



Cochrane Street United Church

Honouring the Past ♦ Celebrating the Present ♦ Dreaming for the Future
1916 – 2016

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Tidings from the Collection Plate

March, 2022

Hello everyone and welcome to 2022. Here we are back to in person worship services as the restrictions from the pandemic have been lifted. As for our congregation we still enforce wearing the masks while moving & singing and will reevaluate this process in April. We will continue to offer online services for friends and family afar and for those who feel more comfortable watching the service from their home.

This past Christmas we had the 2nd Annual Christmas At Cochrane on our Cochrane Street patio with our friends from First Light and several local musicians which we hope becomes an annual event supporting Christmas, spirituality, the neighbourhood and a sense of community. Rev Bowlby applied for a grant from the city to help with the expenses for Christmas at Cochrane and we are pleased that we will receive \$2,000 for this outreach.

Thank-you to all of you that continued to support our ministries throughout this challenging time. Although I say this all the time it can never be said to often - thank-you, thank-you, thank-you. Your givings help us to continue to adapt and provide the ministries relevant for these challenging times. I'm more optimistic now, even with another year under our belts, of our ability to remain relevant to our congregation and community needs.

Please continue to send in your offering through weekly or monthly envelopes. You can **mail in your offering to the church** using Canada Post or **simply drop it off in our mail box on 81 Cochrane Street** which many of you have done. Thanks again to those of you that have used **E-transfers** directly from your bank account. If you are comfortable using this method, this is the safest way to give your donation to the church. Simply go into your account and transfer the funds to the church using the treasurer's email account csuctreasurer@gmail.com

Not surprisingly, we again saw a drop in our fundraising revenues as we were unable to carry out many of the traditional fundraising activities of our congregation. To help compensate for these losses, Rev Miriam applied for a grant for our music program. We will receive \$9,800 to use for the choral scholars starting in September 2022. These funds will help sustain the music outreach we have here at Cochrane.

I am pleased to say that Tim has agreed to help with the revenue side of the financial committee, while my focus will be the expenses and completing the financial statements. I would like to thank Harold for his continuing work with updating the offerings every week and for putting together the Annual Report for 2021. We would be lost without our volunteers who give their time and talents to help with the church ministries and outreach.

I have enclosed our annual Easter envelope. As I write this newsletter during our Lenten journey, I'm confident the Easter message of hope, compassion and renewal will still shine through.

As always, if you have any questions regarding your church's finances, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 743-1277 or send me an email at csuctreasurer@gmail.com.

God Bless and Stay Safe.

Karen Cricht
Treasurer