



CONNECTIONS – SPRING/SUMMER



Beloved Parishioners,

Easter Blessings.

Blessed be the name of the Lord for yet another joyous occasion of Pentecost, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your dedicated participation in all our parish ministry during Lent and Easter.

Your commitment to spiritual growth and engagement during this sacred season has not gone unnoticed. Your prayers, reflections, and acts of devotion have undoubtedly contributed to the strengthening of our faith community.

As we prepare to welcome the Day of Pentecost, let us rededicate ourselves to living a spirit-filled life in our parish and beyond. The story of Pentecost reminds us of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and the endless possibilities that arise when we open our hearts to its guidance.

Let us strive to embody the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - in all aspects of our lives. May we be instruments of God's grace, spreading hope and compassion wherever we are.

As we anticipate the coming of Pentecost, let us lift our voices in prayer, seeking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts and minds. May this divine presence empower us to continue our journey of faith with courage, humility, and unwavering trust in God's unfailing love.

In closing, please know that you are cherished members of our Christ Church family, and you are held in prayer each day. May the blessings of Pentecost fill your lives with renewed faith, hope, and joy. With warmest regards and deepest gratitude,

In His Vineyard,

Rev. D. R. Kalison

DEACON'S CUJPBOARD

Pardon me if I sound like a broken record! Our numbers continue to increase: in March we saw an average of 171 families each week, seeking food for 508 people. This is our highest weekly average so far, and compares astoundingly to the March 2023 average of 76 families/229 people. Granted, there were five Thursdays in March last year and only four this year, but it still is a major indicator that, sadly, this ministry is here to stay. In the whole of 2023 we saw 5244 families and gave out food for 16,700 people. In the first three months of this year, we have already seen 2036 families, and given out food for 6,083 people.

The good news is, the community is stepping up to support us, and this is invaluable and essential to our effectiveness. On the Tuesday after Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie from St. Mark's United Church brought us the donations from their "40 Days of Lent" food drive. As you can see from the photo, Detra and Eleanor have every reason to smile! So did I, hiding behind the camera!



As well, the Scarborough Theatre Guild has invited us to place donation boxes at the Theatre for their performances of the play "Trap for a Lonely Man" over the remaining three weekends of April. Patrons buying theatre tickets for any of their shows are invited to bring food items, and this time we (as near neighbours) have been designated as the beneficiaries. We have a poster, together with donation envelopes for those who prefer to give cash and flyers explaining who we are and what we do. After the first weekend of shows we had a car full of food, egg boxes and reusable bags, plus \$220 in cash donations. By the end of April we will have (hopefully) loaded up two more times with the donated non-perishable food and money donations.

Deacon Jacquie

RUMMAGE, BAKE & FLEA MARKET

SALE



9am - 1pm
Saturday, May 4th, 2024

Christ Church Scarborough Village 155
Markham Road



*PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR
CONGREGATION:*

*Anna-Mary K., Ann R. Antony, Art C., Dolly, David F., David H.,
David B., Deb & Russ A., Jenille L., Joan L., Ken H., Laurel, Kelvin,
Leonora Y., Linda E., Lloyd K., Lois L., Marsal, Sharia & family,
Patsy C., Philip I., Unice B., Sheri-Ann, Val, Valerie A., Viggie M.*

*and all those affected by ill health, homelessness, racial / religious
discrimination, natural disasters, the unrest in Haiti, the war in
Ukraine and the Hamas / Israel conflict.*

January to March Financial Report

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

	<u>Jan - Mar 2024</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>			
Envelopes & Open	\$27,040	\$23,132	\$3,908
Space usage	17,375	14,030	3,345
Other income	<u>12,830</u>	<u>9,893</u>	<u>2,937</u>
Total Operating Income	<u>\$57,245</u>	<u>\$47,055</u>	<u>\$10,190</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Personnel expense	\$34,642	\$29,278	\$5,364
Church Property expense	18,831	15,191	3,640
Other operating expense	<u>9,221</u>	<u>9,331</u>	<u>-110</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>\$62,694</u>	<u>\$53,800</u>	<u>\$8,894</u>
Operating Income less Expenses	<u>-\$5,449</u>	<u>-\$6,745</u>	<u>\$1,296</u>
Special Funds:			
Foodbank & Backpacks Income	\$13,955	\$5,593	\$8,362
Foodbank & Backpacks Expenses	4,500	4,959	-459
Capital Fund Income	\$6,410	\$10,595	-\$4,185
Capital Fund Expenses	1,767	0	1,767

Income for the first three months of 2024 is very encouraging. Offering, rental, and other income were all up, with total operating income up over 20% from last year. Deacon's Cupboard income was up 150% from last year January to March. While this is extremely positive, two factors affecting 2024 numbers should be noted. 1) Easter was in March this year versus in April last year. Some offering increase may be due to this timing, and 2) There was very generous support for the foodbank from persons outside the congregation which accounts for \$8,100 of the increase in foodbank donations. Over half of this was a onetime donation. Caveats aside, congratulations to the congregation, not only for your financial support, but also for your involvement in the foodbank and church programs such as the Sunday School which attract outside support and new parish members.

Operating expenses were up \$8,894. However, the total \$62,694 operating expenses for the quarter, were below the \$65,410 anticipated by the budget.

2024 will continue to challenge us, as expenses continue to rise with inflation. Assuming we can keep expenses to the budgeted amounts, we will need at least an \$15,000 increase in operating fund income from last year to balance for the year. We are off to an excellent start, and with your continued support and continuing to attract new members to the congregation, our prospects for another successful year are promising.

Ian Campbell



Earth Day – April 22

While April 22 marks “Earth Day”, every day we should be thinking seriously about the health of our planet.

Christians know that God gave us the earth after he had designed a perfect plan for us, as well as for every animal, habitat and thing that is in the earth. Seasons were perfectly orchestrated to coincide with what humans, animals & vegetation needed.

So what has gone wrong with His perfect plan? God does not make mistakes!

Man’s disregard for using this gift respectfully has caused things to go drastically wrong. There’s is no question that the planet is warming up, causing soil to become dry and hard, less able to absorb rain & snow, leading to droughts, floods & forest fires. Wild animals are driven from their familiar habitats thus encroaching on human turf, causing problems.

“Animals are the canaries in the coal mine” sending us a worrying signal that a changing environment is dangerous for all. As Canadians, many enjoy eating God’s gift of East & West Coast Salmon but even these fish are having difficulty spawning because their habitat water is becoming too warm.

Hopefully it is not too late to save the planet. This month we are made very much aware of the problem that carbon causes. Read information on this subject to see what you can do to help. Here at Christ Church we try very hard to have a “gentle foot print” in the environment. Our lawns, flowers & trees all help with rain/snow run-off and provide a home for small animals, insects & birds. Here we also have a very well thought out Recycle Program that is mindful of the environment. However all of these things need full co-operation of each and every one of us to make sure we do our part to do what God expects of us.

Slow down a little and enjoy what God has freely given us and then do whatever you can to help preserve it.

Happy Earth Day! *Miriam Mifsud*



COST OF NOT RECYCLING PROPERLY

Warning bells are ringing for Christ Church’s waste removal program that deals with trash from our Kitchen & Parish Hall. Too much is being put into the wrong bags/containers and the City is checking carefully what’s in these bags. If something is incorrectly placed in the green or blue bin, they simply will **NOT** pick it up. Milk cartons, pop tins, plastic containers all must be rinsed, then put in the blue box bin: yet coffee cups must go in

the black garbage bin. Written policy for **any** group that rents our space is that they must take their garbage with them.

We are allowed only 2 large curbside containers for garbage pick-up (black bins). Any garbage that does not fit must have special City stickers @ \$6.32 per bag, in order to be picked up. The rate we are going it could cost us an extra **\$400 to \$600 per year**. Worse yet, if the City decides we are generating too much garbage, they could require us to hire a private contractor which could cost over **\$20,000 per year** for their containers/bins & weekly grounds clean-up, since animals easy get into these containers, spreading trash over our driveway, front & back lawns.

Let’s save the planet for our grandchildren! Check with Toronto.ca/wastewizard

Ken Pestill

SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS



We are collecting used Postage Stamps for the “Leprosy Mission”. They sell them by weight to raise money for their program. Vivien Van Gulick delivers them to their office in Markham. The buyer requires stamps to be trimmed with no more than a 4 mm (1/8”) border . You can do this trimming, or I will. The Collection box container is on the table in the Bell Tower/Sidesperson’s area by the elevator door

Ken Pestill

ARE YOU THE FUTURE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Alleluia, Church School is getting closer & closer to fully running again. As of Sunday April 14, we had 5 new children registered for toddler/nursery and regular Church School. So, if all our precious children did show up on any given Sunday, we would be blessed with 24 youngsters & youths.

This good news is tempered with the fact **we desperately need teachers/assistants** who can comply with the diocese rules for all individuals working with children. We can provide this training

How wonderful it was to have Archbishop Hiltz lead 14 children with candles to show us how they are our light now and in the future. ***Search your heart, God may be calling YOU to be with the Church School and you will be blessed more than you can imagine.***

Blessings from *Deb Anthony* Church School

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Winter/Spring Report- Jan.17 to Mar. 31/24

- With help of Howard Cyrus, replaced 2 burnt out LED light bulbs in the Nave area of the church proper. Also re-centered the 2 banners over the choir pews.
- had electrician replace the florescent light fixtures outside the handicap washroom with a LED fixture, also some electrical work in the handicap outside entrance.
- two rechargeable batteries replaced in the Emergency Lights.
- with help from our Janitor installed new toilet tissue and paper hand towel dispenser in all 3 washrooms
- many small sundry jobs/repairs done.

For a detailed report on what has been done in the above period of time ask me for a FULL REPORT.

The Property Committee is still looking for a Chairperson. If interested ask a Warden for the Chairperson's responsibilities. I am staying on the committee and will gladly assist you if you need any help.

Ken Pestill



TAKE-AWAY-DINNER

The Fund Raising Committee

Invites you

To a "Take-A-Way" Dinner

June 22/24

Pick Up

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Tickets \$20.00

Tickets available after the 10:00 am

Service

May 5/24

Please support this Fund Raising event

To thrive in life,
you need 3 bones:



A Wishbone,
a Backbone,
and a Funny
Bone!

~ Reba McEntire ~



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Bible Study: Wednesdays 11:00 am beginning Apr. 17th - Study: Book of Revelations

Sun. Apr. 28 – Dedication of Ministry team

Apr. 14-20 - National Volunteer Week

Sun. Apr. 22 - Earth Day Sunday

May: - Asian Heritage Month

Sat. May 4 - Flea Market/Rummage/Bake Sale

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sun. May 12 - Mothers' Day Sunday

Sun. May 26 – Trinity Sunday- ***

Sun. Jun. 2 - Fire Drill in church

Sun. Jun. 16 - Fathers' Day Sunday

Sat. Jun. 22 – Take-Away-Dinner

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Sun. Jun. 30 - CCVS Anniversary /

Canada Day Sunday

Sun. July 14 - Outdoor Service

***** Sunday, May 26 is Deacon Jacquie's 25th Anniversary as a Deacon**

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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