



# 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

November 2021

Seasons Greetings Everyone. As we are approaching the end of another year – with Covid still at our heels, we have managed to continue to worship both in person and online. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed all our lives and has turned our society upside down. Here in Newfoundland we are continuing to manage the Covid variants and encouraging people to get both vaccinations. Our congregation requires to have both vaccinations in order to worship in person. May we continue to keep ourselves and loved ones safe as we are uncertain from day to day life.

Reverend Miriam and Evan Smith, 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 on line, I hope that each service provides you with strength and encouragement to help deal with today's uncertainties.

Having worship services in person has brought its own changes and challenges. A plan was developed with First Light to ensure our church family members are safe when in the sanctuary and that we follow protocol for effective contact tracing in place if needed.

Thankyou for your generosity. At this time of year though, I ask each of us to take a few moments and reflect on our givings. 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.

We have reached our target of \$1,000 for the cemetery fund. Thanks again to all who have donated. We have already sent a cheque to Bridges to Hope for \$1,090 that covered donations received up to the end of September. Some of you have sent in additional donations this fall and we will be sending another cheque to Bridges to Hope later in December if any of you would like to contribute more. So far this year we have sent \$4,020 to M & S which covered our donations up to the end of August. We will be sending another 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 also still on target to meet our annual goal of \$18,000 (\$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.

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. We have a full program of services planned for you. Visit the church's website for information on Christmas on Cochrane Street and this year's Christmas theme, The Inn: Housing the Holy. 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!

Karen Critch  
Treasurer