

FLOCK TALK

Asbury and West United Church

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"The Friendly Church"

Edition 164



LOOKING BACK

Asian Heritage Month



The first Sunday of June

Mother's Day



Caroline singing during a service

Music Sunday

World Wide Communion



Caroline and Rev Carol, a Sunday when Fairbank joined us.

Filipino Independence Day



Enjoying a beautiful sunny day

Welcome Back Sunday



Indigenous peoples Sunday June 19

Christmas in July



Summer at Asbury

Anniversary Sunday



The blessing of the knapsacks, Sunday Sept 11



Gabriel, Genevieve, Gracie during the 210th Anniversary on Sept 11th

Rev Douglas McKenzie Walk



EDITORS' NOTE

Flock Talk is always grateful for any pictures you send to us.

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

REV DOUGLAS MCKENZIE MEMORIAL WALK



Rev Carol &
Pastor Loweth



Asbury and Fairbank Choir



Preparing for Communion



Worshipping

October 2nd, 2022, was World Communion Sunday. Christians around the world gathered to celebrate this day. Saying to the world that we are all in one as followers of Jesus Christ. World Communion Sunday was formerly known as World Wide Communion Sunday and is always celebrated on the first Sunday of October.

This special worship Sunday was started in 1936 by Rev Dr. Thomas Kerr when he was at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. In the beginning the idea of a World Wide Communion Sunday was not widely accepted. However, with the onset of World War II and the need for spiritual sustenance for a world of hurting people. The World Council of Churches adopted the idea.

Today, I am pleased to say Asbury and West and Fairbank United gathered together to celebrate World Communion Sunday at Asbury and West. It was a Sunday filled with music, prayers, laughter, singing, food, and people gathering at the Table of the Lord.

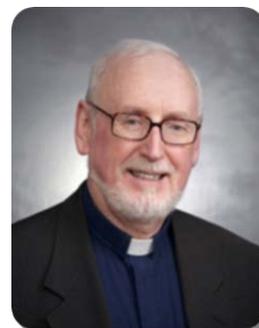
It was indeed a day of blessing.

Rev. Carol

On Sunday, September 25 our planned and anticipated afternoon stroll through the community was met with a flood of rain, forcing us to make a quick decision about what to do. We chose to walk around the perimeter of the Sanctuary. There were about 10 of us, including Heather and Peter McKenzie, walking and dancing to the music of Neil Diamond and others. We had a great time. The amount collected will be reported later.

Thank you for your participation and donations.

Cheryl Holliday



Rev. Douglas
McKenzie





THE PASTOR'S PEN



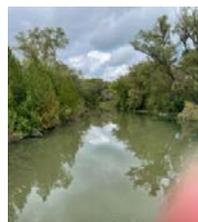
Autumn is here and some people cheer for the cooler temperatures and beautiful colours. I must admit Autumn has not always been my favourite time of year. Summers seem so short and Autumn is a reminder of below-zero temperatures, ice, and snow.

A few years ago, I made a conscious decision, to enjoy Autumn. I started walking. At first, my walk was only about ten minutes but over time my walk built up to two hours. Today I walk four hours twice a week.

Walking in Summer is enjoyable and I see lots of people, animals and flowers. All of which are part of God's creation. Oh, but walking in Autumn is a balm for the soul.

Today, on my walk along the Tom Taylor Trail in Newmarket, the things I was blessed to see were amazing. Geese on Fairy Lake, beautiful colours, babies in carriages, older couples holding hands, concrete picnic tables with chess boards painted on top, and a story corner titled, "The Happy Green Frog." to name a few of the sights on my walk.

The Town of Newmarket had put up a sign along the trail that said: "Before the Pandemic, I was" and another sign that said, "And now I hope that..."



The two signs gave me a reason to think about our church and all that we have been through. We have come through a difficult time as a community of faith.

Like the cooler temperatures and beautiful sights on my walk. It is a balm for the soul to see the choir back in the choir loft with new members Lydia and Jerry. We had the privilege to celebrate Asbury's 210th anniversary. Sunday School is back with nine children and three three-year-old babies. UCW had a potluck lunch and plans to return to regular Tuesday meetings. Gabriel, Grace and Genevieve sang, and Ysabelle played her guitar on Anniversary Sunday. And Caroline sang for the first time for an audience. Each Sunday one of the children make their way down the isle to light the Christ Candle.

Asbury and West is a balm for the soul as we move farther away from the pandemic and into the future God has planned. Thank you, everyone, for helping to make Asbury and West the loving blessed place that is a balm for the soul.

With Kindness and Blessings,

Rev. Carol E. Rick



SENIOR CHOIR



*"Sing of the harvest, grain rip'ning in the field.
Sing songs of praise for God's goodness now revealed.
Sing of your thanks for life and its golden yield."*

Harvest Song – Scandinavian Round

Now that Autumn is officially here, our Church Choir is back at the front of the church. We are few, but mighty!

Our members include Janiss Johnson, Lucille Hunte, Lola Pinnock, Lisa Crawford and two new members, Lydia Cariaga and Jerry Lewis.

We are happy to be back to lead the congregation in song and look forward to singing anthems and other special music as the seasons change and bring us the special celebrations of Christmas.

A special, and deeply sincere, appreciation goes out to Anthony Panacci whose gift of music lifts our spirits, enriches our souls, and contributes to a meaningful time of worship.

Anthony is easy to work with and is willing to step in at any time during the worship service to participate with readings, technology, and humour!

If you would like to join the Choir, please come to Church by 9:30am on Sundays for choir practice. What a wonderful way to praise God!

Lisa Crawford



UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS AT ASBURY

Update: March 2022

We are very pleased to announce that Asbury and West United Church will be re-opening for in-person Sunday Morning Services and Sunday School as of April 3rd, 2022, 10:30am. The wearing of face masks will continue, but proof of vaccination will NOT be required. We encourage anyone who has not been vaccinated to do so. Physical distancing will be up to individuals. If you do not have a face covering, we will provide you with a mask. Contact tracing will no longer be in effect; capacity limits have been lifted; use of hand sanitizer in the church will be required. Upstairs at the church is restricted to Sunday School use.

*Please take note that the decisions made at Council are in keeping with the Government of Ontario's reopening plan. We have been informed that even though many mandates will be lifted by the time we return to church, we can still set our own policies for the safety of everyone.

IN MEMORY OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Members of The United Church of Canada join with others in Canada, Bermuda, the Commonwealth, and many other parts of the world in mourning the death today of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Queen Elizabeth was 96 years old.

Queen Elizabeth was the longest-serving monarch in the history of Canada. Many of us have no living memory of any other queen or king. We recognize the complex feelings many will have about the legacy of the monarchy. The United Church of Canada honours the lifelong faithful service that Queen Elizabeth gave and her dedication and commitment to many charities and service organizations.

As a Christian church, we hold that death is not the final reality and that all people will find fullness of life after death. We honour and respect Queen Elizabeth as a person, and acknowledge her death with sorrow. We give thanks to God for Queen Elizabeth, for a life well lived and for the completion of her life in the embrace of our Creator. We send our condolences to the King and the other members of the Royal Family.

While we honour the ways in which Queen Elizabeth has lived faithfully, we also lament the role of the monarchy in colonization in many countries, including Canada and Bermuda. We know that power, privilege, and sin can and do accrue within institutions and systems. As a result, the history of the monarchy and colonization, embedded within systems of White superiority, have had harmful and ongoing impacts on many communities within Canada, including Indigenous communities and racialized communities (particularly those with ties to countries of origin that have also experienced the trauma of colonization). "A Song of Faith" reminds us that

"This brokenness in human life and community is an outcome of sin. Sin is not only personal but accumulates to become habitual and systemic forms of injustice, violence, and hatred."

We acknowledge that the Queen, like all Creation, is created in the image and likeness of the Creator. We honour the ways in which Queen Elizabeth has lived faithfully into this image. We mourn the ways in which she, as the embodiment of the Crown and the structural sins of a colonizing Great Britain, has often not lived into this image or likeness. We rest, however, in the assurance that God's grace is unfailing and in the promise that

"As children of the Timeless One, our time-bound lives will find completion in the all-embracing Creator."

Holy God,

We give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses: people whose lives we honour and cherish, people who have taught us how to live as best we can; We give thanks for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who is now gathered among the faithful who go before us. May you bless and keep all who love and who will miss Queen Elizabeth. We pray especially for the Royal Family, all who held her closely in their hearts, and all who will shepherd nations of people in the grieving process. May you bless and keep the Commonwealth, and all who wrestle with the complexities of the monarchy and what Queen Elizabeth represents. We pray especially for those who continue to unpack the legacies of colonialism as we work towards right relations and reconciliation.

We bring all this to you, while giving thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth, and while celebrating your sovereignty over our hearts.

Amen





Fairbank United Church

OUR FAIRBANK FRIENDS

Fairbank and Asbury had a combined service in July. I was away on vacation. Pastor Steven and his community of faith came to Asbury. We will be celebrated World Wide Communion together on October 2nd at Asbury. Rev Steven and I have talked about doing something during Advent. (See page 3.)

Rev Carol



Asbury and West's Website continues to be updated. For the most current information about events, go to our web page at [asburyandwest.org](http://www.asburyandwest.org) and click on the blog link (just below the scrolling pictures).

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Next Edition – SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2020

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(Articles are subject to editing for length & clarity.)



FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection for all our blessings. May every day be filled with God's countless blessings, memorable moments, happiness and hope now and always. Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Jocelyn and Sylvia



WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Our purpose is to enhance the spiritual growth of every person in the congregation.

Above is our Ministry Mission Statement. Read it again. Powerful, isn't it? When, as a group, we keep this statement in mind, everyone within our Church Family is enriched!

Not that we don't have our struggles, for we certainly do. We lost a very important staff resource this year when our office administrator left us. Our Worship and Christian Education Ministry relies heavily on competent and productive office staff, and with the loss of our administrator this work has fallen heavily on our members. That is why the wheels are in motion for a solution.

2022 has been an interesting year. We tried Zoom Worship during regular scheduled Sunday service with little luck. It was decided that a separate Zoom service be held at 9:30am on Sundays before the in-person service. This has been a valuable addition to our Church Ministry; many of our congregants simply cannot or do not want to attend regular Sunday services, so they join us early on Sundays. We have a regular average of 10 people join us for this first service. Thank you Rev. Carol for your devotion to our Church Family.

You may have noticed that the sanctuary has been returned to it's pre-COVID seating arrangement. Offering collection has returned to the hands of our ushers. Hymn books can once again be found in the pews. Face masks are optional. Hand sanitizer is still available.

Our Choir is back and loving it. We have two new members. Anthony continues with his beautiful and uplifting music.

This year has seen lots of special times shared in our Church - please see "Looking Back" page 2.



Here is a list of what's to come for the rest of the year:

- November 6: (*Daylight Savings ends*)
Remembrance Sunday and a video sermon from our new Church Moderator
- November 27: First Sunday of Advent
- December 4: Advent II
- December 11: Advent III – White Gift Sunday
- December 18: Christmas Sunday – a Platinum Sunday! A time to make a special effort to invite others to join us.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service and Communion, 7:00pm. Sunday School participation.
- December 25: Casual Christmas Service with Carols and Readings; soup afterwards

We are looking for help with the Sunday services. If you would like to be a scripture reader or help with the running of the PowerPoint and other technology, please contact the Church office at (416) 783-6503 or send an email to secretary@asburyandwest.org. You may also contact Rev. Carol at (905) 717-6594.

Our Christian Education team is working hard. Sunday School has restarted and curriculum is set for the rest of the year.

Confirmation Classes and Profession of Faith will be offered this year for those interested in participating.

Youth Class resumed on October 2.

Peace and all good things to you, May this day offer you just what you need in each unfolding moment,

God is with you!

Lisa Crawford, Rotating Chair



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The UCW is back! A reunion meeting was held on June 21st in the Upper Room (our new meeting space). Members brought their lunch and sat socially distanced getting reacquainted. We decided to resume monthly meetings in September with a Pot Luck luncheon. A game of Bible trivia was enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday September 20th we held our Pot Luck meeting. 12 current members were present and we welcomed a new member-Lola Pinnock. A few decisions were made for the rest of 2022. UCW Calendars will no longer be sold, the "Mittens and More" tree will be up again for the Advent Season for your donations of mitts, hats, warm socks, etc. for all ages. The Congregational Christmas PotLuck Dinner will return on Saturday December 3 at 6pm.

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12-2pm. Bring a lunch; tea is provided. Next meeting is October 18th.

Blessings!

Kim Davidson, Chair



COUNCIL

We are grateful that in-person services have resumed along with a service via Zoom. Council members met in June and September to discuss many church issues including volunteers to assist with office responsibilities, advertising for the position of office secretary and the ongoing negotiations with our tenants.

With regret, we received resignations from Phoebe Cleverley, Chair Stewardship Ministry and Lou Rhoden, Chair Hospitality Ministry. They have faithfully served the church for many years and will be deeply missed. (See pg 13 for details on Stewardship.) Hospitality is an integral part of our church. Many hands make light work to help with after-service refreshments, assist with special event gatherings and to remember that everyone loves to eat cake.

Additionally, we urgently need to fill positions for three important areas; Ministry & Personnel M&P, Communications and Shinning Water Region Council Representative. Kindly speak to Rev Carol or myself for details on how you can serve your church.

Melvyn Beckles, Chair



FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

In order to reduce printing costs, Flock Talk is available in a limited supply for those who do NOT have email. Be sure you (and anyone else you know who would like to receive a copy) are on the email list to receive your copy electronically. Kindly contact Sylvia at rsm56@sympatico.ca to be added.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



The United Church of Canada is committed to responding to the crisis in Ukraine and is working with Mission & Service partners ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Donations can be made in the following three (3) ways:

Online [secure donation page](https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/ukraine-crisis) at <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/ukraine-crisis>

Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque or money order (marked "Emergency Response—Ukraine") to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

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Asbury and West is still supporting two local programs within our immediate community - Baycrest Public School Breakfast Program and the North York Harvest Food Bank (NYHFB).

Simply make your cheque payable to Asbury and West United Church or you can donate through e-transfer and PayPal. Kindly indicate on your giving envelope & cheque or on the electronic form which program you are assisting and the amount you wish to donate. This will be added to your year-end tax receipt.

Thank you for your support to all these worthy causes.



GRATEFUL

thankful

BLESSED

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Pumpkin Cheese Ball

Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple, well drained
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 package (2-1/2 ounces) dried beef, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
- Green pepper stem
- Crackers or assorted fresh vegetables

Directions:

In a bowl, beat cream cheese, pumpkin and pineapple. Stir in cheddar cheese, beef and onion. Shape into a ball; wrap in plastic. Wrap cheeseball in 4 pieces of string or 4 rubber bands, creating indentions to resemble a pumpkin. Chill 1 hour. Carefully unwrap cheese ball and set it on a platter. Remove stem from the green pepper; add to cheese ball to serve as a pumpkin stem. Slice remaining pepper. Serve with crackers, sliced pepper and assorted vegetables.

Nutrition Facts: 2 tablespoons: 85 calories, 6g fat (4g saturated fat), 21mg cholesterol, 174mg sodium, 3g carbohydrate (2g sugars, 0 fiber), 4g protein.



Leftover Stuffing & Turkey Casserole

Ingredients

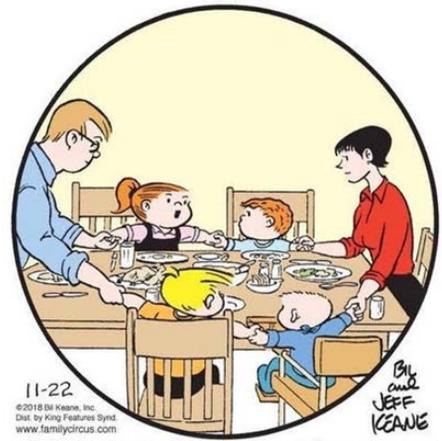
- 4 cups leftover stuffing
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 4 cups cubed cooked turkey, divided
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Place stuffing, cranberries and pecans in a large bowl; stir in broth. In a small bowl, mix egg and the mozzarella and ricotta cheeses.
2. In a greased 13x9-in. baking dish, layer 2 cups turkey, 3 cups stuffing mixture, and the cheese mixture. Top with remaining turkey and stuffing mixture. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese.
3. Bake, covered, 40-45 minutes or until heated through. Bake, uncovered, 5 minutes longer.
4. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Made too much – be sure to freeze it for another meal.

Nutrition Facts: 418 calories, 24g fat (8g saturated fat), 91mg cholesterol, 640mg sodium, 26g carbohydrate (10g sugars, 3g fiber), 27g protein.



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By
and
JEFF
KEANE

"We hafta hold hands while we say grace so nobody gets a head start eating. Right, Mommy?"



THANKSGIVING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Colossians 4:2	Psalms 28:7
2 Corinthians 9:11	Psalms 13:5
1 Timothy 4:4-5	1 Chronicles 16:35
Psalm 106:1	Psalms 95:2
Hebrews 12:28-29	Psalms 92:1-2
Hebrews 13:15	Psalms 97:12
Psalm 107:21	Psalms 100:4
Psalm 69:30	Psalms 103:1
Colossians 3:16	1 Thessalonians 5:18
1 Chronicles 16:8	Philippians 4:6
Psalm 34:8	Colossians 3:17
Psalm 86:12	1 Samuel 12:24
Psalm 9:1-2	Psalm 4:7



MINISTRIES and COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Vacancy

HOSPITALITY

Chair: Vacancy

MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE

Chair: Ianthe Spencer

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL (M&P)

Chair: Vacancy

PROPERTY

Co-Chairs: Clayton Johnson &
Yvonne Wright

STEWARDSHIP

Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Cheryl Holliday

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rotating Chair: Lisa Crawford,
Cheryl Holliday, Rev Carol

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Chair: Kim Davidson

MEMORIAL Committee
Cheryl Holliday, David Tuck

SHINING WATER REGION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Vacancy

CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

You are welcome to
attend any meeting.

COUNCIL

Chair: Melvyn Beckles



MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

NO REPORT.

Ianthe Spencer, Chair



"Sharing the Gifts We
Have Been Given"

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



On behalf of the Stewardship Ministry Group, I would like to thank you for your constant and generous support. Your commitment continues to help with church operations, as well as our responsibilities and programs.

You may remember that during Covid, we made an agreement with The Clover School allowing them to pay half of their rent. I am happy to report that we have now recovered all of their back rent, for which we are very grateful. However, we are still in a deficit position. As of August 31 was \$8,363.77.

Sadly, in September, Phoebe Cleverley, who chaired the Stewardship Ministry Group, resigned. We thank her for her many years of work and devotion. All of us on Stewardship agree that it was a pleasure working with her and we will miss her terribly.

The situation now is that we are looking for a new Chair and we also need new members. This raises a question. What does the Stewardship Ministry do?

Stewardship ensures that the money you have entrusted to the church is handled wisely and efficiently.

This means we collect, count and bank the offerings and other donations, and make sure that they are applied to the operations of the church and programs, including Mission & Service, as you have designated. We hold a campaign every fall asking the congregation for their continued support. We formulate an annual budget, based on the needs of the church. We make decisions on extra funds coming in or going out. We maintain a record of giving envelopes. We work with our bookkeeper, Clyde Harris who, besides recording, issues the cheques we sign and the tax receipts at the end of the year. As for the Chair of Stewardship, he or she calls, prepares the agenda, and leads the meetings. Also, he or she writes any reports. The Chair of Stewardship automatically becomes a Council member.

If you are interested in joining the Stewardship Ministry Group as a member or Chair, it may help to know that the current members are well experienced in the finances and the operation of the church. Therefore, anyone new coming in will have lots of support. Please speak to myself, or Janiss or Clay Johnson.

Cheryl Holliday, Secretary



ARE YOU ON P.A.R.?

Have you thought about making your church donation by P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance)? Through PAR, automatic monthly withdrawals are made from your bank account. PAR is easy to set up and can be adjusted at any time should your circumstances change. If you are already on PAR, don't forget that you can increase your donation anytime. Simply speak to Cheryl Holliday, in confidence, about the process.

Thank you for your support!

We are also collecting Canadian Tire money to assist with future purchases.
Please consider this form of donation to your church.



coffee hour

Tuesday evenings at 7pm

Grab your coffee or tea and join us via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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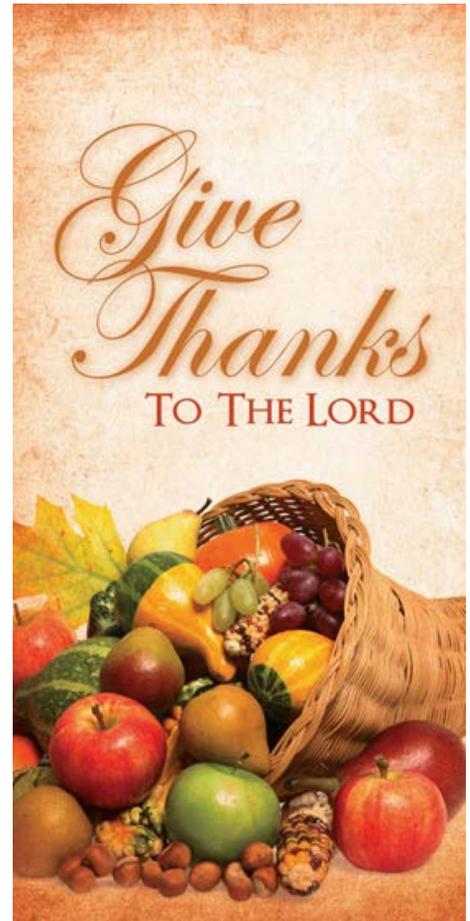
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Join us via phone:

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CONVERSATIONS

We are a group of nine ladies, including Rev. Carol, meeting every Wednesday morning on zoom and the telephone, from 11 to 12 o'clock, for a very interesting and thought-provoking bible study.

On September 28th, we started a study on the book of James in the New Testament. This will continue through the month of October.

Anyone wishing to join us would be very welcome.

Submitted by Dorothy Ostrom

Join us Wednesdays at 11:00am

Zoom:

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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



Friday September 30 marked the 2nd annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. Across the country, hundreds of local commemorative activities took place and a 1-hour national gathering was broadcasted live from Ottawa's LeBreton Flats. The day honoured the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

In honour of the children who never returned home, we share a poem from Chief R. Stacey Laforme in his book titled LIVING IN THE TALL GRASS Poems of Reconciliation.

Connection

I don't have to know you to love you
 I don't have to know you to cry
 I will grieve for you
 I will grieve for the loss of such a gift
 I will offer my prayers in your name
 And I will pray for your loved ones
 The thought of you
 Is enough to make you part of me
 My mind has created a place in my heart
 A place you will now reside forever
 I will miss you
 I will remember
 I will not be ashamed to shed a tear
 A small part for you, a larger part for them,
 and some for me
 I don't have to know you to love you
 I don't have to know you to cry.



Chief Laforme is of the Mississaugas of the Credit of the Anishinaabe. In the prologue of his book of poems he writes of understanding:

"...I am an Anishinaabe man. Yet I consider my poems and stories to be universal. I write with the intent to place myself in the heart and soul of different individuals at different stages of their lives. If you can see yourself in the poem, then my intent was a success."

Submitted by Jocelyn Shewalter-Patterson



PROPERTY MINISTRY



The Property Ministry is in the process of having a portable lawn sign to be erected on the Saranac side of the church building. The sketch is in with estimate and awaiting approval from Council as it needs to be erected before the bad weather commences.

Regular maintenance work have been carried out over the summer. There are some much needed work to be done on the Upper Room which include re-sanding and sealing of the floors, as well as, new counter tops for the kitchen. There are areas that need some painting as well. At the moment we are securing estimates.

We had Rooks to Cooks in over the summer and they have indicated to do classes for March-break etc. We have curtailed casual rentals for now until the above mention upgrades are completed.

Our relations with both tenants, Clover School and Immanuel Church, are going well. It should be noted that the Clover School brought in a landscaper to have the gardens done at no cost to the church. The Property Ministry sent a note expressing "thank you" and our appreciation.

Clayton Johnson & Yvonne Wright, Co-chairs



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

After many years of looking after the organizing of interesting and memorable events for the Young at Heart, Shirley and I are stepping down. The group is in need of someone (or several people) to step into the leadership role. Please give consideration to becoming an integral part of the Young at Heart group. Your contribution will be both appreciated and meaningful.

Melvyn and Shirley Beckles, Group Contacts



Kids



How did Canadian Thanksgiving begin? In 1578 when English explorer Martin Frobisher arrived in Newfoundland and wanted to celebrate his safe arrival in his journey from Europe to Asia. It wasn't until 1879 that it was declared a national holiday, and it wasn't until 1957 that its October date was set.

Why is it earlier than the American Thanksgiving? Our harvest season is earlier in Canada, as we get colder sooner.

How did "Breaking the Wishbone" start? The ancient Romans used to pull apart chicken bones hoping for good fortune. The English picked it up in the 16th century, where it was referred to as "merrythought." In the New World, Pilgrims played tug-of-war with the bones of wild turkeys. The term "wishbone" didn't emerge until the 1800's. Each person grabs an end and pulls it apart. It is believed that if you get the bigger piece, your wish will be granted.

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Remembrance Day

Monday, November 11

They gave their tomorrows,
so we could have our today!

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

by John McCrae
May 1915



2022

Events & Happenings

October

- Sunday, October 9 - Thanksgiving Sunday
- Monday, October 31 - Halloween...Mwahahaha!!!!!!

November

- Sunday, November 6 - Daylight Savings ends
- Sunday, November 6 - Remembrance Sunday and a video sermon from our new Church Moderator
- Friday, November 11 - Remembrance Day
- Sunday, November 27 - Advent I

December

- Sunday, December 4 - Advent II
- Sunday, December 4 - Deadline for Christmas Edition of Flock Talk
- Sunday, December 11 - Advent III; White Gift Sunday
- Sunday, December 18 - Christmas Sunday – a Platinum Sunday! A time to make a special effort to invite others to join us
- Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service and Communion, 7:00pm. Sunday School participation.
- Sunday, December 25 - Casual Christmas Service with Carols and Readings; soup afterwards
- Monday, December 26 - Boxing Day
- Saturday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

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Asbury and West is currently searching for an Office Secretary. Candidates must be proficient in Word and be able to produce PowerPoint, among other office duties. We need someone for 12 hours a week. This will likely be a contract position.

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For any inquiries, please contact the office by phone or email. Please be aware that currently our office phone is only checked once a week.

HAPPY Thanksgiving



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Asbury and West, acknowledges the sacred land on which our church stands. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations. The original nations continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work toward justice and reconciliation.

Our Mission Statement: *We are a diverse community of Christians, called by God, who seek to make a positive difference in the lives of those who live in the Bathurst and Lawrence Community and beyond.*



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