included.

The second floor has four bedrooms, each with a moderate size closet. There is a full bath on this floor.

The third floor is a large finished room with a closet and storage area.

There is an unfinished basement which offers storage space.

The manse has been well maintained. Eaves troughs and shingles were replaced in 2013. Electric forced air provides central heating. Town service includes sewer and water, with water being monitored by smart meters.

The manse is located on a 100 x 120 foot lot adjacent to the Reston United Church.

There is a well-landscaped yard and a detached garage. A riding lawn mower is provided.

Although our manse is not barrier free nor wheelchair accessible, such accommodations would be considered if warranted.



Reston Community Profile

Reston, with a population of 550, is the largest incorporated village in the R.M. of Pipestone. Reston is located about a one hour drive from Brandon, MB, about two hours from Minot, North Dakota, and about three hours from Winnipeg, MB and Regina, SK. From Brandon Airport, there are daily West Jet flights to Calgary, AB.

Reston is the hub of an agricultural area. Many of the farms have been maintained by generations of the same family. Reston is a well maintained and clean village. Sewer, water, garbage and recycling pick-up services are provided in each of the communities located within our Rural Municipality.

Reston offers amenities for a fine quality of life, including several businesses, a K-12 school, some medical services, and recreational opportunities.

Presently the Reston School student population is 187. Offered mostly as after school programs, students may participate in Brownies, drama, baseball, hockey, dancing, 4-H, figure skating, cross country skiing, or take piano lessons. The Nursery School has 23 students. The Reston and Area Early Learning Centre can accommodate 4 infants, 24 pre-school children, and provide a before-and-after school care program.

A favourite place for residents of all ages to visit regularly is the Reston District Library. Five years ago, a weekly program called Moms, Dads, and Little Tads was established to provide an opportunity to get out of the house, meet other parents, and have play time. Computer Access Programming is available. The Reston Book Club, formed in 2004, meets monthly. Reston Art Club, formed in 1987, continues to be very active and holds an Art Show annually.

The recently renovated Reston Memorial Theatre shows movies on a weekly basis and is a great venue for concerts or drama productions.

The Canupawakpa Trail provides a meandering path among the trees which grow along the Pipestone Creek. Located a short distance from Reston, the trail provides opportunities for a nature hike all year round.

Businesses include Reston Fine Foods grocery store, Reston Drugs, a flower shop, a Sears outlet, four hair salons, an insurance and investment agency, Moore's Electric, G. R. Carscadden Funeral Chapels Ltd., a lawyer (weekly), a tire shop and garages, a car wash, two gas stations, Credit Union, a post office, a hotel, bar, restaurants, a greenhouse, the local weekly newspaper, West Souris Conservation District Office, the Municipal Office for the R.M. of Pipestone, Enbridge Energy, Tundra Oil, Bonneville Transport, and Cros-Man.

Health Care needs are met by having the Willowview Personal Care Home, a doctor (weekly), transitional hospital facilities, Alstone Lodge (senior housing), a chiropractor, two massage therapists, Reston Drugs (pharmacy), ambulance, fire, and policing services. Meals on Wheels are delivered for senior residents in need.

A Skating and Curling Complex is a common meeting place for many community members. Under one roof are housed all amenities for hosting events, including a concession and common viewing area, all of which are wheelchair accessible and smoke free. The Fitness Center is popular all year round.

The former RES (Reston Elementary School) gym is used by the community for physical fitness activities, as well as an auditorium for events such as dance recitals.

Reston Memorial Park is an attraction to all, containing many diverse trees, shrubs, and flowers. The Memorial Cenotaph which is located in the heart of the park represents the value we place on remembering those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

A picnic area, playground, and tennis courts cater to all the celebrations and recreational activities which take place in the park during the summer months. The park's picturesque ambience is appreciated by novice and professional photographers.

The Reston Museum is also located in the park. It has a large display of antiques and farm machinery that tell our history and honor our pioneers.

Another seasonal attraction is the Golf Course located on the west side of town. It consists of a nine hole golf course and a driving range. The course has extremely well groomed grass greens and fairways.

The Golf Club House has a coffee shop, snack bar, and dining area where all are welcome.

A serviced Campground is located beside the Golf Course. Besides the recreational vehicle sites, there are spots for tenting, modern washrooms and a trailer dumping station. This well maintained and quiet campground is a great home away from home.

The Al-Res-Tone Drop-in Center is a busy spot all year with cards, pool, and shuffleboard. The Seniors Helping Hands Coordinator office is within the Drop-in Center.

Sinclair residents are a part of the Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge. Sinclair is located about 15 kilometers west of Reston and has a population of about forty. Sinclair has a post office, a grocery store, a garage, a greenhouse, and Forsyth Plastics business and manufacturers. Sinclair has a park, camping area, and a popular hall for hosting community events.

In Reston, there are two churches – Reston United Church and St. John's Anglican Church. Near Sinclair, the Church of God in Christ (Mennonite) is situated.

Pipestone Community Profile

Pipestone is a friendly rural Manitoba town, located at the junction of #83 and #2 highways in southwestern Manitoba. It has a population of approximately one hundred persons with about seventeen of these being children.

The town consists of several young families, some seniors and a number of single people working in the area. The catchment area for Pipestone community and church is large with many farm families calling Pipestone home. The major industries are farming and the oil industry. The town of Pipestone has an abundance of good quality water, town sewer, municipal garbage pickup and newly paved streets.

Businesses consist of a grocery store recently purchased by enthusiastic, young entrepreneurs; a service station and busy garage; post office; welding business and other oilfield trades and a large thriving trucking business which employs many of the town residents. The town and surrounding area has good cell phone service and high speed internet.

Pipestone is fortunate to have a large modern community hall with a commercial kitchen which was built and is maintained by the local Lions club. The hall is the venue for many functions such as weddings, anniversaries, catered meals, community fall supper, socials, teas, funerals, church brunches, local and business meetings, congregate meals each Thursday for the seniors, and a weekly bingo on Friday night. Functions in the hall are catered to mostly by a dedicated group of women called The Pipestone Guild and their many helpers. Proceeds from the guild help local groups and facilities including the Pipestone church. This group also organizes funeral lunches in the hall regardless of the denomination.

Next door to the hall is the Pipestone drop-in center which hosts coffee and cards most afternoons as well as Monday night cribbage and evening card nights in the winter. There is a serviced campground, ball diamonds, recreation grounds and playground as you enter Pipestone from the north. A new addition this year is a new skating rink to replace the former one destroyed by the tornado in 2013. The new rink contains a restaurant, lounge and steak pit, a great addition to our town as we have not had a restaurant for several years.

The United Church is the only church in town and is a lovely, well maintained building almost one hundred thirty years old. Also the Pipestone cemetery just south of town is lovingly maintained by local volunteers.

Pipestone is located in a haven for the outdoors man or woman, with the Lauder Sand Hills

located just to the east, and many peaceful trails for walking and hiking. The area has many game birds such as ducks, geese, cranes, prairie chicken and partridge for the hunter as well a plentiful amount of wildlife. For the fisherman, Oak Lake is a short drive from town and provides fishing and boating in the summer as well as many recreational activities and ice fishing and snowmobiling in winter.

In addition to the Lions Club and Pipestone Guild, the town has a Recreation Club which hosts an annual ball tournament (Fun Days) the second weekend of July. The Pipestone 4-H Beef Club has been active for many years and holds its annual Achievement Day each July.

There is no school in Pipestone but local children attend school in Reston just ten km to the west on highway #2. Many of the younger generation are involved in activities in Reston including: Nursery School, Day Care, minor hockey and ball, curling, 4-H multipurpose club, Dance Club, Brownies, Art Club as well as school sports, band, drama, and choir, just to name a few.

Position Description

Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge is seeking to fill a half-time position by calling or appointing a qualified United Church minister -- ordained, diaconal, or designated lay minister -- who is committed to sharing the word of God with congregants of all ages.

The minister is expected to administer Sacraments, plan and lead special services. It will be necessary to officiate at funerals, weddings, and baptisms, as well as provide preparation for baptism and church membership.

The successful candidate will be able to communicate clearly and work collaboratively with those involved in the daily workings of each church. This will require the ability to encourage clear communication and accountability among committees, boards, and the congregations. Flexibility in determining the workload, musical selections, and coordinating volunteers will be important – on all our parts! Teamwork will be the key to fulfilling the diverse needs of our two church communities.

Our new minister will strive to be a supportive presence both in our churches and our communities. The goal of our rural church families is to welcome new residents and past adherents to join in the life of our congregations, as well as maintain a cheerful, spiritual setting that encourages our current membership.

Pastoral Care is expected as time permits with emphasis on emergency situations, hospital or home visits due to illness or bereavement.

It will be important to establish a regular office presence, as negotiated.

This position is accountable to the Ministry and Personnel Committee, the Pastoral Charge Board, and the Assiniboine Presbytery.

While we are not officially an affirming congregation, we believe that we are all one in Christ. We are called to be welcoming and to love all of creation. We do not foresee any factors that would prevent us from welcoming anyone called to participate in our faith community.

Reston - Pipestone Pastoral Charge Terms of Call

Employment terms for a half-time position, up to and including Category F, will be as follows:

Half-time is understood to be **26 weeks** per annum. The minister will work 2 weeks on, 2 weeks off. Two weeks paid *vacation* and 10 days (including two Sundays) paid *study leave* will be included.

We are offering 5% over the minister's allocation minimum, with an annual review after the first year.

Continuing education allowance in the amount of \$1,359 (full time annual amount) will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts.

Basic **telephone** package of \$40 per month, with a one-time \$500 **Technology Allowance** will be provided.

The **manse** is adjacent to Reston United Church to provide housing for our minister. For income tax purposes, the fair rental value of the manse is \$900 per month.

Utilities and the first \$500 of heating costs annually are the responsibility of the minister.

Lawn care is the responsibility of the minister. Equipment is provided.

Moving costs to Reston up to \$5,000 will be covered by the Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge upon presentation of receipts/invoices.

Mileage expenses will be paid according to the rates set by the United Church of Canada. The current rate is \$0.41/km. Submitting a **Travel Log** to the Pastoral Charge is required.

Funeral coverage during the minister's weeks off will be negotiable. Options may include:

- Funerals covered by pulpit supply
- An exchange time made with the minister's 'on' weeks
- Payment made over the minister's regular salary

