



Cochrane Street United Church

Honouring the Past ♦ Celebrating the Present ♦ Dreaming for the Future
1916 – 2023



Tidings from the Collection Plate

Sept 2023

Welcome to fall 2023 and my September tidings. As we worship in person, many activities have now gone back to normal – or should I say a “new normal”. If you are feeling under the weather, you can always follow us online at home brought to us through Jackabon Media.

Leading into fall and Christmas, we will be led by various worship leaders. Our music director for a second year will be Tristan Clevand-Thompson. For now we have three choral scholars joining our choir: there are Anne Jewczyk, Jenna Maloney & Ben James. It is always a pleasure to have them sing with us for it truly brings such a rich sound to our choir.

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 over \$ 2,500 and will continue to collect further funds for this ministry. We have received over \$ 3,000 for Mission & Service as we continue to receive donations for this fund. We have collected \$ 1,535 towards our \$ 1,500.00 cemetery fund commitment. Thank you for all who have contributed to our external funds. Finally, this year we are a little down in the Cochrane Center contributions, if you are able to donate between now and Christmas, it would be greatly appreciated so that we can meet the monthly contribution of \$ 1,500. Your continued support for Cochrane Centre will help us continue to meet this ongoing monthly commitment.

We have a fall fundraiser coming up. It is the Fall Plant and Harvest sale on October 7, 2023. Come join us at the front of the church! We will start around 10:30am and run till 1:00pm.

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 music 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 all!!

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 have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Karen Critch
Treasurer