

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

WELCOME

October

2nd- Worldwide Communion

9th- Harvest Thanksgiving

10th- Office closed

18th- Presbytery meeting at St.
Andrew's Church

16th- World Food day

30th- Reformation & Remembering
Sunday

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November

5th- Church Bazaar 8:30am-noon

6th- All Saints/Remembrance Sunday
(Daylight savings-clocks go back)

20th- Reign of Christ Sunday &
Communion

26th- Messy church 5pm-7pm

27th- 1st Advent Sunday

We have enjoyed gathering as a community for several exciting events this summer. The Messy Church Team had a tent at The NewBARKet event, engaging and talking with the crowds of guests & their pets.

The corn roast was another occasion for fellowship and laughter as a community. The entertainment was especially fun & entertaining. Thank you to all that helped this wonderful evening come together.



New'Bark'et
Messy Church



Corn Roast
entertainment

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A note from your Ministers

Happy Autumn to you. It seems we were nicely accustomed to adjusting our thermostats to cool and now we're setting them back to heat. The Lawn Chair visits continued during the summer months, and now the visits are moving indoors. It is so wonderful to be able to spend time with you whether indoors or out. Please let me know if you would like to schedule a visit. The 'Chat and Prayer on Main' ministry, which runs from May to October, has come to a close. I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. Saturday, May 7th seems like just yesterday. I would once again like to thank sensei Brad Jones for allowing me to be in front of his dojo each Saturday morning. Thanks also to Lynn and Dave Hoath for sacrificing their 'Sing-a-Hymn on Water' presence to fill in at 'Chat and Prayer on Main' when I could not be there. And speaking of thanks, I would like to thank the Messy Church Planning Team for their very hard work in coordinating St. Andrew's presence at the New'bark'et Event in September. In addition to being a presence in the community, we managed to giveaway over 500 free 'pet ornaments' and Messy Church bookmarks. A special thank you to the Franklin Club for providing the hardwood, Bill Stephens for cutting and drilling the hardwood into ornaments, and the volunteers who assisted with this public outreach. Finally, I am very happy to see more and more of you returning to in-person worship each Sunday. We have missed you. Blessings.

Robert



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Dear Friends;

The leaves have started changing, there is frost in the air at night and we have started to make the shift from a more relaxed summer pace to the rhythms of fall. The Choir has begun rehearsals. Groups and Committees have begun meeting. Regular Church School classes have started and the Youth Group is gathering after a summer break. A Bible Study will soon be planned, and dates announced. We shared gifts from the abundance of our gardens and maybe tried some new vegetables, fruits, or herbs.

There is a busyness – a wonderful busyness of ministries alive and unfolding and at the same time there are warm conversations that linger over coffee, or tea. There is an opportunity, after some of us have spent time in different places for the summer, or as we start to regather a little more after COVID protocols & necessity have kept us apart, to reconnect, or connect with people we did not know well.

Just over a week ago, we had the opportunity to gather for a corn roast at the Church and enjoy wonderful fellowship over a delicious meal and engaging entertainment. (Some of us might still be humming “Yellow Submarine”- just saying....) Now we look forward to celebrating Communion with people around the world on Worldwide Communion Sunday (October 2nd) and giving thanks together for God’s many good gifts on Thanksgiving Sunday. The Bazaar will take place at the beginning of November (Saturday November 5th) and Messy Church will take place on November 26th. We will also organize gifts given into Care Packages for our Post-Secondary Students – and mail them for the first time in a few years. (We have continued to give the care packages but they have been picked up by parents and been waiting at home for students.)

As we gather for Worship, Sunday by Sunday, this fall, as we share our gifts serving God in and through the congregation, as we gather to learn and grow together, as we share fellowship in larger groups or in quiet conversations, I hope that we may feel the warmth of God’s love surrounding us and that we may share it with others.

Happy Fall everyone.
Peace and Blessings,
Laura



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Finance & Stewardship Committee

Fall 2022 Update

The Finance and Stewardship Committee has been closely monitoring **Our Church Work (Current) Account** over the last eight months and has provided monthly updates to the congregation during the spring. The following is a summary of our financial position as of the end of August 2022. We hope that you will review the information carefully as a means to gauge your givings for the remaining months in 2022.

1. Two-thirds into this year and we are running a **financial shortfall** of - \$39,537 as of the end of August in meeting our operating budget of \$263,218 (approved by our Congregation at the annual meeting in March) that pays for our Church operations (utilities, facilities, salaries) which enable the work of our Church to our Congregation and in the community.
2. Our year-to-date deficit of - \$39,537 has eliminated our opening cash balance in January of \$27,189 and we now have a cash deficit of - \$12,348.
3. At the Annual General Meeting, we proposed allocating \$10,000 of the Canada Emergency Business Account we received from the Federal Government in 2020 to offset some of our 2022 cash deficit. In addition, we forecasted receiving \$5,000 from outside groups that use our Church space and, to date, we have received \$1,085.
4. The Finance and Stewardship committee prepared some strategies to bolster our revenue. Two fundraising events have taken place and we are pleased to announce that the funds from these events will be deposited into *Our Church Work (Current) Account* as follows:

-Net revenue from our May Flower, yard sale and bake sale \$2,106.41

-Net revenue for our September Corn Roast and Social \$340.00

Two additional fundraising events are planned for the rest of the year and we invite your support and participation.

5. While the F&S committee will continue to monitor and manage expenses, with more activities and programs currently opening in and by the Church (good news), the related costs are increasing.
6. As we presented during the Annual General Meeting, a total of at least \$21,242 in envelope/PAR givings each month is required to meet the approved operating expense budget to maintain Our Church Work (Current Account.) As a guideline, meeting these monthly expenses breaks down to an average donation of **\$175 per month, or \$45 per week**, from each donor family. While all offerings are appreciated and we understand the challenges of our current cost of living, **please prayerfully consider supporting our Church's work as you prepare your donations in the coming weeks.**
7. Our donations as of August toward our 2022 Presbyterian Sharing goal of \$20,000 is \$10,154.

With God's help, we hope to meet our commitments. Any questions can be directed to John Hopkins (convenor) of the F & S committee. In addition, **a short meeting will be held in October (date to be set by session) for anyone wishing to ask questions, raise a concern or offer additional suggestions.**

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BAZAAR NEWMARKET

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EXPLORE OUR DELIGHTFUL
CHURCH BAZAAR!

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SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2022

8:30AM - 12:00PM



FREE ADMISSION | EVERYONE WELCOME | CASH SALES



JOURNEY

TO

CHRISTMAS

FREE

**FAMILY EVENT
FUN & MEAL
FAITH BASED**

Non-denominational

**SATURDAY NOV. 26
5-7 PM**

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