



Cochrane Street United Church

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Tidings from the Collection Plate

Sept 2022

Welcome to fall 2022 and my September tidings. Still today we cope with Covid 19 as we worship in person as of many activities have now gone back to normal or should I say a “new normal”. We are pleased to be back at the church or if you follow us online all are welcome.

Just before the summer started, we said goodbye to Rev. Miriam Bowlby. She has been with us over ten years and has served our congregation well. We wished her well on her new job and not to be a stranger. At the end of August, we also said goodbye to Evan Smith our choir director of over five years. We wished him well on his new endeavors and told him he is welcomed back at anytime.

I am pleased to introduce you to our new choir director, Tristan Cleland-Thompson. If you have not heard the organ played in awhile, Tristan played a lovely postlude, a hymn dedicated for Queen Elizabeth II. You can check his playing on our Facebook or YouTube. We look forward in hearing from him again as well as the choir this fall and leading us in to Christmas.

I am very pleased with the generosity of many of our members who have continued to support the church. 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.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Bridges to Hope ministry. So far this year we have sent them a cheque for \$300.00 and will start to collect further funds if any of you wish to give more. We have received a certificate from Mission & Service, we raised \$5,509.00 through 2021. We have collected \$1,450.00 towards our \$1,500.00 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 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 ongoing monthly commitment.

Also enclosed with this package is our annual Thanksgiving envelope. Donations in this envelope help fund our other ministries - worship, community connections, pastoral care, music 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. We are very grateful to all who volunteer and help with the many aspects of running a congregation, Thank you!!

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) 743-1277, send me an email at csuctreasurer@gmail.com or talk to me at church.

Blessings to all and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Karen Critch
Treasurer