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Enter His gates
with **thanksgiving**
and His courts with **praise**;
give thanks to Him
and praise His name.

Psalm 100:4 NIV

Give Thanks

Happy Thanksgiving

Have you taken a few minutes in the past week to pray for members of our congregation who are in poor health, or who are unable to get out? Take a minute to phone one or two, or call to make some personal visits, or send out a couple of cards just to let them know we care about them. Please let the church office know if we have forgotten any one.



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“The Friendly Church”

Edition 135

1 Chronicles 16:8

Give thanks unto the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known
his deeds among the people.



THE PASTOR'S PEN

One important lesson that we all learn as children is the importance of saying thank you. A relative or close friend of the family, buys a child the treat, say an ice cream cone. The child quickly grabs the treat and begins to devour the ice cream. I mean after all, it is so good and it will melt. The parent will inevitably say to the child, “And what do you say to Auntie Florence” and the child will say “thank you.” This thank you is the polite thing to do. When someone gives us something we should say thank you. But I think this expression of thank you is kind of a duty thank you. We are saying thank you because we are supposed to, because it is the right thing to do, and not offering a real expression of gratitude. Oh we are thankful for the ice cream, but our goal is to get it into our stomach as quickly as we can before it melts all over our hands. It really isn't to express appreciation.

Sometimes when we offer thanks to God, it is like a duty thank you. We know that God has given us everything in the world and that we should say thank you. But to often we have the feeling that we deserve what we get. “I have worked hard,” says the businesswoman, “so I deserve the big house and fancy car. Oh and thank God for what I have.” Maybe that is an extreme example but too often we thank God only as a duty thank you. We know we should thank God but we still feel that we deserve some of the credit for what we have.

True thanksgiving though is something else. It is a real appreciation for what we have been blessed with. This past weekend I was driving up to Nobleton for a church dinner up there. Outside of my window, on highway 27 were some weeds. The colours of these weeds were so vivid. The purple fox glove, the yellows, oranges, the brilliant blue sky, and reds of the

trees, the greens and the browns of the grass were so spectacular that it truly took my breath away. I said out loud, “Thank you God,” because the beauty was such a tremendous gift. I was truly thankful. The beauty of the day moved me to think beyond myself and this world and to think of God's eternal realm. This is true thanksgiving.

What I am trying to say is that it is always nice to say thanks. Sometimes, like a child with a dripping ice cream cone, our thanksgiving is less than heart felt. We say it because we are supposed to, not because we feel it in our hearts. But sometimes, our thanksgiving comes from being truly moved to think beyond ourselves, and to our place in eternity. That is the point of this day, to think beyond the supposed to's and should have's and to be truly moved to gratitude beyond ourselves. I am truly thankful for these times.

Blessings,

Rev. Darren Liepold



A DREAM FOR PEACE

Still this day, we remember, the soldiers that fought for us;
We carry the poppies close to our hearts because they thought about us.

Soldiers fight for freedom through nights and still they will dream;
For those whose souls pass to heaven, the sunlight will now beam.

It will beam upon the Flanders Fields, and where the wars have been;
And poppies will grow, here and there, to show that God has seen.

Through cold, wet, muddy lands they pass by, by day;
We sit at home in hope that they return, because we love them in every way.

The beautiful, passionate, brave young hearts that longed to go to war;
Fight for family and friends that we know they adore.

They are strong because they know they might die:
By bombs in the sky, bullets that fly, and trenches and holes that they may not
pass by.

Yet still they hope, and we must too. We are grieved if they do not return, but
proud that they tried;
Joyful if they do come back, our hearts full of pride.

We will pray for these souls every night, a sign of peace to allay our fears;
This day we will remember the soldiers that fought for us - and smile through our
tears.

A poem by Miranda Girotti (Busato)
Grade 5, Mr. O'Hanley
November 2010



Editors' Note:
This poem won a provincial award
with the Royal Canadian Legion.
Congratulations Miranda!

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

A public art commission has been awarded to artist Peter Powning of Markamville, NB. The artwork will be placed on the property of Options For Homes Cranbrooke Village. Following is an excerpt from Peter's proposal and gives a brief overview of the concept and how you may participate in this exciting project. For many more details be sure to check out www.powning.com. We quote for the artist Peter Powning from the artist:

“My intent is to produce two related sculptures of a scale that will have impact from a distance as well as providing an intimate visual and tactile experience at close range. The project offers opportunities for discovery, an enhanced sense of local identity, and educational opportunities based on archaeological, historical and contemporary artifacts from the site and surrounding area.

The formal shapes of the sculptures, Spire Stelae, will organize the complex relief in a unified, recognizable whole. In close proximity, it reveals a material richness with layers of cultural content gathered from the people and institutions of the community in cast bronze relief. From a distance, these sculptures will be visible as related landmarks. The sculptures will represent aspects of the community and the way it's been shaped over time. It will be a meeting place where people will have encounters with each other as well as with the sculpture as they explore the bronze relief. In a growing city where many residents are new it also will help the local community to define and discover itself within the context of the GTA. Public sculpture is an important component in symbolizing community.

My purpose is to create a visual and tactile narrative that represents the active participation of the public in the creation of the sculpture. I will produce two related sculptures, one which connects with the site and local communities history, the second and



larger will represent the recent past and current community through artifacts and objects provided by participating community members. I chose classical forms based on pyramids and steeples as the basis for this commission. The Saranac Blvd. sculpture will be 10' tall, the Bathurst Street sculpture will be about 19' tall.

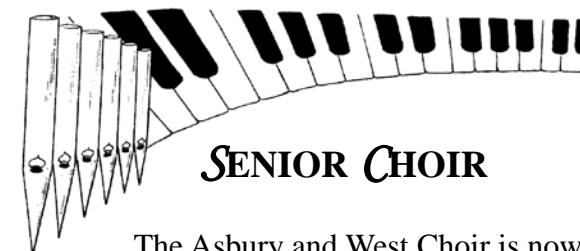
A key part of this project will be community participation in providing important cultural and historical items to include in the cast bronze relief. We will hold public impression-taking sessions where people can present small artifacts related to the community and their sense of place. I will assemble a broad range of impressions from materials offered by the public and gathered from the inventory at Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI), the historical society and local museums. I then use these items to make impressions for inclusion in the cast bronze portion of the piece. This concept allows us to produce an exciting contemporary sculpture that will act as a canvas for historical and thematic imagery.

There will be a rich array of objects from the obvious to the obscure, new and ancient, personal memorabilia and a range of surprising treasures that people will bring to the collecting session.

These items will form an important element of the sculptures. I think of this bronze relief as a cultural mulch, incorporating artifacts from the historical to the contemporary. The sculptures will be meant to be touched, for hands to burnish areas of the bronze over time, for connections and associations to be made.”

If you have an interesting artifact from the past consider being part of the public impression-taking sessions at the Barbara Frum Library, Auditorium Room B. Tentative dates are November 5th, 6th and 8th from 6-9pm. Stay tuned for further details.

Jocelyn Shewalter-Patterson, Contact



SENIOR CHOIR

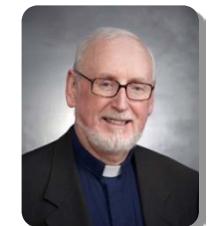
The Asbury and West Choir is now in full session.

We welcome our new Musical Director Paolo Busato and his wife Catriona, who has joined our alto section. Paolo has brought something new to our choir -warm-up exercises before practice which have heightened the use of our voices. At present he is concentrating on simple pieces which can be sung in unison. We welcome Joyce Rhoden back into the soprano section.

The William R. Shewalter Memorial Organ fund remains at \$39,117.78. Your continued support and contributions are greatly appreciated. Remember that our new organ has been ordered and additional funds are required.

We are few in number at present and all those who love to sing are welcome to join us for Choir practice on Wednesday nights from 7:30- 9:00pm.

Mel Beckles



THE REV. DOUGLAS MCKENZIE MEMORIAL WALK

On Sunday, September 22 after the morning service, 22 walkers and 7 helpers gathered in the parlour to begin a walk in memory of Rev. Doug McKenzie. After we all enjoyed a lunch served by Jocelyn and Sylvia Shewalter, we started from the church (255 Finch) towards the columbarium, where Doug's ashes rest, to pay tribute to the man who was our dear friend and minister for 33 years. The rose that was placed in the church in his memory, and carried by Heather McKenzie to the columbarium, was left at the site. Thanks to Mel Beckles who arranged for the route, Linda and Louise Cobon who served refreshments at the pit stop, to Phoebe Cleverly and David Tuck who navigated the route, to Jocelyn and Sylvia for the wonderful lunch, to the Christian Education Committee, sponsors of this fundraiser walk, and to all the supporters who raised \$1,495 for our church. The weather was good, the spirits happy and all in all it was definitely a wonderful time. Doug, you will always remain in our hearts.

*Cheryll Holliday
Chair, Christian Education Ministry*



OUR NEW ORGANIST AND HIS FAMILY

Paolo Busato starting playing organ in church at the age of eleven. When he was 19, he left home to study in Paris for five years and then moved on to Vienna, London, and Salt Lake City Utah. In Paris, he studied with famed organist, Marie Madeleine Durufle, wife of celebrated composer, Maurice Durufle. His musical career encompasses a long-standing tenure with the Toronto Virtuoso Ensemble, (2 trumpets and an organ), an international performance career, ten years of Opera training and performing. His credentials include his ARCT, M. Music and his Prix D'Excellence (similar to a doctorate).

In addition to his new position with Asbury and West, Paolo works at the Old Mill as chapel musician and plays for seniors. When Paolo is not performing, he is a busy father to Miranda (13), Tessa (11), and Lorenzo (9 months), and wonderful husband to wife Catriona Busato. They are all thrilled to be part of the Asbury and West Community.



By the way, the cat's name is Khaleesi



Thank you to everyone for your donations of toiletries to the North York Women's Shelter which were displayed this morning at the front of the church. They are much appreciated by the women and children.

Please keep the evening of Saturday, November 30 open. This is the date set for our annual congregational Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. Watch for more details in future church bulletins.

Joybreak is an alternative to the UCW, part of the Asbury and West Women's Ministry, and a recognized group of the Women's Network in the United Church of Canada. In October we will celebrate our 28th year. We meet the 4th Monday evening of every month except February, July and August. We have very interesting, varied and fun programs which we would like to share with you. All women are invited to join us.

*Cheryl Holliday
Contact*

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Also, don't forget that Darren's "Minister's Musings" are posted on the blog weekly.

*Ken Oleksiuk,
Communications Ministry*



MINISTRY GROUPS

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Chair: Lisa Crawford

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chair: Cheryl Holliday

FINANCE

Chair: Alan McKenzie

HOSPITALITY

Chair: Lou Rhoden

HUMAN RESOURCES

Chair: Sheila Mascoll

MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE

Chair: Ianthe Spencer

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Chair: Vacancy

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS AND MUSIC

Co-Chairs: Lynsia Panthaki & Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Chair: Vacancy

COMMITTEES

MEMORIAL

Cheryl Holliday, Darren Liepold, David Tuck

RENOVATION

Chair: Alan McKenzie

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES

Linda Cobon, Sheila Mascoll

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

It is our pleasure to draw your attention to the back cover of this issue where you will see the first sponsor of Flock Talk. A sincere thank you to Mark Budgell of The Printing House for his co-operative negotiations, generous discount and additional financial compensation in exchange for space on the back cover. We appreciate the sponsorship support and look forward to our ongoing partnership.



The young at heart seniors met on September 12th, to set the fall/winter program.

September 26th we watched a movie “Places in the Heart”.

We enjoyed our coach trip to St. Jacobs Market on October 3rd and delicious dinner at the Crossroads restaurant.

Future plans include a guest speaker (T.B.A.) on October 24th and a pot luck lunch and movie on November 14th. An exciting outing to the City Playhouse Theater on November 23rd. The last event of the year is on December 12th featuring a Christmas Potluck with Entertainment by George Heldt.

While we are becoming fewer in number it is our hope you support us on our trips and join us for our other programs. All are always welcome.

*Melvyn and Shirley Beckles
Committee Contacts*



MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

We have visions of returning home and filling our church with old and new members. We make phone calls to non attendees, many of whom have made promises of retuning with us at 3180 Bathurst Street.

We sent flowers on behalf of the congregation to Mrs. Gerry Moore in honour of her 100th birthday. She is one of our long standing members. While Gerry is unable to attend services, her thoughts are always with us. We wish her God's continued blessings.

The Care Group continue to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We continue to be in contact with Home Members through phone calls, cards and visits.

Our sympathy go out to Mrs. Veronica Ennis and family on the passing of her husband Steve Ennis, also a member of our congregation.

*Ianthe Spencer
Chair*

COPPER KETTLE

Ease yourself of the burden of carrying around all that loose change by placing it in the Copper Kettle that sits on the table in the hallway. The money in the kettle is used to help pay the ongoing expenses of Asbury and West. So far this year we have collected \$254.25. Please drop your coins either wrapped or un-wrapped into the jug each Sunday. Folding money is also very welcome.



Alan McKenzie

The nicest place to be
is in someone's **THOUGHTS!**

The safest place to be
is in someone's **PRAYERS!**

And the best place to
be is in
GOD'S HANDS!





SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY REPORT: Effective Leadership Model

At the General Council Meeting in Thunder Bay in 2006, a motion was passed that one of the prime directions of the United Church of Canada was to support local congregations. Since that time it has been observed that many United Church congregations are too concerned about survival and have forgotten to concentrate on what ministries they should be carrying out. Also a number of clergy have felt like they have little support in their local congregations and that they feel quite isolated from support systems that might enhance their ministry. Additionally, the process for hiring ministers has become quite cumbersome, and so it needs to be simplified. It was with this in mind, that Toronto Conference has agreed to become a test site for the Effective Leadership Model for the United Church of Canada for the next 18 months. By November, Asbury and West will begin working on completing our part of the Effective Leadership Model.

The purpose of the Effective Leadership model is three fold: one, congregations will be encouraged to consider their ministry in eight vital areas of ministry and to look to how they might carry out this ministry, two, congregations will be provided with tools to provide clergy and staff feedback and support in their work, three, that a new matching process will be established so that healthy pastoral relationships might be encouraged. I will describe these directions a bit more fully.

The first direction is that the congregations are asked to examine how they carry out their ministry in 8 vital areas of ministry. They are: Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction; Stewardship; Discipleship; Justice and Outreach; Spirituality and Self Care; Ministry Partnerships; Leadership; Worship. With a tool developed by Presbytery, the congregation is to examine their

work in these 8 areas of ministry. We are to affirm the good work we are already doing in these areas and set goals to improve in areas that are lacking.

Secondly, all staff will be asked to undergo a job assessment process. Again this job assessment has two goals. First, it is to affirm areas where the minister excels. Secondly, it is to help the minister work on goals to improve in areas that need further attention.

Thirdly, when congregations are looking for new staff, it has been found that the present Joint Needs Assessment is very time consuming and some congregations and ministers feel that they are treated unfairly in the present process. A new matching process is being set up that hopefully will help ensure that the best match is found for each congregation.

The Effective Leadership Model will be rolled out over the next couple of months in our Conference. It is a requirement that all congregations be in compliance with this process. Stay tuned for further details.

Rev. Darren Liepold

Give thanks to the LORD for He is good His love endures forever

YOUR CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – CATE BILLINGER

Well, they have asked me to write a short paragraph or two about myself. So here goes:

I was born in Toronto into a large family with 3 sisters and a brother. While I travelled all over Canada when in the Air Force, when it came time to settle down, I returned to Toronto. I am a single mother of an adult daughter, of whom I am very proud and my 93 year old Mum really enjoys living in an Assisted Living care facility and still looks after herself.

I have worked a few different jobs over the years, but always in the capacity of secretary-administrator or management. I started as a Church Administrator in early 2010 and have absolutely loved this job. I feel I have truly come into my professional calling! Working here at Asbury and West is truly a blessing and I feel that I have made many friends, including some from Northminster. When I started here I was working at Glen Ayr UC in the afternoons until it closed in June. I now work at Westminster Presbyterian church in the afternoons and am loving it.

Churches are very similar, just different. When I am not at church working, I attend Wexford Heights UC. Wexford is an amalgamated congregation and is considered among the small percentage of successful ones. At Wexford I am very busy as a volunteer; I have been co-chair of the Christian Education committee, member of and then Chair of Property, recording secretary for the Minister search committee, and Presbytery Representative. As the Presbytery rep I attended a meeting every other month and attended 3 – 4 Annual Meetings. This is a great experience, getting to meet folks from your Presbytery area and see new ministers being ordained as well as tributes to retiring ministers.

I also help to train our Ushers and Greeters and I am working with the Minister on a program to help people be more comfortable as the Lay worship leader on Sunday mornings. Being a volunteer for your church is a very rewarding experience and you sure get to know everyone or at least they know you.

I really enjoy working and meeting with all the people, so if you are in the church during my hours, take a few minutes to drop by and say hello. I am never too busy for friends.

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff -- including the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.



OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

For this issue of Flock Talk I thought I would give you a few highlights that have been happening with your church Council.

Pauline McKenzie resigned as Chair Worship, Sacrament and Music Ministry. We are grateful for Pauline's leadership and dedicated focus on these elements of Asbury and West.

Lynsia Panthaki and Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen have agreed to be Co-Chairs of Worship, Sacrament and Worship Ministry for a one year term. Be sure to share your ideas with them.

Human Resources Ministry led by Sheila Mascoll and Sandra McKenzie worked closely with the hiring committee to secure a new Musical Director. I hope you will agree everyone did an excellent job and we warmly welcome Paolo Busato and his family. Next to be hired will be a church custodian.

Lucille Hunt resigned as Chair Women's Ministry and we thank her for her contributions, particularly with the UCW. This means that Council is looking for a representative at our monthly meetings - someone who will be the voice for all our church women.

On Sunday June 23rd Northminster said good bye to their 'old' church and we said good bye to new found friends. Asbury and West presented two gifts to the Northminster congregation; the new crest of the United Church of Canada that was beautifully hand-crafted by Pauline McKenzie and a photograph album created by Sylvia Shewalter-Nielsen and myself. Our church also received two gifts from Northminster; the meaningful Christ Candle that is placed on the communion table and lit each Sunday and a convenient communion glass filler.

Council did not take the usual two months off in the summertime but rather met in August. Updates were given, important issues were addressed and ongoing projects were kept on track.

Members of the Renovation Committee, who report into Council, continue with regular construction site meeting for updates on the renovation project. Preliminary discussions are taking place with Redeemer Baptist Church for a possible return to our building. While the delay is disappointing, this gives extra time to fine tune plans for our return and relaunch our presence in the community.

An ad hoc "Property Ministry" has been formed by Lloelyn Rhoden, Yvonne Wright, Alan and Pauline McKenzie with consulting assistance from Lynn Fair. They are focusing on developing a job description and training requirements for a custodian position. Another area of work is developing policies, procedures and rates for rental space to outside groups.

Cheryl Holliday, Chair of Christian Education Ministry, enlisted the help of volunteers to teach the Kids For Christ: Summer Edition program. We are also grateful for the Sunday School's organization of the 2nd annual Rev. Douglas McKenzie Memorial Walkathon which, at the time of this writing, yielded \$1495. They even arranged for a sunny day.

Upcoming projects will include such things as the Effective Leadership Model, developing an anti-bullying policy, revising the duties for ushers and greeters and updating our Accessibility Policy and retraining.

Council continues to reap the benefit of Rev. Darren's skills and experience. He is even ready to give advise, encouragement, leadership, and, on occasion, a dose of reality and redirection. We are so fortunate to have him on this journey with us.

The Finance Ministry, Chaired by Alan McKenzie, continue to ensure money is spent wisely and bookkeeping is accurate. Each Ministry will soon be focusing on writing a budget for 2014. As a safeguard in the event money is tight, arrangements will be made to secure a line of credit from the United Church of Canada.

Alan McKenzie's September report to Council included observations that we all should consider. I quote in part: 'Our return to the Bathurst and Lawrence community will be a great opportunity to build our congregation and make our church home a center for community activity. For the first time people with mobility issues will have full access to the church building. Our new neighbours in Cranbrooke Place will want to see what happens at Asbury and West. We can give them a great welcome and they (and others) will keep coming if we plan interesting, useful programs and events that they will not want to miss!'

Remember that every member of Council (Ministry group chair) is available to take note of your suggestions and ideas for the successful future of our church. Don't be shy to speak up.

Blessings, *Jocelyn Shewalter-Patterson, Chair, Council*



THE FUTURE OF FLOCK TALK

There will be some changes to your church newsletter and we need your help. Following are the details.

Background

- Flock Talk has been provided free of charge since edition #68 on April 7, 1996.
- The first colour copy was Christmas edition #79 on December 20, 1998.
- Circumstances have changed and Asbury and West must now pay to have Flock Talk produced.

The Cost

- The issue you hold in your hand today cost approximately \$250 to produce 75 copies.
- On special occasions throughout the years, and to include the congregation of Northminster, we have printed additional copies for distribution.
- The estimated savings for our church since 1996 exceeds \$50,000.00 if it had been printed through an outside retail location.

Cost Saving Measures by The Flock Talk Editors

- Successful negotiations with The Printing House has awarded us a special discount and additional financial compensation in exchange for their advertisement on the back page. (Be sure to read "A Word from Our Sponsors".)
- Fewer copies will be needed since the folks at Northminster have moved to Cummer Avenue United Church.
- Efforts will be made to have concise reporting and articles.

Things You Can Do

- Consider receiving Flock Talk on-line. Send an email to communications@asburyandwest.org and ask us to add you to the Flock Talk on-line list.
- We can save on postage - if your will be visiting any of our Home Members please take a copy. (Kindly co-ordinate with Cate so she does not mail a copy.)
- One copy per household would helpful. Please consult with your family and decide who will pick up the issue.
- Recycle your copy by sharing it with a friend.

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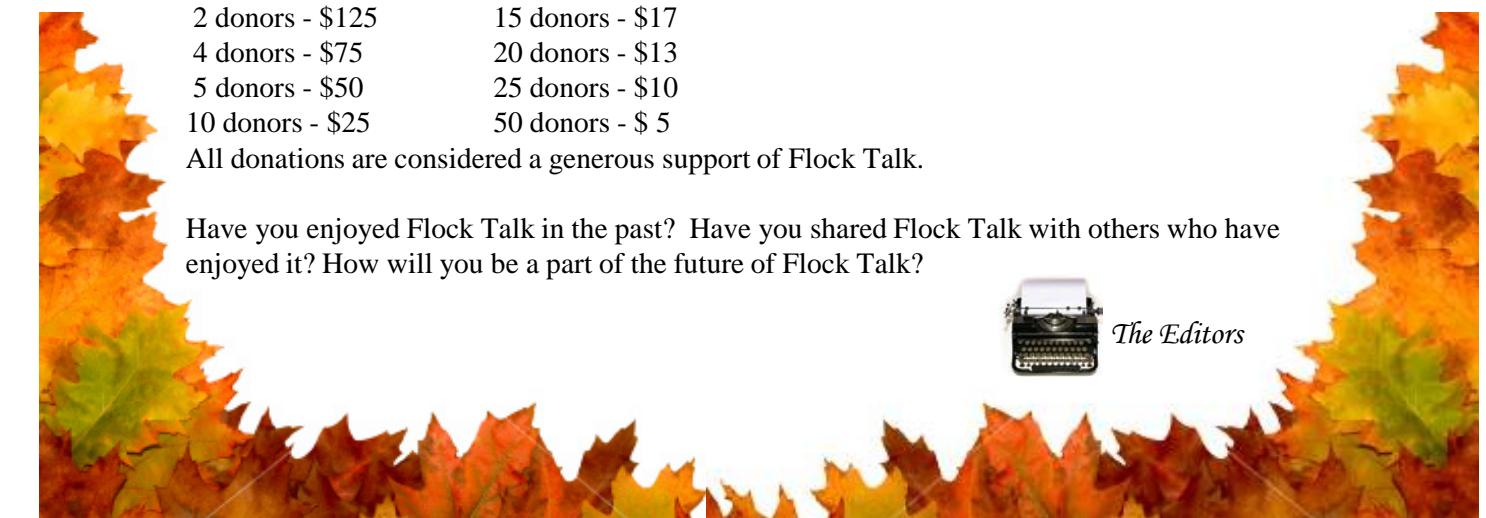
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Have you enjoyed Flock Talk in the past? Have you shared Flock Talk with others who have enjoyed it? How will you be a part of the future of Flock Talk?



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Nursery, Church School, Youth and Adult

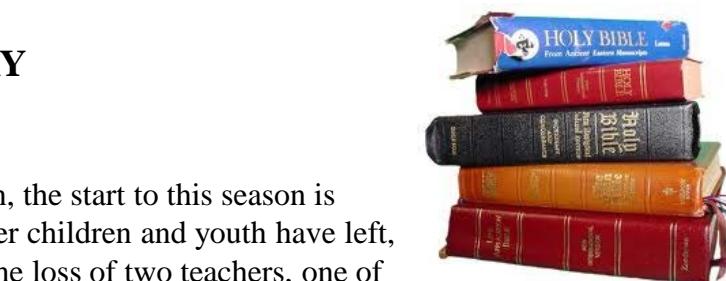
Although we face changes at every opening season, the start to this season is particularly challenging. Now that the Northminster children and youth have left, the attendance is smaller and we are coping with the loss of two teachers, one of which was the youth leader. We also said goodbye to our two nursery co-ordinators who are now attending university in the Caribbean. And we have decided to no longer meet in the basement of the church, mainly to take us out of the mix with other groups meeting in the Day Care space. Added to this is the delay in our move back and the plans we had.

So how are we doing?

Nursery: I am pleased to report that Melissa Nielsen and Sandra McKenzie have offered their help in the nursery. We have a few children in this age group that need a place to gather and play during the service. Thank you Melissa and Sandra for volunteering.

Church School: The church school is now meeting in the parlour and participating in, at the moment, a Kids For Christ: Fall Edition (KFC:FE) program while we wait to use our new flannel board lessons in the new church. The children are learning about the 23rd Psalm, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule. We continue to support our foster child, Noemy, and will be making cards for her shortly.

Youth: Unfortunately, the youth class/group is still in limbo. We have yet to secure a youth leader (any volunteers?) so at present we are trying to find areas around the church where our younger members can feel comfortable to participate in. For instance, as previously mentioned, Melissa has volunteered to help with the nursery. H.J. Johnson is helping with sound. Encouraging our young people to participate in the service and in other church responsibilities is, I think, something the whole congregation can help with (i.e. asking them to usher, greet, read, count, teach, serve, etc.). Darren has volunteered to take the youth bowling one night to find out what they want to do as a group in a church setting.



Adult education – Darren will be holding discussion sessions focusing on the book "Christianity for the Rest of Us". Five Monday evening sessions are planned as of October 21st. And periodically Darren shows movies that reflect a religious and moral meaning, followed by lively discussions.

Looking forward to our move home – watch for details in future church bulletins (maybe around December) about our Toy and Book Drive to replace some of the old toys and books that found a home elsewhere when we left home.

Thank you -

- to everyone for participating in the Rev. Douglas McKenzie Memorial Walk. It was a great day! We look forward to continuing this Asbury and West tradition for many years to come. A big thanks to Jocelyn and Sylvia who prepared the delicious lunch.
- to the volunteers who taught in the Kids For Christ: Summer Edition program. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed.
- to Kim and Lydia for your amazing commitment and patience
- to all of you for your constant support, encouragement and prayers.



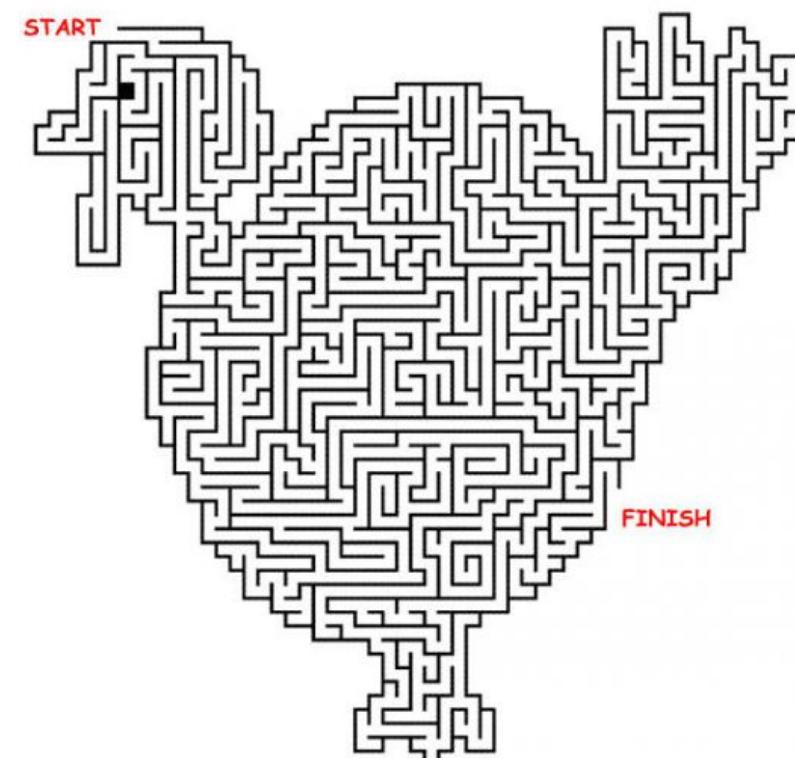
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Autumn Word Search

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Apple	Fruit	Orange
Brown	Grain	Pear
Chilly	Harvest	Pumpkin
Cold	Hay	Red
Colors	Leaf	Scarecrow
Corn	Leaves	September
Country	Maple	Sweater
Crops	Migrate	Vegetables
Fall	November	Yellow
Farmer	October	



Kids Corner

WHY AREN'T WE THIS THANKFUL EVERY DAY?

YOU'D BETTER GET OUT OF THE SUN, RALPH... LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DONE.

WE WERE TRYIN' TO BAPTIZE KITTYCAT IN THE BIRDBATH, BUT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE BAPTIZED!