



CONNECTIONS – FALL / 24



Beloved Parishioner:

As the warmth of summer begins to fade and we step into the beauty of the Fall season, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings we've shared as a parish family over the past few months. From joyful gatherings to moments of quiet reflection, this summer has truly been a time of grace and renewal.

Now, as we enter this new season, we are reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul: "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2). This verse encourages us to rededicate ourselves to the journey of faith, to press on with renewed energy and focus, seeking always to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ in all that we do.

Fall is a season of change, a time when nature prepares for rest and renewal. Let us take this as an opportunity to rededicate our lives to Christ, to examine our hearts, and to recommit ourselves to living out our faith with zeal and purpose. Just as the leaves change and fall, let us allow anything that hinders our relationship with God to fall away, so that we may grow closer to Him.

In Philippians 3:14, Paul also exhorts us: "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." As we return to our routines, let us keep our eyes on the prize—the eternal life promised to us in Christ. Let us encourage one another, lift each other up in prayer, and work together to be a light in our community.

Our diocese is recognizing this "turn of the year" by promoting a Season of Spiritual Renewal. We will soon have more information on this. In this context, may this Fall be a time of spiritual growth for each of us, as individuals and as a parish. I invite you to

join me in rededicating ourselves to the work of the Lord, running this race with perseverance, faith, and joy. Let us glorify Him in all that we do, trusting in His guidance and strength.

May the peace of Christ be with you all, and may His love fill your hearts as we journey together into this new season.

In His Vineyard, *Rev. D.Ravi Kalison+*



Please pray for these parishioners and friends:

*Anna-Mary K., Ann R., Antony, Art C., Dolly, David F., David H.,
Deb & Russ A., Deborah Cloakey, Jenille L., Joan L., Joan N.
Joyce Lorenz, Ken H., Laurel, Leonora Y., Linda E., Lloyd K., Lolis
L., Marsal, Sharía & Family, Patsy C., Philip I., Unice B., Sheri-
Ann, Val., Valerie A., Viggie M.,*

*and all those affected by the wars in Ukraine and the Middle
East and others suffering from fires, natural disasters and
drought.*

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”

This hymn was written in 1636 by a Lutheran Pastor, Martin Rinkart, as a hymn of thanksgiving. Rinkart became a pastor in Eilenburg, Germany, in 1613 just at the start of the Thirty Years War. This walled town endured many horrors during the war and Rinkart attended the needs of the sick and dying during extreme circumstances. In 1637, the Plague claimed 8,000 lives including that of his wife. After the Plague, the town was hit with severe famine. Through all this tragedy, Rinkart looked to his Savior and thanked God for the blessings he still had. He wrote the hymn originally as a family prayer before meals and it later became a hymn of national Thanksgiving when the Thirty Years war ended.

National Truth & Reconciliation Day- Sept. 30

If you have children or grandchildren you will probably hear them say that on Mon.Sept.30 they want to wear an “orange shirt” to school. What is it all about?

Between 1867 & 1996 there were 140 federally run residential schools operated by several main stream churches. The goal was to assimilate indigenous children into Euro-Canadian culture. Youngsters were taken away from their families leaving their culture, language and history behind.

One such child was 6yr.old Phyllis Webstad, from the First Nations Metis, upon her arrival at the Residential school; all her clothes were taken away, even the lovely orange shirt her grandma had given her. This is the reason for the “orange shirt day” so now we can take the opportunity to learn about & reflect on a dark chapter in Canadian history and to commemorate the survivors, their families & their communities. Often you will see on the shirt “Every Child Matters” as a reminder that these children were stripped of their rights and self-esteem.

To enrich your knowledge of this history, quite near to us in Brantford ON, is the Woodland Cultural Centre, which stands on the grounds of the longest running facility, operated by the Church of England (1885-1970) called the Mohawk Institute Residential School. Now a museum, it is dedicated to preserving & promoting indigenous language, history, art & culture. Visitors welcome.

To the 150,000 children who were taken from their families & to 6,000 who died (accurate records were not kept) our government has acknowledge their role in the schools & provided 2 billion compensation for their suffering. The head of the Anglican Church formally apologized in 1993. Primate of our church, Fred Hiltz, in 1991, also apologized in an open letter, for spiritual harm caused (read online).

As the truth continues to be sought and reconciliation on going, the survivors want recognition & reparation for the intergeneration impact these past policies have had on them. Today in every history course in our schools, the story of the “Residential Schools” is taught.



Sunday School for the Fall



As a new season approaches, the Sunday school church staff is getting ready to present a very interesting & educational program for children from newborns to 12 yr. olds, during the 10.a.m.service. Our goal is to bring the word of the Lord and love of God, in a meaningful way, to our future followers of Christ.

Since the age range of our students is very large, we have found it best to divide it up into 3 different groups to best meet their needs.

First group is newborns to approx. age 2, who are lovingly looked after, in the lower hall, where they can play, rest & snack. Their first church experience is one of safety and love while their parents can give their full concentration to our church service in the sanctuary.

Second group comprises children from 2 to 4 yrs. old approx. This group begins with a prayer followed by a simple bible story, songs, crafts & playtime.

Third group meets upstairs, in the fellowship room, where those who can, read scripture of the lesson for the day (students 5 to 12 yrs.) Prayer, then bible stories are discussed, followed by appropriate crafts and songs. They often bring these to up the service to present to their family.

We are looking forward to a possible Christmas Pageant!

All groups join the congregation for a Blessing after communion, where Rev.Ravi does a “children’s talk” with them. Then they are dismissed to their parents.

Sunday school is an investment in the future of the church. It takes time & commitment by congregation members. Please help us.

If you would like to register your child (ren) please email Deb Anthony soon.

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Fall Season for Property & Maintenance Committee

Autumn can be a time of new beginnings. This group needs members of our congregation to step-up quickly in order that we continue to enjoy the high level of maintenance we have had for many years. Ken P & Viggy M have stepped down from the physical nature of this work but have graciously agreed to stay on to mentor those who would come forward to help. While there are 8 other members, this group desperately needs a **Leader** as well as more members.

Have you got organization skills? Could you organize work parties as needed? For work that cannot be done by a church member (repairs & renovations) you would arrange for an outside contractor for pricing then submit the estimate to the Church Corporation for approval. You would ensure work is done according to the contract then advise our Treasurer to make payment.

Much needed are men and women who can repair a hole in the wall, or do minor paint touch ups, light plumbing, checking lights etc. This group is willing to try and accommodate your timetable: days, evenings or weekends. Give us a try! If you would like to contact Ken or Viggy- use our new Volunteer email CCSVCARES@christchurchscarborough.com or talk to Ken Pestill at church or call him at: 416-261-9391

This can be very interesting work, such as that which has been done over the last few months. Two large fridges for the Food Bank were installed in the Lower Hall but the Maintenance group needed to get prices for dedicated power lines. These were installed by an electrician. Viggy & Ken had to double up one of the breakers in the panel box. Never a dull moment. One windy day, a long branch from the tree at the rear of the Daycare fence, fell across the gate to their playground; the stairs & ramp were blocked denying them access to the rear door out of the parish hall & daycare. Ken and daycare staff were able to cut the branch up and remove it, all in time for afternoon daycare pick-up. Hurrah!

Jesus worked with his hands. Please lend us yours. Former Chairperson of Property & Maintenance Committee - *Ken Pestill*



Happy Birthday to long time parishioner **Art Corby** who turns 99 on August 16th.
Art has served as a Warden and was a member of the CCSV choir for many years.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 15: Holy Baptism @10:00a.m. followed by Back to Church BBQ immediately following the service

October 13: Thanksgiving Sunday Services - 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

October 16: Food Bank Volunteers appreciation Day

October 26: Sides Persons and CCSV Members Fall Clean Up - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

October 27: Confirmation - Bishop Andrew Asbil presiding.

November 10: Lest We Forget- Remembrance Sunday Services- 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.services.

November 24: Feast of Title- Reign of Christ. Reception immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service

December 7: CCSV Annual Christmas Bazaar 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



January to July Financial Report

Thank you to everyone for your very faithful support of the parish.
The following is a financial statement for January to July, 2024:

	<u>Jan - Jul 2024</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>			
Envelopes & Open	\$71,255	\$68,050	\$4,205
Space usage	40,575	37,900	2,675
Other income	<u>27,375</u>	<u>22,278</u>	<u>5,097</u>
Total Operating Income	<u>\$139,205</u>	<u>128,228</u>	<u>\$10,977</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Personnel expense	\$82,868	\$76,330	\$6,538
Church Property expense	40,972	37,555	3,418
Other operating expense	<u>28,216</u>	<u>21,744</u>	<u>6,472</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>\$152,056</u>	<u>\$135,629</u>	<u>\$16,427</u>
Operating Income less Expenses	<u>-\$12,851</u>	<u>-7,401</u>	<u>\$5,450</u>
Special Funds:			
Foodbank & Backpacks Income	\$25,915	\$15,550	\$10,365
Foodbank & Backpacks Expenses	23,206	17,168	6,038
Capital Fund Income	\$7,370	\$12,190	-\$4,820
Capital Fund Expenses	1,767	4,532	-2,765

Income for the first seven months of 2024 is encouraging. Offering, rental, and other operating income are all up, a total of \$10,977 (8.6%) over same period 2023. Foodbank and Backpack's income is up \$10,365 (66.7%).

Total year to date operating expenses were \$152,056 up \$16,427 (12.1%) from 2023. Most of the increase was anticipated in the 2024 budget (\$150,157 year to date). An unexpected repair to the organ (\$3,149) and higher expenses due to increased level of activity (worship, Sunday School, etc) are factors in exceeding the budget. Some of this extra cost is offset by lower than expected heating and hydro costs. Deacon's Cupboard expenses have increased in line with the increased number of families using the foodbank (now averaging more than 200 per week) and the income available.

The 2024 budget anticipated an \$8,500 operating fund deficit. If August to December operating income continues to increase over last year by the 8% achieved so far this year, we could possibly break even for the year. That would be a great achievement! Welcome to all the newcomers to our parish. You are making a difference and we need your support and involvement to grow our community and ministry. With everyone's support our prospects for another successful financial year are promising. *Ian Campbell*



OUTREACH KEEPS ON REACHING OUT!

Our **Deacon's Cupboard food bank ministry** continues to grow and, thanks in no small measure to your generosity and that of the community, we are still able to feed around 220 households each week. That represents between 550 and 600 people, around a third of whom are children.

In a recent sermon I mentioned the three skids of food which come each week from FeedScarborough, the local hub of Daily Bread Food Bank. Some people were asking what they looked like, so last week I captured the evidence – and we got **FOUR** skids!



We continue to need your support in order to purchase things like sugar, teabags and instant coffee, as well as instant noodles, which are all much appreciated and which the central food bank does not provide.

Operation Backpack

This year, we received a generous donation of school bags and supplies from the Young family, and with money already donated we were able to add to those bags for 130 school-age children of our food bank clients and also provide school bags and supplies to the twelve Sunday School children and the eleven JK/SK children in our own congregation. These bags were distributed after the 10.00 service on August 18, much to the delight of the children in the Sunday School.

Jacquie Boutheon

A New Adventure in Bible Study

For the past few years, our Bible Study study has primarily centred around learning about the meaning of events and speeches in various parts of the New Testament. We delved into the book of Acts the gospel of John, the book of salms and the journeys of Saint Paul. This not only strengthened our personal faith, but helped us to explain the Good News of Jesus to others.

Beginning the week after Thanksgiving and ending the week before Christmas, a period of eight weeks, we will be diving into the early Christian communities; how they were organized, the extent of their leadership, the responsibilities of membership, the importance of the Christian family, and the need to vigorously provide constant education in the faith. We will be doing this through studying what is called the Pastoral Letters-One Timothy, Two Timothy and Titus.

On Thanksgiving Sunday we will be giving out the resources to those who wish to participate in this very practical and yet quite different approach, because these letters do not contain very much of what could be called theological insights.

Father Roy



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Sunday at 8:30

Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday at 10:00

Sung Holy Communion (BAS)

Wednesday at 11:00 am

Morning Prayer

And quiet conversation

*Happy
Thanksgiving Day*



