



# *Saints Alive!*

September/October 2023



*The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives. All are Welcome!*

We gratefully acknowledge that we live, learn, work, play and worship on the shared ancestral, traditional and unceded territory of the Sq'ewlets, Leq'a:mel, Semàth, Mathquí, Katzie, and Qwó:ltlél people.

## *Rectors Ramblings*

Dear Friends:

All Saints Parish is embarking on a redevelopment PROCESS. PROCESS is the operative word here. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved by both the Parish Council and Vestry is but a first step in a process that has dozens of stages to it. Patience and Prayer is key to thriving in any process. Some of our process will be in our control; several stages will not be in our control. We have only just begun the process and it will be a year or two before any shovels go into the ground. During the process many “conversations” will be had (Just to remind you, a “conversation” is unofficial talk which opens up possibilities and opportunities). Many things will be explored and changed when conversation is engaged in. We have to be open and patient with the process. The work of the Parish Council in the process will be to narrow down the possibilities and make decisions about what we as a Parish will officially pursue. I would encourage everyone to come to Parish Council meetings since this is where information will be shared and decisions made by members of Parish Council. The role of Vestry will be to vote on what Parish Council has decided, and to recommend any changes they may want. Patience and Prayer is key to thriving in any process. I ask you to stay engaged with the process even though it may be annoying at times. All we do is to be for the glory of God, and I believe this redevelopment process, as an act of Truth and Reconciliation, is where God is leading us.



Blessings

Paul Bowie+



## Regular Services

Sunday: 9:30am – In Person and Zoom Family Service BAS with Music

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Healing Prayer offered during Communion or after the Worship Service in the Chapel.

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is **October 25, 2023**. Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.

## *Editor of Saints Alive*

The Bible teaches us about the power of gratitude. An attitude of thanksgiving to God will consistently fill us with peace, joy and fulfillment. The apostle Paul is well known for writing Scriptures about being thankful. Some of the most well-known and often quoted passages are focused on gratitude, including but not limited to giving thanks for all things, in all circumstances (Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18), being thankful even in suffering (Romans 5:3-5; James 1:1-4), and to do everything in the name of Jesus out of a spirit of gratefulness (Colossians 3:17).



That being said, if being grateful is one of the most important aspects for peace, joy and fulfillment why is it so difficult for some of us to be grateful? Perhaps, it's because of regret and anxiety.

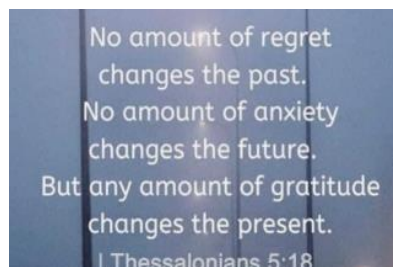
I've learned that no amount of regret changes the past and no amount of anxiety changes the future. But any amount of gratitude changes the present. Hence the reason we are commanded to be thankful in "all" circumstances.

I've also found that gratitude on the deepest level is a reflection, acknowledgment, and acceptance of our worth – to God and other people. When we choose gratitude over regret and anxiety, we accept ourselves as worthy and give ourselves permission to be loved by God and to share love with others.

It encourages us 'all' to shift our perspectives to one of deep gratitude, awareness and acceptance of our value to God and other people. It is only at this deepest level that gratitude can lift us from depression, restore relationships, and bridge peace, joy, and fulfillment. ~ *with permission Lowell Twin Pinnock*

Blessings,

Donna





## \$\$\$ SERMON ON THE AMOUNT \$\$\$

The financial picture since the last Sermon on the Amount has not improved. As enjoyable and successful as the fundraisers have been, they did not bring in enough to cover our rising building and utility expenses. Except for an occasional needed repair our monthly payments are for payroll, utilities, and Diocesan Assessment. Except for \$25.00 to keep the account open we have now drawn on all the money held in our Savings Account. After an extensive discussion your Parish Council came to the difficult decision to send a letter to the Trustees of the Christine Morrison Fund asking for \$27,000.00 to help tide us over. If approved this money will be deposited at the Diocese for them to draw on for the next three months for the Rector's wages, which is what Christine Morrison requested it be used for in her will. This will not last long and we may have to ask the trustees for more help.

Two events have happened to create the position we now find ourselves in. In quick order, three of our most generous donors died and then the cost of living skyrocketed, leaving us with some very hard decisions to make. We could ask the Diocese for financial help but they would look at our finances and point out that the Christine Morrison Fund has \$161,078.44 sitting in the Consolidated Investments and we need to use that before they will consider any other help.

I am giving you a more detailed break-down of our income and expenses so that you can have a better understanding of what your Parish Council has been facing. We are getting more Hall use requests, the Walkathon is coming up, and hopefully Thanksgiving donations will be as good as Easter was.

Blessings, Judy

<b>Income</b>	<b>Jan. to July</b>	<b>Budget to Date</b>	<b>Difference</b>
General Giving	38,281.75	43,283.31	(5,001.56)
Special Giving	3,281.76	1,725.00	1,556.76
Building use Donations	33,602.50	32,812.50	790.00
Fundraising Events	2,256.26	750.00	1,506.26
Miscellaneous Income	<u>408.92</u>	<u>450.00</u>	( 41.08)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>77,831.19</b>	<b>79,020.81</b>	<b>(1,189.62)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Diocesan Assessment	11,774.63	11,774.63	0
Wages & Benefits	76,589.93	77,346.57	756.64
Administration Expenses	14,705.89	15,183.51	477.62
Utility Expenses	5,901.17	4,504.02	(1,397.15)
Building Expenses	15,282.19	12,432.00	(2,850.19)
Miscellaneous	<u>1,126.90</u>	<u>1,492.50</u>	36.56
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>125,380.71</b>	<b>122,733.23</b>	<b>(2,647.48)</b>
Transfer from other Funds	<u>6,710.96</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(40,838.56)</b>	<b>(33,712.42)</b>	<b>(7,126.14)</b>



## Trusting in God, Growing in Faith

**“Faith, Hope and Love abide.” - 1 Corinthians 13:13**

*The word ABIDE is not used very often in everyday speech. It means “to stay, remain, hold fast”. In a world with so much shifting around us, it is a blessing to know that faith, hope, and love are gifts from God which will never waver. We can and should look to the future with faith and hope, trusting in God’s abiding love.*

Stewardship is the way we share our gifts to support the mission and ministry of the church.

At All Saints Church, we believe everyone’s time, talent and financial resources are God-given gifts, given to each person for the building up of the Kingdom of God. While money is no one’s *favourite* subject at church, finances are necessary to keep our ministries and missions going strong.

The money collected in the offering plate, along with pledges and gifts, goes into our **Operating Fund** unless designated otherwise. We set our annual mission and ministry goals based on anticipated giving.

*I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. - Philemon 1:6*

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In October and November Revd Paul, Wendy Booth and Donna Kennedy will be facilitating a Stewardship Campaign. We will be meeting in September to determine which of our Stewardship Resources we will share. Look for announcements in the next few weeks.

As you can see from our Financial Report we really need financial support even with having several fundraisers. **If you haven’t already, please consider Pre-Authorized Donation. If you wish to use PAD, please speak with Dick Blades.**

**PAD (Pre-authorized donation) giving offers benefits both for you and for the parish.**

### **Advantages for the donor:**

- Convenience. Your offering is received automatically every month
- Continual support of you church when you are away
- Continual support of ministries and programs
- Changes may be made with written notification at any time

### **Advantages for the parish:**

- Regular, dependable flow of contributions to the parish
- Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping
- Reduction of bank overdrafts



## ABOUT PAD

### What is the Pre-Authorized Donation Program?

The Anglican Diocese of New Westminster has established a Pre-Authorized Donation Program (PAD), using either automatic debit or credit card, to assist you in supporting your own parish ministry.

## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

### Advantages for the donor:

- Convenience. Your offering is received automatically every month;
- Continual support of your home church when you are away;
- Continual support of ministries and programs;
- Changes may be made with written notification.

### Advantages for the parish:

- Regular, dependable flow of contributions to the parish;
- Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping; and
- Reduction of bank overdrafts.

PAD creates a win/win situation for you and your parish. It is a very simple procedure:

When you participate in PAD, your bank or credit card account will be debited automatically on or about the 15th of the month. This amount will be credited to the parish's account.

## HOW DO I ENROLL?

If your parish has decided to participate, this is how you make your gift through PAD:

- Decide the amount of your donation to your parish to be debited from your account each month;
- Fill out the form in this brochure. For credit card transactions fill out the credit card information, or, if using automatic debit attach a cheque from your account marked 'void'; and
- Put the form in an envelope for the offering plate (include a voided cheque if using automatic debit).

## WHO LOOKS AFTER THE PROGRAM?

The Finance Department of the Diocese of New Westminster manages the PAD program for local parishes.

There is no minimum number of givers required for a parish to initiate the program. However, the more contributors participating in the program the more valuable and viable it is for the church.

### WHAT IF I WANT TO PLACE SOMETHING IN THE OFFERING PLATE?

Small cards indicating you have given through the Pre-authorized Donation Program will be made available at your parish to place in the offering plate. Please note that your local parish church will issue receipts for gifts.

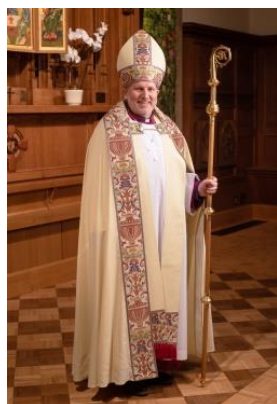
### PAD MAY BE A WONDEFUL WAY FOR YOU TO HELP THE CHURCH :)

The work of the church in the Diocese of New Westminster is made possible through the generosity of its members. You can, through PAD, help the church do its work.



## *Bible Study*

Beginning on Zoom in September. Date and topic to be announced.



## *All Saints Day - November 5*

### *Bishop John will be visiting*

Bishop John will preside over our 9:30am service. We will be having a potluck so please see future announcements for more information.

# ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ANNUAL

## WALK-RUN-BIKE-ATHON

Join us once again for a wonderful, fun day

Sunday, September 10, 2023

*Place: Heritage Park Place Clubhouse*

*33751 - Seventh Avenue*

**Time: 10:00 a.m. - Church Service**

**11:00 a.m. - Walk-Run-Bike-athon**

**12:30 p.m. - Picnic Lunch**



This is a very important fundraiser. As you can see in our financial report we need funds so please if you are able to make a pledge or donation it would be much appreciated. If you would like a pledge sheet please speak to Judy Beale or send an email to [jmbeale@shaw.ca](mailto:jmbeale@shaw.ca) to have one sent to you. Otherwise, just put your donation in an envelope with your name, address, and envelope number on the outside. **Please give all donations to Judy Beale.**

Unfortunately, there will be no Zoom service that Sunday.





## *National Truth and Reconciliation Sunday/Orange Shirt Day*

10:00 am

October 1, 2023

All Saints Anglican and St. Andrew's United Churches  
2<sup>nd</sup> and James, Mission

We will be remembering the countless Indigenous children who never came home from Canada's Indian Residential Schools and will also honour the survivors who did, their families and communities.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day occur together. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. As a way to acknowledge our nation's need for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, we encourage you to wear orange. Drummers are also very welcome.

Our speaker will be Janice Silver, CEO of Mamele' Awt Queesome Housing Society, who will speak about her many years of experience developing low and middle income housing in the Fraser Valley. There will also be a special collection for All Saints' Truth and Reconciliation Scholarship Fund for Indigenous students graduating from École Mission Secondary School.

### **2023 T-Shirt Design**

We are pleased to announce our 2023 Every Child Matters t-shirt design!!! A big heartfelt congratulations to our contest winner, Charliss Santos, for her vision of "Every Child Matters". Charliss is a grade 10 student at St. Augustine School in Ponoka, Alberta, Canada, and her design showcases an Indigenous child encompassed in two hands and surrounded by people, a heart, and an eagle. The child's silhouette represents all the Indigenous children who suffered or were impacted by the Indian Residential schools. The people surrounding the child represent the strong communities of the Indigenous people and the way they support each other. The heart represents healing and forgiveness, and the eagle symbolizes acceptance, honesty, and freedom.





## All Saints Church

### "TREASURES, COLLECTIBLES, & ANTIQUES SALE"

On Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm and Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm vendors had their tables displayed with their Treasures, Collectables and Antiques. Thank you to Joy, Margaret and Polly for coordinating the Fundraiser. Many thanks are given to those who purchased tables to sell their goods, Leanne, Marie, United Church ladies, Gayle, Joy, Margaret, Polly and Donna, All Saints Church and to the volunteers who relieved them for a break. Thank you to Brian, Jim, Dick for making delicious hot dogs for the concession and to Ed who purchased the fare. Thank you to Jan O. and Lou, Marylou, Glen and Susan for taking tickets at the door. There were 5 door prizes and the winners were contacted by phone. Congratulations.

Special thanks to Terry Kennedy for his performance on the Friday evening and to Rick Chadwick and Michelen for their performance on Saturday.

A total of approximately \$600 was made on this fundraiser!!!!



Marie selling her artwork



Leanne at All Saints table



Margaret & Joy – beautiful treasures



Margaret & Joy – more collectables



Donna's table of collectables



Getting ready for Friday evening





Jan & Lou taking tickets at door



Polly knitting between customers



United Church Ladies table of treasures



Gayle's collectables



Ladies enjoying lunch from concession



So much to choose from



Susan & Glen at ticket door



Rick Chadwick & Michelen entertaining on Saturday



Girls having fun spending their cash





Polly and Joy making a deal



Terry performing on Friday



When they are enjoying the music Marylou and Marie just have to dance

## *Thanksgiving/Harvest*

**Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am.**

We ask that you give a Special Donation to All Saints as an expression of your Gratitude & Thanksgiving.

There will be special Thanksgiving Envelopes for you to make your donation at Thanksgiving/Harvest Sunday October 8, 2023.

We welcome donations of autumnal foliage and flowers to decorate the church for Harvest.

Please tell Polly if you can bring something. We will do the arrangements on Saturday morning Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.



### **A Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

You have come close to each of us. You have extended to us your own special love, and have given to us such special gifts. Thank you God for these. Thank you for all the other gifts that are present in these people around me. Together we are a gifted people - Your people. You gave us these gifts for a purpose. They are to be used by us, to serve the needs of others. Give us courage, Lord, and the confidence too, to take these gifts with us now as we go. Open our eyes

and hearts to those we meet. Help us to see their need, and to show your love and to use Your gifts that are invested in us, to bring them hope, and life. We go now with unwrapped gifts, ready to be used. We go as your servants, ready to touch others with your love. And we don't go alone. Amen.

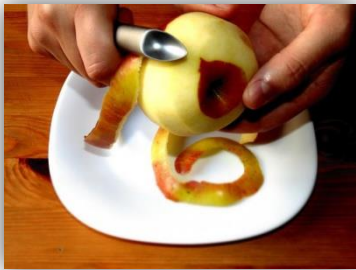
*Mincemeat is making a comeback this fall at All Saints Anglican Church in Mission.*

To that end we are now collecting canning jars for it.

We are accepting 1-liter wide mouth canning jars.

And for those of you who are pasta lovers and use the *Classico* brand pasta sauce or other that come in a 650 ml Atlas/ Mason standard mouth canning jar, we are collecting those as well, with the lid please if possible.

Mark the following dates on your calendar as all help is appreciated.



**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - 1pm**

Please come and help peel apples for the preparation of the Mincemeat. We always have a great time socializing as we work. If you haven't joined us before, come and see the process of preparing Mincemeat.

**Donations of firm baking apples are welcome; a bag or a box: all will help. Thank you.**



**Tuesday October 24, 2023 - 1pm**

We need volunteers to bottle the prepared Mincemeat. Please let MaryLou know if you can help out.



Looking forward to hearing from you all.

Mary McIntyre (604-820-0400)

*\*\*\*On the next page is an order form. You have an option of printing it out and filling it in or taking a photo and filling it in and emailing or texting it to Mary McIntyre. There will also be copies of the order form in the narthex.*



# ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

33077 SECOND AVE., MISSION, BC V2V 1J7

## ORDER FORM MINCEMEAT 2023



| Size                            | Price per jar | Number requested | Cost | Picked up |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------|-----------|
| 1 Liter                         | \$ 15         |                  | \$   |           |
| 650 ml                          | \$ 10         |                  | \$   |           |
| 500 ml                          | \$ 8          |                  | \$   |           |
| Total to be paid when picked up |               |                  | \$   |           |

(Please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders** can be dropped off at church attention Mary McIntyre **BY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2023** or

Take a picture with your phone and email to [MLMcIntyre@telus.net](mailto:MLMcIntyre@telus.net) or text to 604-807-7835.

Please **save jars and lids**, if possible, for return to church or contact above for pickup.

Available for pick up from office 10 am to 12 noon Oct 26, 27, 28 or 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Concession at CRAFT FAIR

### (Volunteers Needed)

This is a chance to have a fun day while making money for the church. During the Craft Fair (Sat. November 18, 10am to 3pm) the Concession will operate from the kitchen hatch to an area of 4 tables. The Concession Volunteers will decide what they want to serve (suggestions are coffee, tea, juice, pop, muffins &/or loaf, hot dogs). Possibility is that muffins and loaves be home baked and offered in plastic wrap. The Volunteers work as a team and may decide what they are offering. A minimum of 4 (four) volunteers is needed to run the Concession for the 5 hours.

Please speak to Polly (Craft Fair coordinator) before October 16 if you would like to be part of the fun.

## Baking and Preserves for the CHRISTMAS CREATIONS CRAFT FAIR

We are selling home-made jams, jellies, & preserves at the Craft Fair, proceeds to All Saints. Donations are welcome. We MAY have a small Bake Table. Please tell us if you are interested in donating home baking. Please speak to Polly Betterton if you want to donate/help.

**We welcome CRAFT VENDORS!**

**Do you have something to sell?**

**Please speak with Polly**



## 8<sup>th</sup> Festival of Trees and Dramatic Reading



**“AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY”**

In support of the Mission Christmas Bureau, All Saints Anglican Church will host the 8<sup>th</sup> Festival of Trees and a Dramatic Reading.

- Tuesday, December 5th to Saturday, December 9th, 2023
- Tuesday to Friday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm,
- Saturday, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and the Dramatic Reading in the evening.

Decorated Christmas trees will be displayed and voted on by all visitors to the Festival of Trees. Admission to the Festival of Trees and the Dramatic Reading will be by cash donation. There will be different types of musical entertainment provided while folks are enjoying the beautiful trees; children's activities in the afternoons; and seasonal refreshments for all. On special days and times, have your photo taken with Santa in Santa's Grotto among the beautiful trees.

Recognition, and People's Choice Awards and the total funds raised for the Mission Christmas Bureau will be announced on the Saturday evening during the intermission of the Dramatic Reading, which takes place on Saturday evening, December 9th. After the event, all decorated trees, donated non-perishable food items and gifts, will be donated to the Christmas Bureau to be distributed to families, and seniors in need, in Mission.

Registration Forms to enter a decorated Christmas tree may be obtained from All Saints Church Office, 33077 2nd Avenue, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, or from Joy Cox (604-556-6069) or Margaret Peake (604-556-6976), or email at [jmimission@telus.net](mailto:jmimission@telus.net).

**(Early Bird Registration: \$20.00 ~ After November 17, 2023: \$25.00)**  
**(Registration forms for tree entrants will be available early in September)**

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**It is a fun, worthwhile event! You can become involved:**

**Volunteer, enter a decorated tree, help provide refreshments,  
or just come out and enjoy the entertainment and the  
decorated trees**





## Bottles for Children

We have an ongoing Outreach where all the money from recycled bottles is sent to a registered Charity that helps children. We first heard about BHN at a Diocesan ACW meeting; the leader of this mission is the daughter of an ACW lady in the lower mainland.

Our Outreach continues. Bring your bottles to the lower lobby under the 2nd Ave. stairs for Ed to take to a recycling depot. If you cannot get to the church Ed will pick it up if it is a big bag-full. Please phone Ed at 604-826-8277

## Basic Human Needs (BHN)

**Indian Children's Development Society** BHN Indian Children's Development Society was formed with the belief that if you provide basic human needs to a child you will be able to break the cycle of poverty. We believe that we can break this cycle by advancing education and begin alleviating the poverty to these poor and homeless street children. These basic human needs include education, shelter, food and caring.

**Help support our mission** in relieving poverty and advancing education in Varanasi, India, by developing and supporting initiatives and activities that provide free food, clothing, shelter, education, and health care for children and families living in poverty.

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## *All Saints Community Giving Basket*

*September - October*

Non-Perishable Foods for Mission Community Services Food Centre

*Thank you for your support of our July/August  
Community Giving Basket:*

*School Supplies for École Mission Central  
Elementary School!!!*

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## *Holy Rollers Heavenly Pies*

Jan Young is planning to have a group make pies again beginning **Thursday September 21 at 12:30**. If you are able to join please let Jan know.

Donations of apples and rhubarb are welcome; anything else is appreciated. There are enough strawberries and blackberries in the freezer.

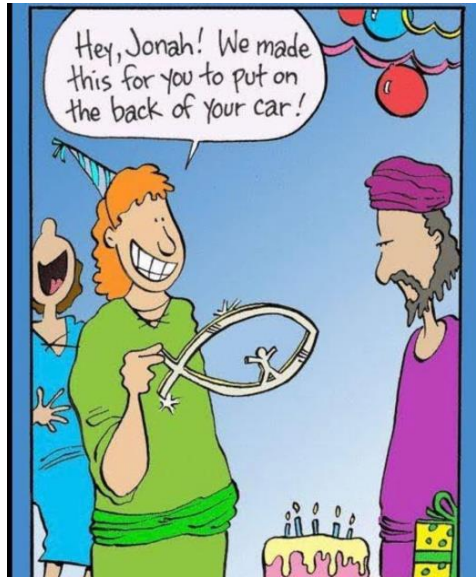
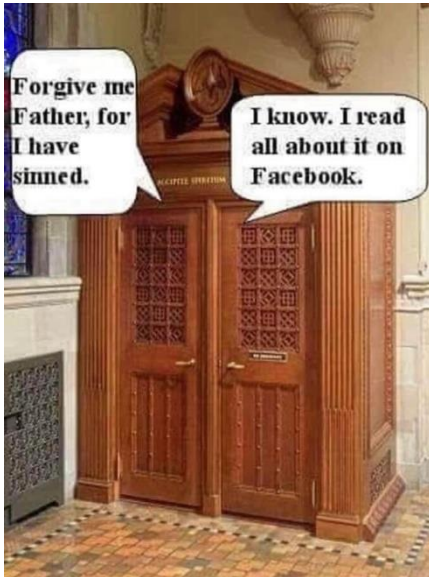
*(It has been 4 years since the Holy Rollers sold home-made frozen pies).*



Sundays In-Person & Zoom Worship 9:30am	Wednesdays 7:30	Thursdays 10am Eucharist
September 10 <sup>th</sup> Walk-a-thon. 10am Worship Service /Lunch	Dates to be Announced	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>
September 17 <sup>th</sup> Holy Cross Sunday	Zoom Bible Study	Sept. 14 <sup>t</sup>
September 24 <sup>th</sup> St. Michael & All Angels	Zoom Bible Study	Sept. 21
September 30 <sup>th</sup> National Day for T & R	Zoom Bible Study	Sept.
October 1st T & R Orange Shirt Day	Zoom Bible Study	Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>
October 8 <sup>th</sup> Harvest Thanksgiving (donations For MCSS Food Center	Zoom Bible Study	Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>
October 15 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost Parish Council 11:15am	Zoom Bible Study	Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>
October 22 <sup>nd</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> after Pentecost	Zoom Bible Study	Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>
October 29 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>st</sup> after Pentecost		Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>
November 5 <sup>th</sup> All Saints Day Bishop John Stephens		Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>
November 12 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday		Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>
November 19 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost		Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>
November 26 <sup>th</sup> Reign of Christ		Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>


 Give  
 THANKS  
 WITH A GRATEFUL  
 HEART  1 Thessalonians 5:18

# Church Humour



I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many deers are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

My daughter went to a Mexican fast food and ordered a taco.  
She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.'  
He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

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I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked,  
'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'  
To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

**Missing church is a  
misdemeanor.**

**The more you miss, de  
meaner you get.**

*The Grinnin' Bear*



A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The congregation nodded their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The people clapped and were saying "Amen." And then finally, he concluded, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!"

As he sat down, the song leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'"