



This Year

3,077 Appointments
393 New Clients
375 Returning Clients

By Chris Derksen



FEAR NOT

Four times throughout the Biblical narrative of the first Christmas, the players in this wonderful story are instructed to not be afraid. Zechariah, Mary, Joseph (in a dream), and the shepherds all have encounters with God's angels, who alleviate their fears, and then provide them with critical information, instruction, and finally, hope.

As we turn our attention to the baby in a manger this Christmas, it's important to remember the challenges those characters were facing at the time of the birth of Christ. On a macro scale, the children of Israel were still waiting for the arrival of their Messiah, the one who would come to overthrow their Roman oppressors and establish His perfect government to rule and reign forever.

On a smaller scale, we have an old couple who were struggling with infertility, a young couple coming to terms with an unplanned pregnancy, and some blue collar guys trying to stay warm and protect their flocks.

One by one an angel visits them, stating "Fear not", and then provides a message of hope for their particular circumstance. To the older couple, that they will have a son named John, and he will pave the way for the coming Messiah. To the young couple, that their pregnancy is not "unplanned", but in fact part of God's master plan to send His one and only Son to save the world! Finally, the shepherds received the honour of being the first ones to receive the birth announcement of the Saviour and then being charged with spreading the good news.

The first coming of Christ is in our rearview mirror, but as we celebrate another Christmas, may we be reminded to continue to look for Christ's second coming.

On a macro-scale we live in very challenging times, not unlike those who lived in antiquity. On a smaller scale, each one of us deals with our own struggles and brokenness.

But, like the angels of the Lord instructing their charges 2000 years ago, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people, for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:8-10

Merry Christmas to you and your family, and remember the "great joy", that our Saviour, born 2000 years ago, is coming again. Come Lord Jesus, Come!

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DANITA JANZEN

All of us have been blessed by the presence of Danita Janzen as she serves as Office Manager at Pembina Counselling Centre. Congratulations Danita on 10 years - we celebrate you!

Danita is often the first face someone sees when they open the door into PCC in Morden, and you can be assured she will care for you. Counselling, especially your first visit can be a nervous experience and Danita has made countless people over her ten years feel warmed, welcomed and assisted when they arrive. She is calming, gracious and provides helpful information and direction for the beginning part of the process when contacting or arriving at the office. If you speak to her on the phone be assured she will be consistent in following up with you and make sure you understand all the details necessary for your appointment.

In the office Danita brings laughter and fun, always wanting to have a good time. She manages well, trains patiently and had a keen awareness in recognizing where you are at and helping you in the moment. She will genuinely care for you.

I have been blessed personally by Danita's generous and welcoming spirit and I am so thankful to serve alongside her at Pembina Counselling Centre.

Job well done Danita.

Angela Lussier



SHARON HEINRICHS

Thanks Sharon, ...from all of your colleagues on your 10th anniversary working with us at PCC. We are grateful for you often, as you have encouraged and humoured us. We have journeyed together through some hard times and stronger relationships have been built and enough trust to share tears and heartfelt prayer times together. We appreciate what you have done in your work and your style that has helped create a positive atmosphere at the office. It has helped make PCC a better place to work together and for people to come who are looking for help.

Paul Penner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

On Monday, Feb 28, 2022 at 7pm, we will be holding our AGM at the Gospel Mission Church. Due to ever-changing gathering restrictions, it is uncertain if PCC society members will be able to attend in person. Updates will be posted closer to this event.

Spring Fundraiser

As we look forward to 2022, we are incredibly excited to share that our guest speaker will be Dr. John Neufeld from Back to the Bible Canada. You can attend the event online and mark your calendars for April 6th, 2022. More details to come.



Dr. John Neufeld
Back to the Bible Canada

Prayer Requests

Altona - for discernment to add days.

Sharon - recovery from her knee replacement.

Lucienne - healing for chronic back pain.

Community - extending peace and grace to each other.

Thank You

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Staff, and most importantly, our clients, we want to thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Pembina Counselling Centre.

Thanks to you, we have been able to add counsellors to our team, expand our services to the Pembina Valley, and continue to ensure that there are no financial barriers to anyone receiving help in their time of need.

The difference your giving makes is exponential. For every client we see, that person represents a spouse, a child, a parent, a grandparent, an employer, etc. When they experience change in their lives it effects the lives of everyone around them!

May God bless you for your giving and faithfulness to Pembina Counselling Centre.

Good Words

“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, sure I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

2021 Donations & Tax Receipts

If you would like to donate and receive a tax receipt for 2021, please mail cheques postmarked by Dec 31st, e-transfer to reception@pccmb.ca, visit our website, or contact our office.

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