

Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry Funeral Information



475 Mountain Avenue Box 1420 Neepawa, Manitoba.
204-476-5881. Email: nuasm@wcgwave.ca

We wish to extend our condolences to you and your family at this time. It is our hope to be of help and for that reason we have put together this information, designed to answer questions and to provide you with knowledge of resources in the community.

Theology or Why We Have Funerals in the Church

We understand our purpose to be about God's work and worship, and we believe as a Christian community that in the love of God there is hope for the deceased, and comfort for the grieving. A funeral or memorial service is one way to proclaim that trust in God's grace, in our remembrance and thanksgiving for the life that has now ended. It is entirely fitting that Christian funerals reflect various dimensions of the experience of death. Faith is not only belief: faith embraces even its own shadow, which is doubt. A funeral service should express faith and hope in the face of death, but also leave room for the anxiety and loss the mourners experience. We also believe that every life is God's gift, and therefore no one will be refused the opportunity for this funeral ministry.

Funeral Costs

Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry is pleased to be able to offer services to families in their time of sorrow. If you would like to use the Sanctuary for the service, Christian Education Centre (CEC) for the lunch, organist, basic sound technician services* and caretaker, the base fee is \$460 plus a \$200 honorarium for the incumbent clergy. This honorarium also applies to graveside services.

*If you request extra sound tech services such as playing/sourcing music and/or running a PowerPoint show from a provided USB stick, an additional fee may be assessed.

If you do not wish to use the CEC, the cost is \$305 for the sanctuary, organist, basic sound technician services, and caretaker; plus a \$200 honorarium for our minister.

Our United Church Women's organization and the Anglican Church Women will be pleased to provide one of the following lunch menus at the prices suggested below:

1. Cookies/dainties and beverages at \$5.00 per person or
2. Fruit bread, cheese, pickles, dainties and beverages at \$8.00 per person or
3. Open face buns **or** sandwiches, pickles, dainties and beverages at \$10.00 per person.

If you are having a graveside service or your service is held elsewhere and you would like a gathering in the CEC catered by the UCW, the cost is \$155 for hall rental plus cost of food as listed above.

If you are having an outside caterer, the cost is \$155 for hall rental plus kitchen fees as follows:

Minimum use (coffee urn, cups) \$45.00

Maximum use (full use of dishes and kitchen facility) \$85.00

Maximum capacity of the CEC hall is 160 people.

Following the Funeral or What Next?

As a community of faith, we believe that what God can provide is holy and healing. Our ministry staff will keep in touch to see how you are doing after the funeral. Meanwhile, if you would appreciate a visit from our minister, please do not hesitate to call us at 204-476-5881.

We annually participate in and support a joint worship service involving people from all the local churches, which we call "Blue Christmas", or "the Service of the Longest Night". This evening worship takes place around Christmas, often the 21st of December (the longest night), and is designed for those who have sustained a loss of any sort that makes the Christmas season painful rather than joyful. Even in grief, we find ways to worship and give thanks, without having to pretend that we feel merry or happy in the holiday season. God loves us as we are, and this service is a reminder of that light amid the darkness that some may be feeling.

In addition, we are able to provide space for other groups that may play some part in meeting the needs of the bereaved.

Neepawa has a grief support group, called "New Beginnings". This group meets regularly, offering a series of support and educational evenings that many have found helpful. They work with people who have found themselves bereaved in a variety of situations. We

encourage you to contact Michelle Ferguson at 204-476-2009, or Gladys Anderson at 204-476-3027 for more information. The group also provides free of charge, a lending library of grief resources located at the H.A.N.D. Office (Home Assistance Neepawa & District) 430 Brown Ave. in Neepawa.

In all these ways, we hope the Spirit of God will be with you to bring healing. Please know that you are always welcome to be part of the ongoing Sunday worship of our church. We meet at 11 a.m. and provide a Sunday School from September to May. Know also that you are welcome to contact the church or the ministry staff anytime you feel the need for a visit or ongoing pastoral care. We are pleased to offer these services at this time because they become, for us, an offering to our Lord.

We hope this information is helpful.
Yours in Christ's name,

The Neepawa United-Anglican Church Boards

Revised April 2023

