



The Mustard Seed

November 2022

Newsletter

of

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"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches." - Matthew 13: 31-32

Pastor's Message

On **Sunday, November 6**, our church, together with many Christian churches around the world will celebrate the **Festival of All Saints**. This day we celebrate the triumph of the Lord of Life~ Jesus Christ, over the lord of death. It is also the day traditionally a time Christians remember those who have died since the last All Saints' Day.

The purpose is to celebrate the lives of people who we loved. It is my hope that you will be able to worship with us on All Saints. *Please inform Pastor Norine by Thurs. Nov. 3, if you wish to light a candle for a loved one during the service* . I also encourage you to invite your family members to the service.

As of Oct 30 we have officially reopened our basement for use. How will we use this space? Perhaps for rentals or Sunday School or coffee hours or our Bazaar! This blessing has been made possible by many people and many volunteer hours. Thank you for all of this internal ministry so that we may serve others.

Also in November we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent, Nov 27**. This is the beginning of a new church year! Our church life helps us remember that time is not linear, but a circle or spiral. We move forward and yet somehow we return again and again to where we have been before.

When we gather together to worship, we are reminded of the presence and love of God that surrounds us daily. We are blessed with that certainty, in the midst of all of our busyness and concerns. We would love to have you join us for worship In November! See you soon,
P+ Norine

November 2022 Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Sunday October 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. REFORMATION Service with HOLY COMMUNION Guest organist: KAREN PRINCE Coffee hour after worship. • Official opening of the basement!
Thursday Nov 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am—Prayer Team meets in the Pastor's office every Thursday morning.
Sunday Nov 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a.m. ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Service of Word and Prayer <i>Lighting of memorial candles</i> • Renovations presentation following service • 1:00pm UNPLUG gathering at Fitzroy Prov. Park for the Wild Bird Rehabilitation Program
Saturday Nov 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Bazaar 9-noon
Sunday Nov 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. • Coffee hour after worship.
Thursday Nov 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Pastors meet in Alice, Ont.
Saturday Nov 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am—Men's Breakfast—Jim's Restaurant
Sunday Nov 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a.m. CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Worship Service of Word & Prayer. • Worship ideas session following worship
Saturday Nov 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm—Arnprior Santa Claus Parade
Sunday Nov 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a.m. FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT — Worship Service of Word & Prayer. • Coffee hour after worship.
Monday Nov 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Church Council

Pastor Norine will be away for Continuing Education from the afternoon of Nov 6 till Nov 11.

Rev. Martin Malina will cover for pastoral emergencies for St. John's. Rev. James Murray will cover for St. James. Should you require assistance, please call Enid Blackwell 613-623-7017 or Ulla Schilling 613-432-2105 respectively. Thank you.



Minutes of the October 26th, 2022 Council Meeting

Enid Blackwell

Pr. Norine (Zoom)

David Burkett

Debbie Witt

Alison Burkett

Andy Kalnins

Attendance:

Fred Steinke

Rachel Roesner (Zoom)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Pastor opened with a prayer.
2. **Previous Minutes:** M by Debbie, S by Andy, that the September 26, 2022 minutes be approved as distributed. **CARRIED.**
3. **Finance:** The Treasurer's report indicated a deficit to end of September of \$10,145, a further decrease from August's deficit of \$9,323. Commitments are \$3,500 under budget, investment return is \$4,200 below budget, utilities \$325 over budget. Basement renovations -\$8,301.56 to date, final bill will be \$8,554.80 drawn from reserves, for which congregation had approved up to \$10,000 from reserves. (\$770 Memoriam fund for Bill Koops plus \$50.00 which was on books previously also go for these renovations). November appeals and special Christmas Eve envelopes will be forthcoming to go towards operation costs. Approval of report M by Andy, S by Fred. **CARRIED**
4. **Children and Youth:** The Youth Planning Team are focusing on getting Sunday School (SS) restarted by Nov. 27, using the Rocky Railway VBS curriculum which engages both elementary and pre-school children. Input from families with children is planned via a brief survey, including their preference for SS 1 Sunday a month or 3 Sundays, plus 1 youth-led service. Some leaders confirmed, more being sought; SS support people identified already. A float in Nov. 26 Santa Claus parade is planned as well as a Christmas Eve pageant, in which all kids attending can be involved. UNPLUG Dates – Nov. 6 – Wild Bird Rehabilitation & Owl Pellet Dissection (Fitzroy V. Pk)
5. **Upcoming Sunday Plans/Information Sessions:** Set plans for: Oct. 30 basement floor reopening, information sessions on renovation-accessibility/rental ideas (Nov. 6-Dave and Alison), worship ideas (Nov. 20- P+Norine); youth group ideas session projected January.
6. **Pastor's report:** Pastor's report was presented. Extras included: area Pastors meeting in Quebec, sick leave time. Prayer team and pastoral care work/meetings going well. Continuing Ed week Nov 6-11, Kargus wedding Nov.25-27, Andy to lead worship.
7. **Outreach/(COVID):** No Outreach report. People can choose to wear a mask or not for COVID.
8. **Communications:** Ongoing deliveries for 11 households & pastoral care visits/calls. Enid to coordinate Bill Koops kitchen plaque/dedication, probably Nov. Volunteer recognition, council succession planning tabled. Monitoring federal & provincial accessibility build grants availability. Shared Ministry to sort Christmas Eve James/John service times. No service Dec.25.
9. **Operations matters:** No Report
10. **Property:** Phase I of the basement is completed with thanks to Dave, Randy, Cathy, Jeff, Fred, Kevin, Greg, Rex, Cory, Gerald, Frank and Lorne R. Also thank you to the cleaning crew who handled the kitchen clean up. Gerald has completed the painting. There are a few baseboard detail items remaining which will be done in Phase 2 (front hall and washrooms). Decided to keep the chairs with curved legs, and cull those with 4 straight legs and some other damaged ones. Beryl and Keith are clearing the leaves, Fred is storing lawn tractor, Jeff is storing rain barrels. **Technology:** No issues or plans.

Other Business:

Reviewed Planning Cycle (through December).

Closing – Round Table and Prayer

Next meeting: Monday, November 28 at 7:00.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for these people in your daily prayers:

From our congregation: Vicki, Jeff Obst, Ed & Rosemary, Jacqueline, Kenny T.

Friends of the Parish: Tere, Kathleen, children -Briar & Alivia, Ed, George W., Lynne Z., Claude, Wayne Stolz.

We continue to pray for the people of the Ukraine as winter approaches. P+N

Bless you for believing in the power of prayers. If you wish to add a name to this

Commemorative Tree of Thanks

Before moving to Ayr, Ontario, on October 22, the family of Jean de Dieu Basabose and Grace Uwimana planted a tree with a memorial plaque in Robert Simpson Park. You can find it near the fountain. The small evergreen, placed by the Town of Arnprior, honours the life-changing journey that started and ended here for the family. They anticipate visiting again to see how it grows, as do their roots and family life together in Canada, and extend many thanks to this gracious and generous community.

The plaque reads:

'This tree was planted on October 21, 2022 by Jean de Dieu Basabose, a peacebuilder from Africa, and family to celebrate our reunification after seeking asylum in Canada. We express our gratitude for the support of the Arnprior community during 4 ½ years of separation.'

Contact Theresa Dunn at dunn2property@gmail.com or Donna at Grace St. Andrew's United Church for more information.



Tiny tree, Happy family:

Jean de Dieu, friend Theresa, Jean, Antoine, Pierre, Grace

Photo Corner



Thanksgiving Decorations—photos courtesy of Lorne R.



Camp Lutherlyn Colours



Beryl Richardson and Rory Brohart enjoy Thanksgiving decorations after Oct. 9 worship.

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BIRTHDAYS

- November 6th—Mel Bretzlaff*
- November 12th—Bartley Roberts*
- November 18th—Nathan Brohart*
- November 22nd—Bob Witt*

NOTICES

Information Sessions Update: Visioning and Planning

As noted in the September Mustard Seed, and Council minutes of September 26 and October 26, **information sessions will be held with members** as we consider some possibilities as we move forward together in planning our future.

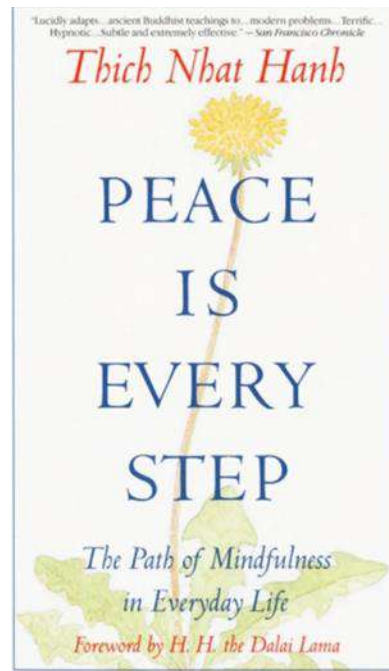
At this time, we expect two information sessions to take place in November immediately after Sunday worship: ideas on renovation for accessibility and rental on November 6, and ideas on Worship on November 20. A third session on youth group ideas is currently projected for January.

Please plan to attend these sessions, and, should you have any questions, please contact Enid 613 623-7017. Thank you for your participation, ideas and faithful support!

Books!

We have a number of interesting and varied books in a cupboard near our back entrance, and you will find a selection of these on a table near this area, available to check out at coffee hour time or as you pass by. You might like to pick one up! If you do, kindly tell Enid (613 623-7017) and feel free to tell us later if it was a good or helpful or inspiring read.

And, another opportunity: The local Peace Book Club meets Wednesday, November 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Arnprior Public Library. This time the book is *Peace is Every Step*, by Thich Nhat Hanh. You are most welcome to come along to this small, friendly gathering, book read or not! There is an audio recording of the book available at audible.ca, where you can listen free for 30 days.



LOST CROSS

A few Sundays ago, this little cross was found. To claim, see Pastor Norine.

On Waking

by John O'Donohue

I give thanks for arriving
 Safely in a new dawn,
 For the gift of eyes
 To see the world,
 The gift of mind
 To feel at home
 In my life,
 The waves of possibility
 Breaking on the shore of dawn,
 The harvest of the past
 That awaits my hunger,
 And all the furtherings
 This new day will bring.

A Sunday Afternoon

Concert

This concert, held in Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church in Renfrew, where our sister congregation, St. James meets, features some Arnprior performers and supports a good cause – Canadian Lutheran World Relief is a member in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Perhaps of interest to a few!

Reflection

I like the farm to see new life
 appear in the spring time.
 To watch things grow.
 Planting time and harvest give you feeling of
 contentment and accomplishment.
 I enjoy living close to the land,
 walking in the bush, the birds, squirrels and
 the odd deer is wonderful to see.
 The autumn when I helped cut wood,
 the leaves in their beautiful colours, cool,
 crisp mornings walking through
 the leaves to pile and split wood.
 Living close to the land is a heartline
 to your Creator.

Author: Henrietta Jahn

(believe found in her Bible or other devotional book, after she passed on; mother to Carol Ann Chippior and Randy Jahn. Shared here with Carol Ann's permission, given some months ago; read at a Christmas Eve service around 2012/13.)



HUMOUR



During a visit to my doctor, I asked him:

"How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

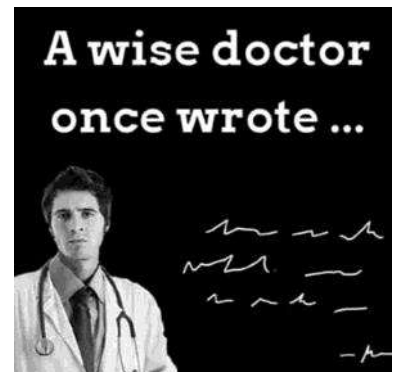
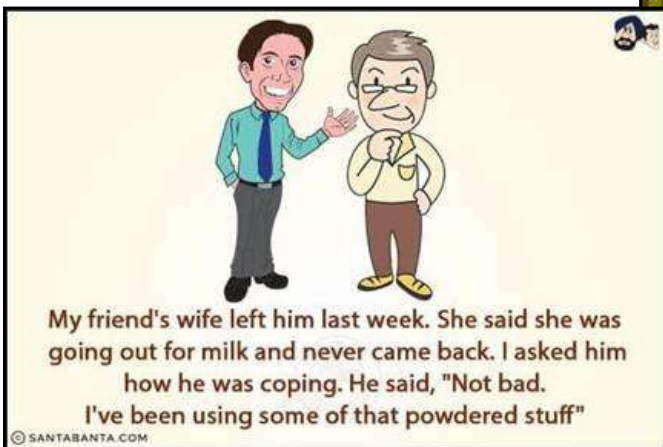
"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

To my children:
Never make fun
of having to
help me with
computer stuff.

I taught you how
to use a spoon.





UNPLUG Youth Program

Here are highlights of the events held since the last newsletter.

Oct 16: "UNPLUG Fun Day" at Walter Zadow School. Led by Craig Burkett, support from Zach Zimmerling. We had just 5 kids but they had fun on the spectacular gymnastics equipment, doing old-fashioned wheelbarrow and sack races – shown in the pictures. And I missed getting pictures of the gaga ball pit games. Our SJL crew "challenged" a group of other kids to gaga ball games; I hear that we held up our own quite well!





Upcoming UNPLUG Plans

Nov 6: “Come Meet Indigo and Learn about Wild Bird Rehabilitation”. Patty McLaughlin, Education Program Coordinator from the Ottawa Valley Wild Bird Care Centre will lead this event at Fitzroy Provincial Park. Indigo is a live American Kestrel who can’t be released into the wild. Patty also uses taxidermy to keep the presentation as hands-on as possible. Participants will get to touch and explore many different wings, feet, and beaks during the presentation to help them with their understanding and identification of birds. Kids then can dissect real owl pellets to see what the owls have recently eaten – a very popular activity. Binoculars will be available for anyone arriving early.



Previous dates of Nov 20 & Dec 4: with the time commitment for other Youth activities - re-starting Sunday School after COVID closures – we’re not likely holding further UNPLUG pro-

Basement Floor Project

PHASE 1 Finished!



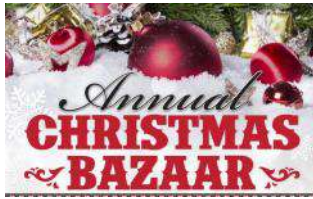
Phase 1 of the basement project is complete with the exception of the rear washroom fixtures—the floor is done in the washrooms but we are waiting for a plumber to repair the toilet connection.

A huge round of thanks to all those who participated: Randy, Cathy, Jeff, Dave, Kevin, Greg, Fred, Rex, Cory, Gerald, Frank, and Lorne R.

A huge round of thanks to all those who supported the project, from the lunch providers (Enid, Mel and Marion, Jo Anne and Lorne, Kathy Tonkin, and Beryl and Keith), to the clean-up crew in the kitchen (Beryl and Keith, Pastor Norine, Mel and Marion, Debbie Witt, Maureen Rueckwald, and Barb F.) And for moral support from everyone. It is only with support like this that a little church like St. John’s can handle a project of this size with volunteer labour.

Phase 2 will likely start in the new year and includes the front hall and washrooms including a renovation to one of the washrooms for accessibility.





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday November 12th

9:00am to Noon

Drop off non-food items: Sunday Nov 6th after church or arrange with Alison (613-618-5716) for other times. We're looking for things that sell well – everything gently used please.

- Household items including furniture & décor.
- Christmas decorations
- Children's toys, games and equipment
- Tools and other "men's stuff"
- Fiction books

Drop off food items: Friday Nov 11 6:00 -8:00 pm or Saturday morning by 8:15 am

- Baking – cookies, squares, tarts, muffins & loaf slices will be sold by the tray. Trays are available for pick-up or we can deliver. Mini loaves, fruitcakes, and pies sold individually.
- Preserves (e.g. jams, pickles)
- Soups or chili – bring in crockpot or pot please – with ladle

Pictures here are a sample of the fabulous food from last year.



- **Raffle tickets** will be sold for: **Floral Wall Hanging** and a fabulous **Gift Basket** (value > \$100; picture shows is last year's. The 2022 theme is "**Festive Holiday**").



- And, our Bazaar café will be back this year (soup or chili with a bun, muffins, coffee and tea).

Please remember to tell your friends and family about our sale! It's a fun(d) raiser for St. John's.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2022



DATE	READING	ALTAR	USHERS	COUNTERS	Social
Oct 30th	Ryan/Julie Zimmerling & family	Beryl & Keith	Debbie & Bob	Debbie & Bob	Barb & Gerald, Beryl
Nov 6th	Debbie/Jeff Kargus	Jo Anne & Lorne	Cathy Z & Paula M	Jo Anne & Lorne	
Nov 13th	Cathy Zimmerling	Jo Anne & Lorne	Randy & Cathy	Jo Anne & Lorne	Beryl & Keith
Nov 20th	Andy Kalnins	Jo Anne & Lorne	Cathy Z & Paula M	Jo Anne & Lorne	
Nov 27th	Rachel Roesner & Thomas	Jo Anne & Lorne	Randy & Cathy	Jo Anne & Lorne	TBC

The Prayer Jar in the Narthex

This jar is a confidential place to list your prayer concerns and put them in the jar. NO ONE will be reading these at all. The Prayer Team simply raises up the contents in prayer without knowing what is requested on the notes.

Please feel free to add yours at any time, using the post it notes on the narthex table.

Thank you, P+Norine