



# Cochrane Street United Church

Honouring the Past ♦ Celebrating the Present ♦ Dreaming for the Future  
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## Tidings from the Collection Plate

November 2023

Seasons Greetings Everyone. We are approaching the end of another year – we have managed to continue to worship both in-person and online. We have had many different preachers during the year as we wait for the MAP process to be initiated. We are grateful for their time and service. May way we continue to keep ourselves and loved ones safe as we continue to worship in our space.

Tristan Clevand-Thompson, our Director of Music and John Williams have continued to bring our services online. Not everyone feels comfortable coming back to church, so this on line ministry helps connect people so that they, too, can participate in the worship. Whether you come to church in-person or view our service online I hope that each service provides you with strength and encouragement to help deal with today's uncertainties.

Since Rev Miriam Bowlby has left, we have continued to worship using our laypeople from our congregation and other congregations, and ministers from regional council. Until our MAP process has been put in place, we will continue to worship in this manner. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed both spiritually and financially during this time.

Thank you for your generosity. At this time of year though, I ask each of us to take a few moments and reflect on our givings found on the back of my report. Can you help our congregation more? Our community connections ministry and Christmas ministries need your support. Please give what you can to help make your congregation and its various ministries a success. This year, your contributions for White Gift Sunday will be donated to Bridges to Hope.

We have reached our target of \$1,500 for the cemetery fund. This year we have increased our givings by \$500 over last year's budget of \$1,000. Thanks again to all who have donated. So far this year we have accumulated \$3,215 to M & S which covered our donations up to the end of October. We will be sending a cheque later in December to cover the donations that we have received since then, so there is still time for you to get your donation to us. We are slightly below the target to meet our annual goal of \$18,000.00 (\$1,500 monthly) to Cochrane Centre. Your monthly contributions, either through PAR or in our Cochrane Centre envelopes, helps us immensely to meet this commitment. If you could find a little extra to help meet our goal this would be much appreciated leading into our year end.

Our music ministry will once again be highlighted during this coming Advent season. This year we are pleased to have the choral scholars join the choir: Anne Jewczyk, Ben James, Jenna Maloney and our newest member Miriam Woelfel. We have a full program of services planned for you with Rev Karen Edgar to lead us through this Advent season. Christmas on Cochrane will be similar to last year with one service in the evening. Stay tuned as more information becomes available. I hope you enjoy these ministries and that they both provide you with a feeling of hope as we journey through the advent season together.

Merry Christmas and Blessings to you all!

Karen Critch  
Treasurer