



# News Around The Flock

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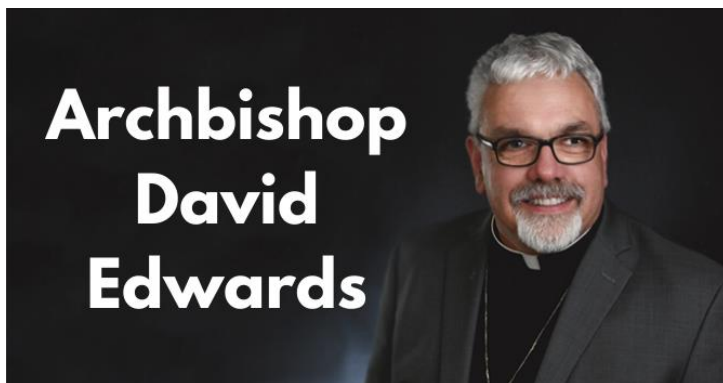
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## Fall 2022 Newsletter

### Service Time

Holy Communion on  
Sundays at 10:30 AM



## Thanksgiving Message



Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. **James 1: 17.**

Many years ago, I was asked if I would like to go into what we usually describe as an echo chamber. Once inside I was told to speak normally, the sound was amplified enormously and seemed to bounce off every surface. In many ways, the whole world seems to be like that at the moment. There are many things echoing around us, and they seem to be very loud.

I will not list them all, but here are some highlights, the effects of climate change, including the effects of Fiona, war in Ukraine, economic turmoil, the refugee crisis, increased homelessness in our cities and the after-effects of COVID. It is quite a list and I have barely touched the surface.



For some of us as we approach this time of Thanksgiving it can be easy to feel that things are so messed up that it is very difficult to be thankful. For others we may have a great deal to be thankful for. Either way the verse from James is useful to reflect upon.

Even in the bleakest times God does not change. God is the ever-present centre of creation, in whom all things hold together. As her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II said, God is the rock upon whom she stood.

James tells us that God is without variation or shadow. Another way of looking at this is that God is a place of peace in the centre of our storms.

It is as we find this place that we are able to open ourselves to generosity, a generosity which comes to us from God. Being generous does not necessarily mean giving money, it is about using what God has given to us as we are guided by God to use those things.

During this Thanksgiving let us all consider what God is prompting us to be generous with out of all that he has given to us.



## **Our Dearly Departed**

**Norman Rose - April 11, 2022**

**Madeline Hamm - May 6, 2022**

**Patricia (Patsy) Grant - September 24, 2022**

**Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen**



**We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.**



Our church was blessed with the leadership and ministry of **The Rev. Canon Keith Osborne** throughout the spring and summer. Rev. Keith proved to be a calm and steady hand at the wheel while with us. We wish good health and all of God's blessings to Keith and Vivian as they make their new home close to family in Fredericton.



**Rev. Keith Joyce** will now lead us in Sunday worship beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rev. Joyce recently moved to Millidgeville after retiring from St. Paul's in Brighton, ON and has graciously offered to provide ministry to our parish while we continue our search for a permanent rector. Please join us at Sunday services and welcome Rev. Joyce to our family!

### **A short bio - Keith Joyce (The Rev'd)**

Keith was born in Sussex, England after his missionary parents had left China where they had served for roughly 20 years. Given that his parents' missionary work eventually continued in the Middle East, Keith lived and went to school in Lebanon, Abu Dhabi, and India (and a number of provinces when returning to Canada on furlough).

After graduating from high school in Saskatchewan he came to Toronto where he received a music degree from the University of Toronto. Most importantly, that's where he met Elinor Woollard. They were married in May of 1977. They have three children, and six grandchildren - the oldest daughter, Caitlin, and family in Alberta, next daughter, Jessica, and her family in Quispamsis, and the youngest, son Alastair and family, in Fredericton. In midst of family life and care, Elinor worked as a French immersion teacher in various schools.

As Caitlin was born, Keith both was ordained deacon and was placed by the bishop in a curacy in Toronto just before he graduated with his Master of Divinity degree from Trinity College. Following the curacy, Keith and Elinor went to three different Churches of St Paul in three different dioceses (Toronto, Montreal, Fredericton) before the Bishop Lemmon appointed him Dean of the Cathedral here in Fredericton. Finally, they returned to the first St Paul's Church before he retired in June 2021 and moved to Milledgeville. He's now here at Good Shepherd with us for a time as we look for the next Rector.



## ***SUMMER CELEBRATIONS!***



### **Baptism**

**Charley Jayne Szo**, daughter of Ashley and Tyler Szo, was baptised on August 7<sup>th</sup> by her great-uncle visiting from BC - Rev. Rob Szo. Lay Reader Brenda Clayton assisted. Charley's uncle and aunt, Jeremy and Wendy Ricketts, are Godparents.

### **Wedding**

**Brandi Fitzgerald** and **Michael Scott** were married at our church on August 20<sup>th</sup> by Rev. Canon Keith Osborne. Blessings to the newly weds!



### **ORDINATION**

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Rick Cunningham was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Edwards who was assisted at the service by Rev. Canon Keith Osborne. Rev. Dr. Chris McMullen preached the sermon. Rick's daughter, Lily, sang during communion! Our parish has enjoyed following Rick's journey and delighted in his family on Sunday mornings. Rick, Gen, Lily and Noah will all be dearly missed now that they have moved to Moncton where Rick will serve at St. George's church. The well-attended afternoon service was followed by a reception in the Small Hall where we were able to say good-bye and give the family our best wishes.



**Rick Cunningham**





**RICK, GEN, LILY  
AND NOAH:  
WE WILL MISS YOU  
ALL!!!**





## OUR MISSION PROJECTS

### Shepherd's Cupboard

We continue to help 2-3 families each month who find they are running short. This mission helps bridge a gap until their regular resources are available again. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

### Caring Closet

Please remember the Caring Closet as you change out your seasonal clothing. Drop off your donations directly to the Lancaster Baptist Church (Tues-Fri 9-3) or bring your donation to our church and place it in the cubby in the Narthex. Volunteers will transport them to Lancaster Baptist.

### Caring Cards

LIFT continues to create beautiful greeting cards to brighten the days of parishioners and others who need a note of encouragement or fellowship. Call the church office if you know someone who could benefit from hearing from us.

### Camp Medley Sponsorships

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to fully sponsor two young girls for a week at Camp Medley and had enough funds to also provide sleeping bags and other camp necessities for both girls! We are sure that they made very special memories at camp!

### Christmas Baskets

We are committed to sponsoring 30 families again this Christmas and know the need for this mission will be stronger than ever. We always require financial donations to purchase the perishable items but if you want to get a head start on shopping for grocery staples as they come on sale this fall, the list on the last page indicates all non-perishables that we include in the baskets.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission!







## Giving Our Home a Little Love!

A beautiful summer and some TLC resulted in our church grounds looking especially lovely this year! Special thanks to **Joyce Mitchell** and **Janet Brown** who worked their usual magic on the flowerpots and garden beds. **LIFT** provides funds for annuals and other gardening supplies. Our summer student completed several major projects this year including installing a new roof on the cemetery maintenance shed, tree removal in the cemetery, thorough clean-up and organization of the church basement and general maintenance projects around the church. This year the Church participated in a new outreach initiative of **Rev. Jonathan Springthorpe** and provided an opportunity for someone to complete mandated community service. In this case the person started at the end of May and was assigned to maintain the Church grounds and assist Larry Totten with janitorial work. He was then able to cover while Larry was on vacation over the summer, particularly helpful given that Go Go Gym operates their summer day care program in our gym over the school vacation weeks. The community service hours were completed by mid-August, but the person volunteered another few hours until the end of the month. We should all be grateful to **Shayne Galbraith** who spent countless hours supervising and working with these individuals through the summer. Shayne also coordinated with local trades to complete several projects including repointing the rectory chimney and metal roof installation at the rectory. Thank you Shayne!





## FINANCES

Our biggest challenge and expense at the church is heating our multiple spaces - most of which were constructed before modern heating efficiency standards. **Shayne Galbraith** arranged for an Energy Audit which was completed by CBCL engineering consultants. The Audit is being partially funded by an incentive program offered through NB Power and it highlighted several energy-efficiency measures that the Church could take to try and reduce future energy costs. Three projects based on these measures have been submitted to NB Power for their approval and will hopefully be able to proceed this fall. Once again, we thank Shayne for his dedicated service to the church in general and for taking the lead on this complicated project.

As commented in the last newsletter, we knew this year was going to present challenges financially. We went into this year budgeting for a loss of \$30,100. What we didn't expect was unprecedented high furnace oil prices and over \$2,000 in furnace repair bills in the first quarter of 2022.

We also never could have predicted the tragic circumstances that saw us lose our full-time rector, Jonathan. This has had an impact on our finances, both in contributing to our offerings slipping further away from budget as we are losing some of the momentum that he was building in bringing people back to worship after the pandemic, and in salary costs falling below budget.

Our income for the first 9 months of 2022 is below budget. Offerings are below budget by \$11,200, but rental income is up \$5,400 with Go-Go operating a longer winter program as schools shut down in Jan. due to a Covid wave. Expenses, on the other hand are \$7,800 below budget with increased building costs but reduced salaries.

As we look ahead over the next few months, we are forecasting to end the year with a loss of \$14,300 vs. our budget of \$30,100, but that's still a loss that we cannot maintain without dipping further into our Memorial Fund. We pray that, if implemented, the energy efficiency measures outlined above will help mitigate another heating season of high fuel costs.

	Jan - Sep 2022	Jan - Sep 2021	Jan - Dec Forecast 2022	Jan - Dec 2021
Offerings	99,564	105,595	147,625	163,492
Reaching the Kingdom	-	2,164		
Rents	12,353	6,980	16,183	8,030
Interest	2,273	2,314	4,863	4,505
Federal Subsidy	-	1,544		1,758
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>114,190</b>	<b>118,597</b>	<b>168,671</b>	<b>177,785</b>
Salaries	57,692	85,478	71,210	114,321
Church Bldg & Office	54,224	35,340	68,358	48,436
Rectory	8,436	6,881	9,716	8,461
Worship & Programs	4,349	1,342	7,483	2,191
Shared Ministry	19,682	20,949	26,243	27,932
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>144,383</b>	<b>149,990</b>	<b>183,010</b>	<b>201,341</b>
<b>YTD Loss</b>	<b>(30,193)</b>	<b>(31,393)</b>	<b>(14,339)</b>	<b>(23,556)</b>





## WHAT'S NEW THIS FALL?



### Monthly Book/Puzzle Exchange

The cold dark evenings of winter will soon be upon us and what better way to enjoy them than with a good book or puzzle. We are launching a book/puzzle exchange this fall and invite you to join us! The exchange will function differently than typical books clubs. There is no pressure or deadline to read a specific book. Rather, we will discuss what book or books we have read and recommend to others. A fellowship based on the love of books over a cup of coffee or tea. To encourage the exchange, a bookcase has been placed in the hallway where you can drop off your recently read (gently used) books and/or pick up another. For those who like the challenge of jigsaws, a puzzle exchange will also be available. The exchange will meet the fourth Thursday of every month, in the Small Hall, at 6:30. All are welcome!

### Crafting for a Cause

Are you interested in a Pop-Up Craft Class? The cost for the class would include supplies to make your own take home craft. Profits from the classes would go to a designated outreach program. Class size and cost would be determined by the craft. The classes would be open to anyone in our community (children must be accompanied by an adult). So let your friends and neighbors know! Please email the church if you are interested: [goodshep@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:goodshep@nb.sympatico.ca) or speak with **Janet Brown** or **Terry Ricketts**.



### West Side Days Committee

We have heard and read that the West Side Days celebration will be back in 2023. This would be a great way to engage with the community however it will only be possible with the help of volunteers. We are looking for a small group of volunteers, 2-4 people, to be liaisons and coordinators for the church. Perhaps we could offer to host an event or provide a pancake breakfast etc. If you are interested in being on the committee, please advise **Janet Brown** or **Terry Ricketts**.



## ***WELCOME BACK SUNDAY***

***OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>***

**PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR 10:30 SERVICE ON OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AND STAY FOR LUNCH (PROVIDED BY OUR VESTRY). IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET BACK INTO THE ROUTINE OF REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND RE-CONNECT WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY AFTER THE SUMMER. IT WILL ALSO GIVE PARISHIONERS A CHANCE TO MEET AND CHAT WITH REV. JOYCE.**

### **Church Group Fall Schedules**

**Choir - Wednesdays at 7PM in the Small Hall**

**Hand Bell Choir - Mondays at 6:45PM in the Small Hall**

**LIFT - Second Thursday of the month at 6:30PM in the Small Hall**

**Book/Puzzle Exchange\* - Last Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the Small Hall**

**Youth Group/Adult Bible Study - TBD**

**\*New! See details earlier in the newsletter!**



# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** **THE COOL CHICKS & THE UGLY DOCLINGS!!!** **NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM**

Join the members of LIFT as we bring back The Cool Chicks and The Ugly Doclings to ring in the **Christmas** season! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 27, 2022, at 7PM. Tickets will be available later in October. Proceeds for this event will fund mission projects.



## **CHRISTMAS BASKETS NON-PERISHABLE LIST**

Item	Required	Item	Required
Peanut Butter	30	Canned meat (ie.Pram)	30
Jam	30	Uncooked Pasta	30
Pancake Mix	30	Can/Jar Pasta Sauce	30
Syrup (for Pancakes)	30	Fruit Cocktail	30
Box of cereal	30	Cookies	30
Canned Juice	60	Canned Corn	48
Canned Soup	120	Canned Peas	48
Saltine Crackers	30	Cranberry Sauce	30
Canned Spaghetti	30	Stuffing Mix	30
Kraft Dinner	120	Christmas Candy	30
Canned Beans	40	Box of chocolates	30
Canned Tuna	30		

**Please mark your donations "Christmas Baskets" if bringing them to the church before December. Thank you for your continued support!**

