

WELCOME TO OUR

# Weekly Newsletter

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

HEY, HOW ARE YOU?

## A Message from our Clerk

Greetings folks!

Hope you are all doing well.

Hard to believe we are now in February. Before long we will be seeing signs of spring. Now I know for some, that may seem a bit far off, but may we recognize the blessings in each season God reveals to us.

Hope you are all having a great weekend and are staying healthy.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Bethany Wheaton | Clerk





## From The Pastor's Pen

***He grokked that this was one of the critical cusps in the growth of a being wherein contemplation must bring forth right action in order to permit further growth. He acted. - Robert A Heinlein "Stranger in a Strange Land"***

I've noticed a little bit of a pattern in the past few weeks of Canning's newsletter, and that is that I have been fairly critical of the church. I've spoken about how we need to wake up again, how we need to change, and that we need to become more disciplined. You'd be right to say that I am critical of the church, but I want to take this week to explain why.

Having grown up in the church, and having my father be the pastor was quite interesting in how it has enabled me to be who I am today. One of the greatest gifts that my dad gave me in that, was that he never shielded me from everything that the church can be. I'm sure he did to an extent, but I was able to see how ugly the church can be sometimes. The bad things that happen, the hypocrisy, and churches that are not living out the call of Christ.

And for a little while I was pretty jaded by the whole thing – as are a lot of people in today's world. In fact, when speaking to younger people, this is one of their biggest complaints about the church. It simply is not living up to what it is supposed to be. Jesus Himself spends large portions of the Gospels doing this very thing to the religious leaders of the day. This culminates in Matthew 23, where Jesus' heart is breaking at the state to which the institution has fallen. In some ways, the synagogue itself had become an idol, and I wonder how close we are to that ourselves.

I am not critical out of anger, and I am not critical with no hope. I have seen church done poorly sure, but I have also seen church done well, and I've seen the power it has to change lives for the better. When I get critical, it's born out of a love for Christ and the church, and a desire for it to be done better – not for it to be torn down. I've seen people of faith gather and enact great positive change in their communities, and it makes my heart glad. I think that we need to grasp onto that, instead of being stuck in our buildings.

I am also realize, that this goal of perfection needs to be met with practicality. Not every gathering can open food banks, kids groups, or spend lots of money in charity work. What I do believe though, is that the Spirit guides each of us to a place where we can help, and we need to run with it and go to those places. It will scare you, and I hope it does, because it is in those places that we can make the light shine, in a world of increasing darkness. After all, all evil needs is for good people to stay silent – and that is why I am critical at times.

**Cheers, Rev. Connor Kehoe**

## Business Meeting

The next business meeting will be held in the vestry at 4:30PM on Sunday afternoon (February 8<sup>th</sup> 2026). All are welcome to attend as we hear the minutes from the previous meeting and discuss matters pertaining to the church.



## 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 – Saturday,  
January 31st 2026](#)





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