

WELCOME TO OUR

# Weekly Newsletter

*we're so glad you're here!*

HEY, HOW ARE YOU?

## A Message from our Clerk



Yours truly,  
Mrs. Bethany Wheaton | Clerk



## From The Pastor's Pen

***"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world." J. R. R. Tolkien – The Hobbit***

For something a little different this week, I thought I'd share some recommended reading, as well as some things that I've got on the go. Reading is one of my favorite things, and though I don't have much time for it, there is nothing better than a hot cup of something, and a good book. I think we spend too much time on recreation that doesn't build us up at the same time. Reading fills that, as one can read both for fun, and to learn. Obviously the Bible is in this list, and it is a book to be held in a special place of the heart. While other works can be grand, the Bible is set apart, and something that we should be reading daily. What I'll be talking about today though, are books that will enhance your Bible time, or compliment it. Most of these, you should be able to find online as well.

Books I would recommend to someone wanting to learn more about faith / the Bible:

- Anything by C. S. Lewis From Narnia to Mere Christianity, Lewis is a great entry point to theology, and to some deeper themes in faith. Some of my favorites would include Mere Christianity, and The Problem with Pain, as these both really invite some deeper thinking. Narnia is also a classic, and was famously written around the same time as The Lord of the Rings. (Lewis and Tolkien had a friendly rivalry with each other.)

- William LaSor's Old Testament Survey

Often, we miss things in the Old Testament because we don't have the ears of an ancient Jewish person. Unfortunate, that means that some of us can tend to skip over the Old Testament, and think it to be "lower" than the New Testament. Both are inspired word, but books like Old Testament Survey: The Message, Form, and Background of the Old Testament by Lasor can help us to make better sense of it. Some can be very dry or academic, but I find this does a really good job of bridging the gap.

- William Barclay's Bible Commentary

One of my Divinity school professors called this series the "Saturday Night Sermon Special", and truthfully, he was not wrong. Barclay has a really easy to enter New Testament commentary series. (Commentaries explain things in the Bible that might not be clear). Thankfully, all of them have also been put online for free! These work really well in conjunction with a daily devotion. Link: <https://www.bibleportal.com/commentary/william-barclay>

Books I am currently reading myself:

- A Collection of A. W. Tozer's work

Tozer is a well renowned theologian, and one that I am enjoying exploring how he thinks about faith. Out of the books I am reading, this is my biggest "studying" book.

- "Shake Hands with the Devil" Roméo Dallaire's Autobiography

I have often been inspired by works featuring people who have faced insurmountable problems, and how they have coped with it. I find it gives me inspiration for my own work, knowing that people still do stand up to evil. This is one of those books, and one that I have been very slowly reading. I don't want to rush through this one.

- "Meditations" Marcus Aurelius – Translated by George Long

I believe in being well read, and though I have read bits and pieces of this book, I've finally gotten my hands on a copy and am reading through it now. This is a classic piece of Greek philosophy, and one that I am enjoying tremendously. Marcus Aurelius was a Roman emperor, and stoic philosopher, and this is a collection of his writing.

This is a bit different column then previous weeks, but I hope that it is just as interesting. The current Canadian illiteracy rate is around 25%, with a lot of that being children, and I think that reading is paramount. It is helpful in our walk with God, in deepening ourselves in our walk with Him, and also makes us more knowledgeable people – which is never a bad thing.

**Cheers, Rev. Connor Kehoe**

# Food Pantry

Please remember the Food Pantry in front of the church, if you are able to contribute. This can be a particularly difficult time of year for some families and the contents of this pantry just may bless someone in ways you may never know. Thanks to everyone who has participated in this ministry.



## Once Monthly Potluck

On the last Sunday of each month at 4:30pm, meet us in the vestry for a potluck meal and time of fellowship. Would love if some of you could bring a gluten-free dish! (Please label it accordingly, thanks!)



## Last Week's Service

[Click Here – Sunday, February 8th 2026](#)



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