



This Year

2,484 Appointments
296 New Clients
347 Returning Clients

By Chris Derksen



Our ministry continues to grow amidst the Pandemic, providing us with the opportunity to add another counsellor to our team this last month. We now have six counsellors at PCC, the most we've ever had in our 25 year history.

If we focus on our earthly circumstances, it's easy for us to be discouraged as it seems that every day is filled with "bad news". However, when we fix our eyes on things above, like Paul did, we can find ourselves filled with joy, regardless of our circumstances and we can smile at the future.

Thank you for your partnership with PCC. Thank you for your faithfulness. As I think of you, I thank God for you!

WELCOME HERE



Gabby Enns

Welcome Gabby, our new receptionist at our Altona location.

Joy in the midst of struggles. "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." ~ Phil 1:3-6

I am currently listening to a sermon series on the book of Philippians, and it's a wonderful reminder that regardless of whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, we can have joy.

At the time of writing, the Apostle Paul was suffering greatly in prison and at a time when he wondered if he might soon be killed. Yet despite his circumstances, Paul was encouraged by the church in Philippi because of their faithfulness to him and to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the same way I give thanks to God for you, and for your continued prayers and faithful support of PCC. I thank God that He has sustained us throughout the last 18 months, so that we can continue to bring hope to those who are struggling in our community.

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DARLENE WIRTH

One of the certainties in life is change, and even though my time at PCC has been relatively short, we've seen a lot of change in that short time. It has been a great blessing to have Bernie Thiessen as the Board Chair at the beginning of my tenure with PCC. He has provided me with support, wise counsel, and most importantly, friendship. After nearly 8 years of faithful service on the Board, my friend Bernie has decided to step down as Board Chair of PCC. On behalf of the staff, and the Board of PCC, thank you Bernie for your faithfulness to the Lord and to Pembina Counselling Centre. You will be missed!

Transitioning into the role of Board Chair is Darlene Wirth. Darlene joined the PCC Board in January of 2020, and has brought a great deal of joy and optimism to our team. In her short time with our board, Darlene has been instrumental in developing policies and has worked on our personnel committee. She occasionally brings baking to our board meetings for which we are all very grateful.

Darlene is a retired elementary school teacher and lives in Morden with her husband Al and their two children. I use the word "retired" loosely because in addition to serving on our board, she still substitute teaches, and volunteers in the community. She is also helping to plan a wedding for their daughter for 2022! Welcome Darlene!



LINNEA GIESBRECHT

We are excited to introduce our newest counsellor, Linnea Giesbrecht. Linnea grew up on a farm in the Pembina Valley and continues to live in the area together with her husband, Scott. Having had a lifelong interest in understanding and supporting people, Linnea pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Canadian Mennonite University, followed by a Master of Arts in Counselling at Providence Theological Seminary. She also has experience working with students in the education system, both as an educational assistant at Winkler Elementary School and as a counsellor in her practicum.

We are so excited to have Linnea join our team and ask that you please keep her in prayer as she launches her counselling career with PCC.

THANK YOU BERNIE

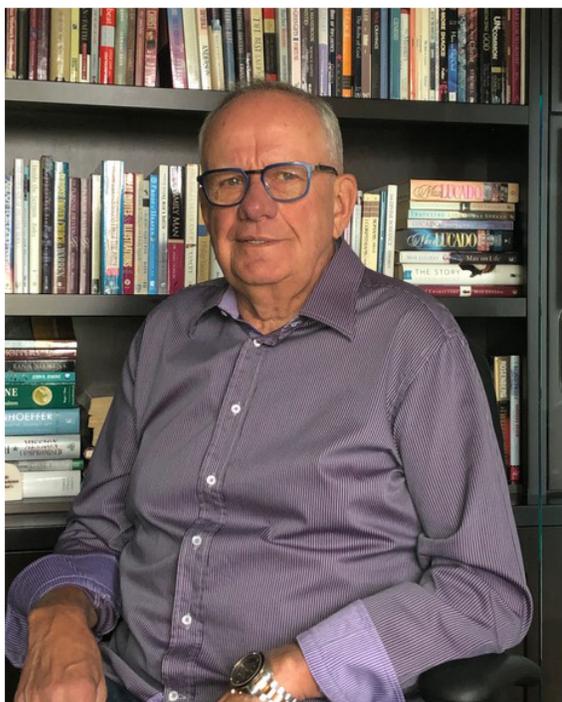
Friends make life better. Thank you, Bernie, for your friendship over the years. Thank you for the many conversations, times of prayer, being an example of caring for others, and for your input at PCC Board meetings. Thank you for the courage you exercised to speak into people's lives whether great or common, because you believe they are important and need to know and experience that Jesus loves them and cares about their lives.

I have been encouraged so many times by your personal words of support, by your wisdom for me personally, and on how to make changes at PCC that positioned us better whether on our financial management, oversight or ministry opportunities. You modelled acceptance, commitment to excellence, and vision. You and Helen faithfully supported PCC over the years along with many other good works in the community that cared both about the here and now as well as the eternal wellbeing of people. You used your position to serve others. You shared your reflections and musings about God and life from a heart that cared and felt what you were talking about. Many times I was refreshed and encouraged to aim high and to care about what matters – others.

You gave many years to the PCC Board, several of which were our Board Chair. Thank you for lending us your energy, your insights, your heart for God and for people. You believed in the healing ministry and call of PCC to be about restoring people and relationships. Now you have shifted more fully into a focus on your family. We, your friends, bless you and wish you well. Take care and keep in touch. We won't forget you or the inspiration you left us with to make a big difference.

God bless you Bernie.

Paul Penner



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Prayer Requests

Sharon Heinrichs

Our bookkeeper Sharon Heinrichs recently had a knee replacement. Pray for healing in the recovery process.

Danita Janzen

Please keep Danita in prayer as she takes on Sharon's duties while she's recovering from her surgery. Danita manages the office, assists Chris, and is now doing the bookkeeping. Pray for strength, endurance, and wisdom as she juggles all these roles.

Monthly Prayer Calendar

We have a monthly prayer calendar made. If you would like a copy, please contact our office or email us at reception@pccmb.ca

Good Words

"We need to see the hand of God in our lives through His providence. Often times you don't see God's providence while you're going through an experience, you only see it afterward. We need to see God even in the ordinary things of life, not just the spectacular things."

Pastor Erwin Lutzer

Thank You Decor!



We were so privileged to participate in the annual Decor Charity Classic Golf Tournament back in August. The actual tournament had to be cancelled in 2020, so it was a great joy to be together with all the participants, and enjoy a beautiful day of golf and fellowship. We are so grateful for the partnership we have with Decor, and their continued support for our ministry. Thank you Stan and Connie!

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