



# 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

Welcome to fall 2020 and my September tidings. It seems like it has been a long year as we cope with and manage the Covid 19 epidemic. Obviously, based on the growing numbers of infections in other parts of Canada and around the world our fight and diligence is not over but it does appear that we have adopted the right measures to protect ourselves and our society while at the same time return to somewhat more normal activities.

Earlier this month we returned to in service worship and it was great to see many of our church family members present. It had been a long time since we had seen ourselves and big smiles all around were quite evident as people nodded and waved to each other during the passing of the peace. Not everyone however, is comfortable coming back to church. Those members will not be forgotten and will be able to continue to worship with us on line as we simultaneously broadcast our service both on YouTube and Facebook through our Community Connections ministry.

I am very pleased with the generosity of many of our members who have continued to support the church during this challenging time. Many of you dropped your offering off in our mailbox on Cochrane Street, put it in the mail directly or used the e-transfer or PAR process or Canada Helps to keep up with your offering and commitment to our church. Thank you very much, our offering donations have remained on par with last year which is a testament to your support of our ministries. To those of you who have not given during this period please consider sending your donation now as the church requires everyone's commitment and support to remain viable. This is particularly important as we have not been able to undertake the fundraising activities that we had planned.

We have received some support through Canada's wage subsidy program (CEWS). We qualified for the 10% wage subsidy at the beginning of the pandemic in the spring. Then in July, with changes to the bigger program, we qualified for a larger subsidy (21.35% in July and 12.65% in August). Although not a huge amount, these funds have helped offset some of the loss in our fundraising activities.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Bridges to Hope ministry. We recently sent them a cheque for \$540.00 and will start to collect further funds if any of you wish to give more. We have collected \$835.00 towards our \$1000.00 cemetery fund commitment so we are well on our way to meeting that goal. Again, if any of you have not yet given to our cemetery ministry now would be a good time! Finally, we have been able to continue to support Cochrane Centre during these challenging times with our monthly \$1500.00 donation. We just gave them their September cheque and our budget for this ministry is now in a small deficit position. Your continued support for Cochrane Centre will help us continue to meet this commitment to year end.

Also enclosed with this package is our annual Thanksgiving envelope. Donations in this envelope help fund our other ministries - worship, community connections, pastoral care and bible study to name just a few. If you don't have a Thanksgiving envelope, just mark thanksgiving on your donation and we will know where to allocate the funds. Even during a pandemic we have much to be thankful for.

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

Yours in ministry,

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Treasurer