



WELCOME TO OUR

Community Newsletter

✦ 500 Stephen Update

For many, winter is filled with isolation and loneliness. At 500 Stephen, we saw groups gathering to bring the community out of their isolation and to bring some hope and light into the dark evenings.



With the arrival of spring, a sense of anticipated growth is starting to arise in the centre. The horticultural society is eagerly planning their gardens, the Pembina Climate Action Network is preparing for their upcoming event, and Many Hands is organizing the Farmer's Market. All of this is happening at centre and everyone is filled with optimism about what this new season has to offer.

500 Stephen continues to listen to the community's needs and what our partners need to succeed in their programs. We are working to strengthen our relationships to bridge resources to the community by providing space for programming. Our goal is help our community build a sense of connection and belonging.

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In this newsletter you will find:

program updates, community resources, information and more.
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The Grant Spot

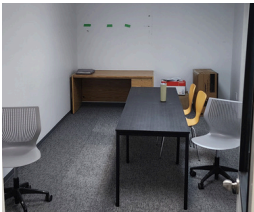
FOSTERING KEY PROGRAMS

We are excited to announce the launch of a community grant portal. This portal will allow nonprofit organizations and community groups from the Pembina Valley Region to access grants from all over Canada.

This will allow for additional funds to come into our community while providing support to further develop all the amazing programs that are being offered throughout our community.

This program has been supported by the Manitoba Government “From the Ground Up” grant and will run until April 2026.

For more information, email info@500stephen.ca



Fundraising Events

NEW BOARDROOM

HELP!

Due to such a high demand for our boardroom, we made a second one. This new space needs some work.

We would love to purchase a few rollable tables, some office chairs, and a storage cabinet.

If you want to help us design this space by donating, see instructions



WEM Update

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Workplace Education Manitoba’s current training schedule:

Tuesdays, 10 am – 12 pm – Skills for Success in Reading, Writing, & Math

Tuesdays, 7 pm – 9 pm – Skills for Success in Reading, Writing, & Math

Wednesdays, 1 pm – 3 pm – Computer Skills for Work

Wednesdays, 6 pm – 8 pm – Computer Skills for Work

This spring we are providing a 4-part Lunch & Learn series on Facilitating Communication. Learn to lead meetings, interact with colleagues, and support clients. Also this spring, Spreadsheets 1 and 2 are back by popular demand.

To register for these training opportunities, call or email Natasha at 1 204 332 1884 and ndoerksen@wem.mb.ca.

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Community Partner

CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL CENTER “LEADER”

Connecting Generations and Cultures



At the Cultural and Educational Center “Leader,” we proudly support children and families in our community by offering bilingual programs for children aged 3 to 12. Our mission is to preserve cultural heritage, support language development, and nurture a love for creativity, learning, and community involvement.

Each week, children come together to learn their native language, explore traditions, and participate in creative and educational activities. We offer dance classes, art workshops, and themed lessons in a warm, inclusive environment. This Saturday, we’re especially excited for our upcoming interactive session on space and the solar system!

Environmental awareness is also an important part of our program. In past years, we celebrated Ecology Day with bilingual children’s fashion shows, where students designed outfits from recycled materials. Through these events and classroom activities, we teach children the value of protecting the environment in fun and creative ways.

Our students also give back to the community. Last December, they visited residents of Tabor Home with a joyful dance performance and handmade Christmas cards. We are also proud to participate every year in Morden’s Winterfest.

Upcoming Events:

This spring we continue our bilingual classes, art projects, and cultural celebrations, while preparing for fun and meaningful summer activities.

Want to support our vision?

Join us, volunteer with us, share your talents, or attend our events! Donations of craft materials, costumes, or snacks are always appreciated. Every gesture helps us create a positive and inspiring space where children can grow and shine.

Thank you to the 500 Stephen Community Centre for your continued partnership and support!



April - June

What's Going on at the Centre

REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

MONDAYS

9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Many Hands	Regular Office Hours
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Strung Out Community Group	1st & 3rd Monday of the month
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Truth & Action Working Group	1st Monday of the month

TUESDAYS

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Workplace Education MB	Skills for Success in Reading, Writing, & Math
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Genesis House	*NEW* Morden Office Hours
11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Bengladeshi Community Inc	Regular Office Hours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Brewing Connections	
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Workplace Education Manitoba	Skills for Success Class
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Pembina Climate Action Network	2nd Tuesday of the Month

WEDNESDAYS

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Many Hands	Food Cupboard & Soup kitchen
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Segue Career Options	Regular Office Hours
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Newcomers Welcome Evening	1st Wednesday of the Month
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Workplace Education Manitoba	Workplace Skills

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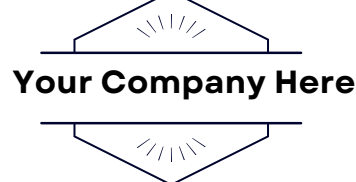
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	PV Local Immigration Partnership	Regular Office Hours
11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Bengladeshi Community Inc	Regular Office Hours
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Workplace Education Manitoba	Regular Office Hours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Brewing Connections	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Many Hands	Drop in Night

FRIDAYS

10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Raising Up Morden Parent Child Group	Weekly Drop in
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Programs may change throughout the year depending on needs of participants and funding.

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If you like what we are doing or want to be part of our centre, email Info@500stphen.ca to sponsor a section.





Thank you for the Support:



- Natasha Olfert
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- Tammy Hendrickx
- John Weins
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We now accept e-transfer donations to payments@500stephen.ca

Local Community

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

If you would like your program to be featured in our quarterly newsletter, email info@500stephen.ca with a write-up on what you are doing in the community. Don't forget to send a picture and a story about the impact you are making in creating a more welcoming community.

We'd love to feature your group!



Sponsorship

CALLING ALL BUSINESS

If you want your business to be proudly displayed in our newsletter, let us know!

Our sponsorship packages are a sweet deal for little cost. Plus, we talk up all our donors in the community. 😊



- ◆ Get in on this while we still have room for your business