



ST. JAMES' JOURNEY

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*Welcome to the Church of St. James', Orillia
Whether you are a follower of Christ, or on a spiritual
journey, all are welcome to this Holy and Sacred place.*



FROM THE DESK OF ARCHDEACON JOHN

Dear Friends in Christ,

A Cup of Coffee and the Holy Spirit

My family knows that going out for a breakfast and reading the news is one of my favourite things (a little less so in recent days since I have been on Weight Watchers)! I judge whether I come back to a restaurant based on the server checking in to see if I need more coffee (which I always do). I once compared the Holy Spirit to being out for breakfast, and the server comes by your table, stops, and fills your coffee cup up without asking.

The Holy Spirit is always at work in our community, and it is filling us with God's grace. I am really finding that our Sunday worship services are engaging people and we do find them a place of joy. Rev. Carol and I were talking to the each other and we find that the congregation tends to make their Sunday the day to be at church: to worship but also to undertake other activities, including fellowship. To that end, we think we need to adjust our thinking about when we offer programs and perhaps focus on an Adult Sunday School. Let me know what you think about such an idea!

It is my hope that each Sunday, we find St. James' a place where we take the time to be with God in the Word, the music, the Eucharist, and indeed the 'coffee hour'. We have to remember that this is a community where we form friendships and support one another. It is a time to build and renew your faith. It is where we find a community that comes alongside when someone is sick, helps out a person with a drive, or perhaps you share a meal together during the week.

When I became a Christian a large part of that conversion was due to the fellowship I enjoyed with my brothers and sisters in Christ. I went from the guy setting up the tables and making the coffee, to wanting to touch base with people after each service. I enjoyed going to the church activities and events. I really commend to you to join us either before the service for the Community Breakfast or after the service for coffee hour. If there is a Sunday Study happening (which will be the case in Advent and Lent) please participate. In community we care and love one another – I think we all want that in our lives.

I would ask that you please speak to Christine Blair who heads up our Fellowship. We really do need some volunteers to help not only at coffee hour but when we have the occasional event. It is not a huge time commitment. Perhaps you could help out once per month? Perhaps your ministry team would like to take a coffee hour and share the good news of your ministry?

And just remember that when you are pouring that cup of coffee, you may be helping to pour some of the Holy Spirit into the lives of each other!

Amen.

John

Our Vision - A strong faith community, reflecting God's Love to those around us.
Our Mission - To serve and share Jesus Christ
Our Values - Faith, Compassion, Integrity, Respect





Financial Update

The Statement of Revenue & Expense. January to September 2023. presented at Ministry Council in October indicated the following: Year to Date revenues to the end of September are \$ 292,846 and expenses are \$ 319,980 yielding a deficit of \$ 27,134. We are still reporting a deficit, but we are ahead of plan by \$ 28,121.

Revenues exceeded projections by \$ 33,181. The offerings/donations shortfall noted last report have made somewhat of a correction and now show a deviation from plan of \$13,782. We are still not where we need to be but hopefully headed in the right direction. Church users continue to be over budget by \$ 12,647. Likewise, In-Memoriam donations and Miscellaneous income exceed plan by \$ 3,920 and \$ 3,625 respectively. Pennywise with revenues of \$ 22,014 are over plan by \$ 7,014. Fundraising at \$ 8,258 is over plan by \$ 5,033 mainly because of the Fashion Show proceeds. While there have been some improvements since Archdeacon John's last article, we need to continue supporting our church. One of the best ways you can help is to continue to invite family and friends to join us for worship, events, and studies.

Website Challenge: The website needs a lot of change as there is a lot of old information, photos, and content on it. At this point in time, we cannot spend monies on an overhaul of the website. However, we can update the content. This would require someone from each ministry to review content and then send suggested changes to Kristie Webster who will pass them on to our web manager!



A BOOK REVIEW FROM THE RECONCILIATION CIRCLE - NOV. 6TH

The Reason You Walk, by the Honorable Wab Kinew, Premier of Manitoba

As Wab Kinew becomes the first and only Indigenous premier in our country, in Manitoba, it's time to look anew at his memoir, *The Reason You Walk*, which is currently available in the St. James' library.

Published in 2015, *The Reason You Walk* tells the story of Kinew's father's life and his own, giving his account of controversial matters related to his past, speaking from within the generational trauma of residential schooling.

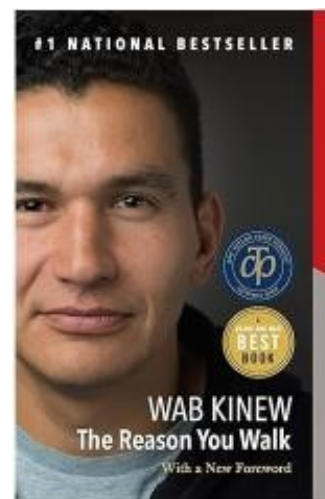
"By turns lighthearted and solemn, Kinew gives us an inspiring vision for family and cross-cultural reconciliation, and a wider conversation about the future of Aboriginal peoples," according to a *Globe and Mail* review from 2017, when the book was included on the *Globe's* "Great Canadian Reading List: 150 books to read for Canada 150."

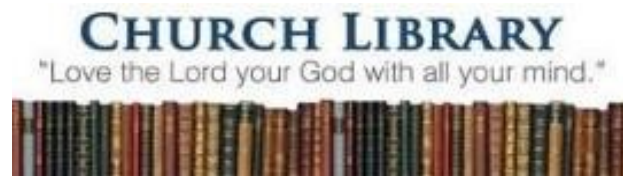
Before being sworn in as Manitoba's premier on October 18, Kinew worked as a musician and broadcaster. He is a hereditary chief, of the Onigaming First Nation in Northwestern Ontario.

"Kinew's election as premier is Manitoba's 'true act of reconciliation,'" former justice and senator Murray Sinclair said during Kinew's swearing in. "I want you to think of it that way. I want you to think of the fact that we are now entering a new phase," Sinclair said.

According to a 2015 *Globe* review, "the undeniable significance of *The Reason You Walk's* message, and the fact that the book holds so much for both aboriginal and non-aboriginal readers, makes it a must-read. This is not just a memoir; it's a meditation on the purpose of living."

The next meeting of the Reconciliation Circle will be held virtually on Monday, November 6th at 11 a.m. Please contact Phyllis if you'd like to join us – we'll send you a Zoom link.





Once again, we are asking for your help to raise money for the purchase of new books for the library. Thanks to some generous monetary donations, as well as a selection of used books, we've been able to purchase 3 new books. With your help we're hoping to be able to increase our collection again. If you would like to contribute, please leave the books, along with your name, at the office. Thank you for your help.

Sue Glowa

ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - NOV. 13TH

The St. James Book Discussion Group will be meeting November 13th s in the Church Parlour at 10 a.m. to discuss Erika Robuck's well-researched WW 2 novel 'Sisters of Night and Fog'. This book weaves together the stories of two overlooked historical figures that gave up nearly everything to fight against the Nazis. Come and join us as we discuss this novel and share our reactions and comments about the stories of these two women. All are welcome to join the group, including those who may be simply interested in hearing what others thought of this book.

Linda Davidson



ANTICIPATING ADVENT WITH "MESSIAH" - NOV.25TH

The Cellar Singers have given biennial performances of "Messiah" by G.F. Handel for decades. Most of these performances took place in our beautiful church with its stunning acoustics. This year's concert in St. James' will be a first for Orillia. It will be faithful to the style of Handel's time with the use of a baroque chamber orchestra of period instruments and a choir of 35 singers.

Our "Messiah" will be early - Saturday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m. just a week ahead of Advent. It is the perfect way to prepare for Christmas, ahead of the busyness and distraction of parties, gift shopping and holiday travel. After all, "Messiah" premiered in Dublin in 1742, not at Christmas, but in Lent.

As many of you know, Handel composed his masterpiece in a 24-day state of creative ecstasy. The librettist, Charles Jennens, was a devout Anglican and compiled his text from the King James Bible and the Coverdale Psalter. Jennens wrote "I hope that Handel will lay out his whole genius and skill upon it, that it may excel all his previous, as the Subject excels every other subject. The Subject is Messiah". There is no doubt that the enduring popularity of performances of "Messiah" are witness to both Handel's prowess as a composer and its epic subject. It captures the deep emotion of the story of our redemption in some of the most uplifting and magnificent music ever composed. At the end of his manuscript, Handel penned the letters "SDG"- *Soli Deo Gloria*. It unfolds in three sweeping sections: Prophecy and Fulfillment, Suffering and Redemption. For Christians, it lays out the core of our faith. For those of other faiths or belief systems, it transcends boundaries with its message of peace, goodwill, and the triumph of light over darkness.



We hope that you will join us for a unique period performance of Handel's beloved masterpiece, "Messiah" in our exquisite acoustic space right here on Nov. 25, 2023, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35(\$15 for under 30) and are available at www.thecellarsingers.com or from Rosemarie Freeman 705-325-3722.

Rebecca Campbell

Will you help our St. James' Annual Christmas Project? **Nov. 19th**

Did you know? It's been well over 40 years that St. James' ACW has been heading up our Christmas Project. Long ago at its start, we managed gifts for six families through their social workers with an agency in Orillia called "Tamarac" - which later become "Catulpa-Tamarac". The number of families grew and what we provided did, too: from random presents to a "Special Wish Gift" plus extras, plus mittens and hats; from any food we were given to food to prepare a Christmas Dinner plus extras, and the choice of a turkey or ham. Our number of families not only grew to come from more agencies - Couchiching Jubilee House, New Path and Community Living Huronia, as well as Catulpa - but we also added single teens from the Orillia Youth Centre - from perhaps 20 people to over 100! (We used agencies because they know their clients' needs already.)

Then came COVID. Like everyone else, ACW had to "pivot" but we didn't miss a Christmas! Now we provide GIFT CARDS: in November, cards to buy children's presents (\$50 per child); in December, cards to buy Christmas Dinner plus (\$25 per person in the family). It's not as much fun as our "Wrapping Day" used to be, but it's safer for health reasons and it's cost effective because we purchase the gift cards through our St. James' FUNDSCRIP program, which brings in at least a bit of money for St. James' on the side.

WILL YOU HELP US? On ACW Sunday, November 19, **when Bishop Riscylla is visiting**, we kick off collecting money for our FUNDSCRIP gift card order for November. Simply note that your money is for the "St. James' ACW Christmas Project" and it will get to us - on a Sunday or through the Church Office. Any amount will help. **THANKS!**

Mae Cox



*There are far, far better things
ahead than any we leave behind.
C.S. Lewis*

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



We are in desperate need of help if we are to continue with special events and our usual activities. Please consider where you could help and register with Christine Blair or Anne Thompson

All Sundays

Help set-up for the coffee hour before the church service (15 minutes).
Serve coffee after the service (45 minutes).
Clean-up after the coffee hour (15 minutes).

ACW Sunday on November 19

Make and donate a loaf of sandwiches **for lunch with Bishop Riscylla**. On Sunday, help set-up lunch tables immediately after Communion. Clean-up after the lunch.

St. Nick's Children's Shopping Day on Dec. 2

Help set up for the sale on Dec. 1st from 1:00 to about 3:30 p.m.
Work behind tables while children shop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Teenagers needed to help the youngest children shop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Lunch on Dec. 10

Bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share.
Help set-up lunch tables immediately after Communion.
Help clean-up after the lunch.



ADVENT CONSPIRACY 2023 - DEC. 4TH

Once again, we are approaching the Advent season, beginning on December 3. We are asking you to consider your Christmas gifting practices and perhaps adopt the process suggested by the Advent Conspiracy event, as you may have done in past years.

This season the Social Justice Committee is offering you the opportunity to participate in a Canadian oriented Primate's World Relief and Development venture. In 2013 a group of churches and community groups, with the help of PWRDF, initiated a programme in support of providing clean water supplies to isolated northern Ontario (indigenous) villages. You might remember that we supported a Pikangikum village programme to provide a permanent clean water supply and reliable waste disposal system. After several years this has been largely achieved.

In 2021 this same group (now called the Pimatisiwin Nipi, meaning "Living Water") responded to needs articulated by the Kingfisher Lake area in northern Ontario to raise \$150,000 needed to purchase a new water truck and accessories for this community. The Rev. Canon Martha Tatarnic has been an active member of this "Living Water" group for many years and is still an active spokesperson for the need of clean water in isolated areas. You may remember her as a former rector of St. David's, Orillia.

500 people, 504 kilometers north of Thunder Bay. Access to this area is by water or ice road. Roads within the community area are very rough and extremely hard on vehicles. Repairs to the water truck are expensive and parts hard to get. Families need water delivered to their water tanks attached to their houses. A new truck would significantly increase their potential for having clean water available.



Martha Tatarnic

Although PWRDF is actively seeking some funding from government sources, not all will be provided in this manner nor is it very quickly available.

The Advent Conspiracy invites you to participate in the 2023 campaign to help Kingfisher Lake get a water truck. Here are the steps you can take to assist:

1. Ask yourself what amount you might be spending for gift for a loved one.
2. Decide not to buy "stuff"- give the gift of water instead.
3. Donate to the PWRDF Indigenous Water Partnership, Kingfisher Lake.
4. Take a donation card, which we will be providing with our Advent Conspiracy display in the church.
5. Give the gift card to your loved one.

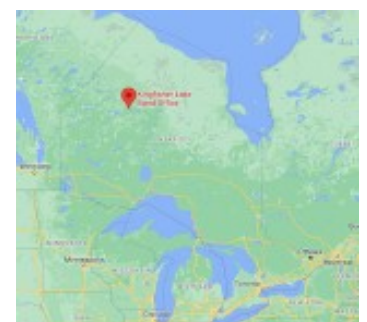


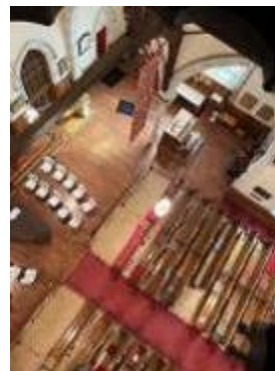
Donations should be made through St. James' Church by making your cheque out to St. James' Church with a note to PWRDF Pimatisiwin Nipi Kingfisher Lake project. If you donate cash, please submit in sealed envelop provided with your name and address for receipt purposes. Donations over \$20 will be receipted.

Look for the Advent Conspiracy display in church starting at the end of November.

You can follow the Pimatisiwin Nipi group work on Facebook. The Social Justice Committee will keep you as updated as possible. Thank you for considering this event at St. James'

Rosemarie Freeman





October 12
From high above the ceiling in
St James' Church in Orillia!
Cool, eh!?
Photo by Jeff Campbell



October 1
A Woolly Mammoth (Jeri Stone) surprises
John at the Blessing of the Animals



Every month members of St. James' run a donation drive and collect food for The Sharing Place. They delivered over 100 pounds of food and we appreciate this so much. The need is higher more than ever. Thank you St. James' for all you do for our community!

"CFUW Orillia (Canadian Federation of University Women) recognized and honours our Golden Members by planting a tree dedicated to them in Tudhope Park."

Joan Gordon has been a member for over 50 years and was recognized today along with 7 other women for over 50 years raising money for scholarships. Congratulations Joan!



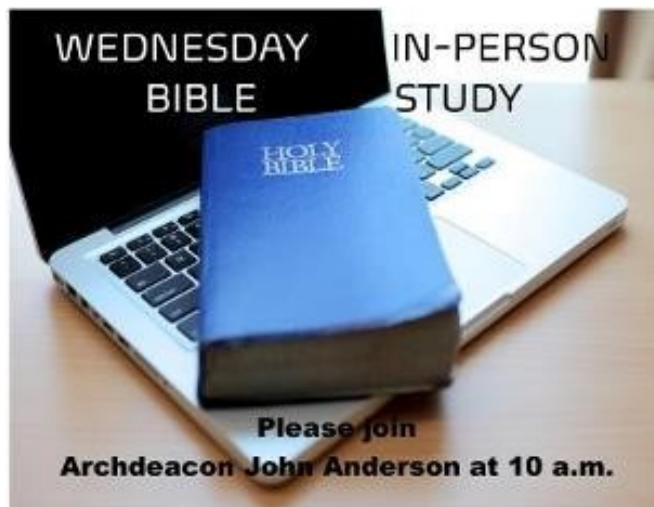
October 1
At St. Athanasius' Church reconnecting
with some former Spirit Seekers of St.
James' and Rev. Carol Bateman, also
formerly from St. James'.

Remembrance Sunday
November 12 at 10 a.m.
 Please join our worship service
 Guest Speaker Padre Phil Morley

Remembrance Day
 Honouring the Sacrifices
 of the Bravehearts



WEDNESDAY BIBLE **IN-PERSON STUDY**



Please join Archdeacon John Anderson at 10 a.m.

CENTERING PRAYER AND MEDITATION
TUESDAY AT 12 NOON in person in Choir Room



Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of the experience of God's presence within us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth to all prayer and facilitates the movement into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.

George Sanders leads the group. For more info contact office@stjamesorillia.com or 705-325-2742

Faith is the radar that sees through the fog.
Corrie ten Boom

A.C.W. SUNDAY WITH BISHOP RISCYLLA




PLEASE JOIN US SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 AT THE 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

ANGELICAN
 Spiritual Learning
CHURCH
 Compassion Worship
WOMEN
 Service Fellowship

FREE SUNDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



ALL ARE WELCOME

Every Sunday 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in St. James' Auditorium

A joint venture with St. David's, St. Athanasius, St. James' and Community Members. Our goal is to provide food and fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[ADVENT CONSPIRACY]



THE ADVENT CONSPIRACY INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023 CAMPAIGN TO HELP KINGFISHER LAKE GET A WATER TRUCK. HERE ARE THE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO ASSIST:

1. ASK YOURSELF WHAT AMOUNT YOU MIGHT BE SPENDING FOR GIFT FOR A LOVED ONE.
2. DECIDE NOT TO BUY "STUFF"- GIVE THE GIFT OF WATER INSTEAD.
3. DONATE TO THE PWRDF INDIGENOUS WATER PARTNERSHIP, KINGFISHER LAKE.
4. TAKE A DONATION CARD, WHICH WE WILL BE PROVIDING WITH OUR ADVENT CONSPIRACY DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH.
5. GIVE THE GIFT CARD TO YOUR LOVED ONE.

A CALL FOR READERS 2024

Looking for a volunteer position on Sunday? We are in need of Readers in the new year! Anyone interested in being a reader for services, please contact the church office. Generally, it would involve reading once every 4-6 weeks. The schedule is made up well in advance and we are happy to work around your holidays and commitments.

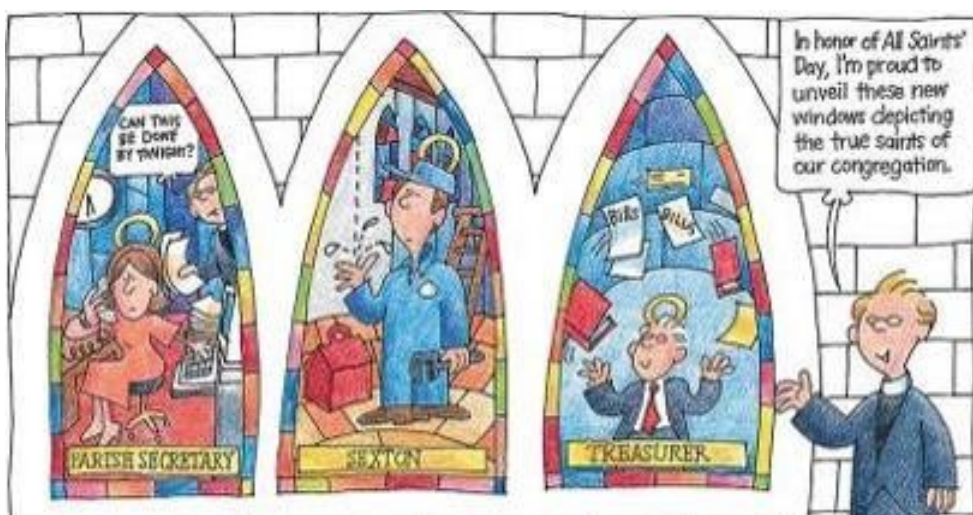


PASTORAL CARE

If I Get Dementia

- If I get dementia,** I want my friends and family to embrace my reality.
- If I get dementia,** I don't want to be treated like a child – talk to me like the adult that I am.
- If I get dementia,** I still want to enjoy the things that I've always enjoyed. Help me find a way to exercise, read, and visit with friends.
- If I get dementia,** ask me to tell you a story from my past. If I get dementia, and I become agitated, take the time to figure out what is bothering me.
- If I get dementia,** treat me the way that you would want to be treated.
- If I get dementia,** make sure that there are plenty of snacks for me in the house. Even now if I don't eat I get angry, and if I have dementia, I may have trouble explaining what I need.
- If I get dementia,** don't talk about me as if I'm not in the room.
- If I get dementia,** don't feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's not your fault, and you've done your best. Find someone who can help you, or choose a great new place for me to live.
- If I get dementia,** and I live in a dementia care community, please visit me often.
- If I get dementia,** don't act frustrated if I mix up names, events, or places. Take a deep breath. It's not my fault.
- If I get dementia,** make sure I always have my favourite music playing within earshot.
- If I get dementia,** and I like to pick up items and carry them around, help me return those items to their original places.
- If I get dementia,** don't exclude me from parties and family gatherings.
- If I get dementia,** know that I still like receiving hugs or handshakes.
- If I get dementia,** remember that I am still the person you know and love.

Rachel Wonderlin



FUNDSCRIP



Support our church by purchasing gift cards for gift-giving and your everyday needs. Cards are purchased at face value with a commission coming back to the church. You will still receive your loyalty points (PC, Airmiles, Aeroplan) when you use the gift card to pay for your purchases.

Do you buy groceries, toiletries, gas, clothing, or gifts? With FundScrip, there is something for everyone! It is so easy! Order forms are available at the back of the church, beside the office door, and online. Bring your order and payment to the church by the first Sunday of the month and pick up your cards the following Sunday!

Do you like to give gift cards to your children or grandchildren for birthdays or Christmas? Gift cards for many of their favourite retailers are available! Spread out the expense by purchasing a couple of cards each month.

Do you have a business or know of a business that gives out gift cards to staff, suppliers, or customers? Perhaps you could suggest that they purchase the gift cards through the church.

Please consider supporting this fundraising opportunity by placing an order. No order is too small! When our total order is large enough, we are not charged for shipping. Currently we have 8 loyal supporters. We would love to have you join us!

FundScrip orders will be going in on Sunday, November 5th, and December 3rd.

Please speak with Sylvia Baker or Leslie Fortune if you have any questions.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday November 5, 12, 19, 26

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday November 7, 14, 21, 28

12 noon Centering Prayer

12 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Wednesday November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,

10 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. to 12 noon Loonie Lunch

12 noon Holy Eucharist

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Friday November 3, 10, 17, 24

11:30—1 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group

Saturday November 25

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pennywise Shop

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday November 5

All Saints/Memorial Sunday

Food Bank Sunday

FundScrip Sunday

Tuesday November 7

2 p.m. ACW Executive Meeting

Sunday November 12

Remembrance Day Sunday

Monday November 13

10 a.m. Book Discussion

Tuesday November 14

7 p.m. via Zoom Ministry Council Mtg

Sunday November 19

ACW Sunday with Bishop Riscylla

Tuesday November 21

2 p.m. Pastoral Care

Your Ministry Council

Anyone interested in reading the current Ministry Council minutes may contact the Church office for a copy. A copy is also posted on Bulletin Board in Hall.

Are you ill? In the Hospital? Now in a nursing home?

If you or someone you know from our congregation is ill, in the hospital or has moved to a nursing home, please let us know by calling the church office. **We have no other way of knowing**, as the hospital and nursing homes are no longer permitted to give this information out due to the Privacy Act.

Hospital Pastoral Care

Having met the required hospital protocols, Mae Cox, our Pastoral Care Visitor for OSMH, is now able to actually visit patients in person. If you know anyone from our Parish Family who is in Soldiers, please notify the Church Office so a visit can be arranged.

Newsletter Sponsorship

Each month we ask for a sponsor to support the publication of our parish newsletter. Many of our family receive it via the internet but many still enjoy receiving the paper copy and/or they might not have access to a computer. The donation of \$100.00 each month pays to produce our internet copies, the paper copies and their mailing. Please contact Phyllis in the office 705-325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month.

FundScrip

The Fundscrip deadline is **Sunday November 5**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday November 12** Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.

ST. NICK'S CHILDREN'S SHOPPING DAY



For Children 12 & under ONLY. Little ones will have an "elf" to assist them. All items are \$3.00 & under. With a Mini-Bazaar & Bake Sale for Adults to shop while waiting for the children.



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



November Birthdays

Glen Bagley, Murray Cleland, Mae Cox
Elizabeth Gillett, Dianne Howell,
Len Johnson, Fran McCordic,
Beth Morum, Maureen Naylor

November Anniversaries

Kai & Jacquelyn Schmidt

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