



# Cochrane Street United Church

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## Tidings from the Collection Plate

June 2023

Hello everyone and welcome to my June 2023 edition. It appears that our society is slowly reopening as restrictions have been lifted. More of us are starting to feel a bit more comfortable out in the community. As we move towards our next journey in faith with our MAP process, we would like to welcome Rev. James Ravenscroft and Rev. Susan Sheppard from St. James United Church. We have agreed to a one-year pilot project to use both ministers in our ministry, allowing 80 hours per month for their time. We are blessed to have them both involved in our congregation.

We are almost halfway through the year now and our overall financial position is looking better than it has for the last couple of years. Our regular givings are about the same as last year; if you haven't sent in your regular donation you can continue to send it through the mail or send an e transfer to [csuctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com).

For our Mission and Service we collected a little over \$ 1,900, of which payment to this program has been sent. Thank you for your ongoing support. Our yearly assessment of \$ 5,662 has been paid in full to the United Church of Canada as well.

As many of you are aware, over the past month we have been busy organizing events to help raise funds for the church's ministries. Our Spring Flower Service in late May raised over \$ 1,400. After the service, we delivered vases of flowers to five of our senior homes. I know that each one of them were very surprised and appreciative of receiving the beautiful carnations. This annual event is a way for us to remember our loved ones while at the same time sharing our ministry of caring and the joys of spring with others.

We held our annual spring garden plant sale which raised over \$ 1,200. Despite the weather, we still had a successful event. Thanks to everyone who donated and or purchased plants. Our move to holding this event outdoors on our Cochrane Street patio was very successful as it attracted buyers from the neighbourhood who would not have known of our sale if they hadn't seen it in progress.

Traditionally, at this time of the year I ask you for a special donation to support our cemetery board. These funds help the board maintain our cemeteries. We need to support our cemeteries and pay tribute to our forebearers who worked so hard building our church and community. Donations to the church marked cemetery will help us meet our annual \$ 1,500 commitment to the cemetery board.

Finally, it is usually in this June newsletter that I remind everyone of our commitment to support Cochrane Centre. Since January I am finding we are falling slightly behind in the givings to the Cochrane Centre. With your contributions this will help us to meet the commitment of \$ 1,500 per month. So, please try to give.

As always if you have any questions about church finances or would like to talk to us about your individual donation, please don't hesitate to give Karen a call at 709-743-1277 or Tim a call at 709-325-4661 or you can send an email at [csuctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com) or talk to us at church.

Have an awesome summer!

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