



Connections

*Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 6: 14

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***Our new outdoor sign welcomes drivers
and pedestrians with news about
upcoming events and uplifting scripture
messages as they pass
Christ Church.***



***"Come right in!" says the front entrance, as
fresh new paint and a repaved walkway make
the path into our church home safer.***

A WORD FROM PASTOR PAM

We love the place, O God,
Wherein thine honour dwells.
The joy of thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer
Wherein thy servants meet,
And thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to meet.

We love thine altar, Lord.
O what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored,
We find thy presence near.

We love the word of life;
The word that tells of peace
Of comfort in the strife
And joys that never cease.

William Bullock 1798-1874
Henry Williams Baker 1821-1877

It is hard to believe that it is September already. While the weather is still fine, please let me know if you would like a visit, perhaps in your backyard, in the church back yard or in a near-to-your-home park. Since I have put on a few pandemic pounds, I would also be happy to go for a social-distancing walk with you. Or, if you would appreciate a pastoral visit by phone, please call me at 647-470-1383 (my day off is Friday). An in-the-home visit is possible, but with many restrictions.

I am getting excited about the in-the-church services (8:30 and 10:15) resuming on September 13. With this happening the Zoom Sunday coffee hour will, however, unfortunately need to be discontinued.

As we move into the fall and winter months please let me know if there are ideas that you have about how the church can explore meeting needs (Bible study, book club, mid-week coffee hour, etc.) or if you want to start something new. We plan to continue offering an online service with our Music Director, Sam, involved in producing a YouTube video and our Parish Administrator, Ellen, taking on the oversight of the website. Stay tuned.

Pam



We give thanks for Ritika Luther's work on the online service, website and as an acolyte at Christ Church. The pandemic has identified the need to have an online presence even more fully. We have greatly valued the diligence, skill, time and creativity that Ritika has put into serving as our webmistress. After 22 years at Christ Church her faith journey is calling her to a different church. If you want to email/drop a note to Ritika, feel free to email/send it to the office. Many blessings to you, Ritika.

Pastor Pam

School means backpacks

Operation Backpack is happening again this year. We have already received donations of supplies, backpacks and money. Our priorities are, first of all our Sunday School children and then the children of our Food Bank clients.

The rest of what we receive will be given to the Family Residence on Kingston Road, who are ready and willing to accept whatever we can provide, as they anticipate a high demand in the shelters for which they are responsible. The need continues throughout the year as parents arrive at the shelters with their children.



Felicia reaches for another level

She is the soft-spoken young acolyte we see in the chancel on Sunday morning. Her silent service at the altar adds a graceful note to the ritual of the Eucharist as she goes about her duties.

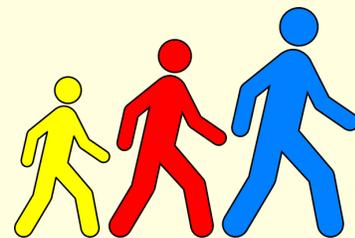
But behind that quiet demeanor is a bright, curious mind that is eager to learn and to grow. So Felicia has worked through her undergraduate program at university and has come out wanting to continue stretching her abilities at the Master's level.



Assisted by a grant from the Diocese of Toronto, she applied for Master of Science programs at different universities and was accepted into three programs!

The first two were at the University of Toronto, in disciplines whose mere titles make this writer's head spin - Pharmacology and Biochemical & Biophysical Sciences. Her final choice is even more impressive - Animal Physiology/Cell & Systems Biology at York University.

We are so proud of you, Felicia, and wish you well in your post-grad studies.



We are looking for someone to organize the Walkathon fundraiser. Due to the pandemic it will have to take on a bit of a nuanced version of last year's successful endeavour. Please let Pastor Pam know if you are interested. We want this to occur before the snow flies (for some, snow is one of those bad four letter words).



Please pray for these members of our community and their families

Andrew S	Hector B
Anita F	James Y
Anne S	Jenille L
Annet K	Joan N
Beverly Barber	Ken K
Christina &	Lennox &
Joshua	Leonora Y
Corinne P	Margo P
Deb A	Maureen C
Ebun D	Philip I
	Sherri-Ann & Ron

and for all those affected by COVID-19, racial discrimination or any injustice



THANKSGIVING TAKE-OUT DINNER ON OCTOBER 17

It wouldn't be the Thanksgiving season without Christ Church's annual dinner to celebrate Canada's bounty. This year it will be a little different because of the pandemic, but the food will be just as delicious and the good wishes just as sincere.

Hyacinth and her team are already busy planning a take-out feast for parishioners and friends.

More details in the next issue of *Connections*.

Harvest Festival

Saturday September 19, 11 am to 3 pm
Scarborough Village Community Garden
3630 Kingston Road

(with distancing practices of course!)

Come and enjoy some early fall activities:

Vegetable Takeaway
Plant Giveaway
Scavenger Hunts
Children's Potato Harvest
Arts Activities
Music, Parade
Drinks and Snacks

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Scripture Readings

September 13

Psalm 103: 1 to 5 and 8 to 13
Matthew 18: 21 to 35

September 20

Exodus 32: 1 to 14
Psalm 45: 1 to 8
Matthew 20: 1 to 16



As for me
and
my HOUSE
we shall serve
the LORD
Joshua 24:15

Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year

The Jewish New Year is a time of rejoicing and serious introspection, an interesting combination which requires people to look deep into themselves and face their behaviour of the past year before rejoicing in the New Year about to begin.

This year Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of September 18.

The two days of Rosh Hashanah usher in Ten Days of Repentance, which culminate in the fast day of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.



The whole period represents the climax of a longer process.

Starting at the beginning of the previous month, the shofar, a ram's horn that makes a trumpet-like sound, is blown at the

conclusion of the morning service. This is intended as a wake-up call to prepare for the High Holidays.

Rosh Hashanah itself is also known as the Day of Judgment, on which God opens the Books of Life and Death, which are then sealed on Yom Kippur.

It is the time of year during which Jews are reminded to atone for both their individual - and on Yom Kippur, their communal - sins committed over the course of the previous year, before God literally closes the books on them and inscribes their fate for the coming year.

Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year for Jews. It will be observed starting at sundown on September 27 and continuing through September 28.

Observant Jews will not eat or drink anything during this period.

God's rule over humanity and our need to serve God are stressed time and again over the course of the holiday.

Even the food prepared for this season is different than the usual and conveys a message. The challah

(traditional bread) that is eaten for the Rosh Hashanah season is round, symbolizing the eternal cycle of life. It is sometimes dipped in honey, symbolizing hope for a sweet New Year. The same is done with apples, which are made even sweeter with the addition of honey.



Shana Tova! - Happy New Year!

A gift from Barbadian friends



A group called the Barbados Overseas Community Canada, which includes several Christ Church parishioners, has been meeting in our Fellowship Room for some years. Recently this

group gifted the parish with money to make much needed repairs. The initial purchases are to be new blinds for the Fellowship Room, kitchen and Deacon's Cupboard. A small committee has been formed to help decide how to use the remaining funds.

Other improvements made during our COVID hiatus (see page 1), including reshingling of the roof and outside painting, mean that our beloved Christ Church is looking spic-and-span, ready to welcome us back.

The Wardens and Treasurer appreciate the faithfulness of the congregation in maintaining their offerings and stepping up when help is needed.

Food bank has record number of clients

Food bank demand is way up with 27 clients needing food for 67 people last week. We are coping at the moment and have money in the kitty.

However, donations of mac-cheese/soup/canned meat and fish/juices/cookies/crackers/breakfast cereal are all more than welcome. If people with gardens have more than they can eat, we can take that as well (it's been a great year for zucchini!)

We have a patch in the Fred Johnson park area for our community garden, and the city community garden contributes food. We also have a few things growing in the church backyard where there is space. All this has enabled us to offer fresh food as well as non-perishables during the growing season.

