

Our Week at a Glance – October 24, 2021

We would like to thank Judi Brisco for her Thanksgiving decoration.

In Memoriam: The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Barbara Symington and family, on the recent passing of her brother-in-law Warren Creighton.

The sympathy of the congregation is also extended to the family of Douglas Sadler, on his recent passing.

THIS WEEK AT TSA:

Mon. Oct. 25 Thrift Shop sorting & donation, 9-2

Wed. Oct. 27 Thrift Shop sorting & donations, 9-2
Counters – LMR, 10:15
Bible Study – Chapel, 11:00
Mat Group – Stewart Hall, 1:30

Thurs. Oct. 28 Thrift Shop Open, 12-6

Sat. Oct. 30 Thrift Shop Open, 10-2

Sun. Oct. 31 Foodgrains Sunday

October 31 Service: The theme for worship on Sunday, Oct. 31 will be the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Special offering donation envelopes will be included in the bulletin. Donations may also be mailed or dropped off at TSA office. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to TSA with a memo "Foodgrains donation". Donations will be included in your annual receipt from TSA.

From the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee: Now that TSA has reopened for regular service, we have resumed leaving printed copies of Rev. James' recent sermon on the Narthex table, if you wish to take a copy

for yourself or for a friend. We are continuing our weekly mail-out of the order of service and sermon to our shut-in and nursing home community. If you wish to be added to our list, or know of someone who should be added, please contact the office.

Realm Communication, October 20, 2021

To the TSA Congregation.... Your Council met on October 19, our regular monthly meeting.

Here are a few highlights from our meeting:

* **Covid related decisions** – we continue to abide by the best Public Health advice to keep our community safe. We strongly encourage everyone that can, to be vaccinated. At this time, Churches are officially exempt from the vaccine passport system introduced by the Province of Ontario. TSA Council reconfirmed that at this time we will not require proof for in-church attendance, or for people entering the building for church functions. We anticipate updated direction by the Province soon. Public health measures requiring everyone be masked and to observe social distancing protocols are still in effect for all who enter our building. Thrift Shop volunteers do need to be fully vaccinated, as decided by their executive. And until further notice, we will continue to not allow receptions (funeral, wedding etc.) or fellowship in Stewart Hall due to the high risk of exposure.

* **Upcoming Sunday Services:**

- * October 31 – a Foodgrains Bank focus with envelopes provided for donations.
- * November 7 –our Remembrance Day service with dedication of our WWI plaque.
- * November 21 –our next communion.
- * December 24 – is being planned as an in-person Christmas Eve service. This will of course depend on the Covid-19 requirements at that time.

* **Fundraising** – Planning is well underway for our "Treats and Treasures" fundraiser which will be held on November 27 and December 4. Turkey dinners (142... amazing Janet and crew!!) have been made and will be available for sale again this year. Donations for "treasures" and "silent auction" are being accepted in the office.

* **Food Bank Drive** – in conjunction with St. James Lutheran we raised about \$1300!! We will jointly present this to the Food Bank. A great first joint venture!! Thanks to Peter who spearheaded the initiative for TSA and thanks to all who donated.

* **Upgrades** – Council approved the replacement of our outdated phone system to meet current communications needs, and flooring replacement of the old carpet in the Thrift Shop's male clothing room and purse/shoe room.

* **Council Positions** – Several positions on Council are vacant. Council discussed how best to address this. The decision had been taken to leave them vacant while we had so many Covid-19 requirements to figure out. The Nominations Committee (Daphne Hanneman, John Cooke, Margo Aubert) will work on this over the coming months.

* **2022 Budget** – The draft 2022 budget put forward by the Finance Committee was reviewed. A few minor tweaks were requested. Council will vote to approve it at their November meeting.

* **Finances** – givings are down slightly from 2020. Fundraising and donations for space usage are now up slightly. Expenses are as expected, a little lower than budgeted amounts. To the end of September our deficit was \$22,000, less than it was this time last year and the Q3 Thrift Shop revenue isn't included. So, our deficit is about as we expected at this point in the year!

Our next Council meeting is November 16th and we will again provide you an update. If you have a concern, thought or suggestion for Council ... call the office and leave a message.

Judy Ryan for TSA Council