

WELCOME TO OUR

Weekly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

HEY, HOW ARE YOU?

A Message from our Clerk



Greetings folks!

I realize I am quite late getting this newsletter to you all today!

I had a medical issue arise that required some IV meds at the hospital today. Thankfully, this means I'll be on the mend sooner rather than later.



Hope you are all having a great weekend.

Yours truly,
Bethany Wheaton | Clerk



From The Pastor's Pen

But it is always easy to let ritual take the place of love. It is always easy to let worship become a matter of the Church building instead of a matter of the whole life. The priest and the levite could pass by the wounded traveller because they were eager to get on with the ritual of the temple.

William Barclay

One of the questions I frequently get as a pastor, is how do we get people into our churches? I could write several essays that are far too long on this topic alone, but I'll try to keep it as brief as I can. This topic is a worry for many of our churches, especially those facing decline, and I have been asked it time and time again. But I think we get the question wrong, especially in our post-Christian Canada, where the majority of the population is agnostic, or of another faith. Instead of asking how do we draw people into the churches, we should be asking, how can our churches meet people in our communities? Or in other words, instead of focusing inwardly, how can we have an outward focus?

When Canada still claimed to be a Christian nation, we began to become very insular in our churches. (of course not every church, but a lot of us did). Instead of reaching out, we looked inward instead, which was easy given that most of the community was there on Sunday. But as the times changed, and as people began to move away from the church, we didn't change where we were looking. We continued to look inwardly, and just hoped that people would come out.

I think to answer this conundrum, we should look at the great commission. As Jesus is about to ascend, He gives the disciples this last great mission. To go out and tell the word. But the key to our question lies right in front of us. In Matthew 28:19, the first words are "Therefore, go..." – and these 2 words are the key to our question. How do we get more people in our churches? (Or the better question being: "How do we share the Gospel so that people might meet Jesus?") The answer is simple, GO!

I think we have become comfortable in our complaint of people not coming. It's almost comfortable to be cranky about things, but the answer to our problem is to go out in the world around us, and talk about Jesus. In the past, it seemed like most people would go to church, so we really didn't do much "going" out into the world, but I think its time for the sleepers to awaken. I am not saying we need to stop looking inwardly altogether, but we need to get out into our communities, and not just be there, but we need to serve them.

This does not look the same in every church, so alas I cannot give a blueprint on how to do this, but every community around us has a need. And we are called to fill that need (Matthew 25:35-40). And then in showing the love of Christ to them, we call upon them to share in Christ's love with us. It's not a bribe or coercion, it's an example of how even in today's dark world, there are still people that believe that it can be better.

That, or I'm just an idealist, but I would rather try and make the world better and fail, then never try at all.

Cheers, Rev. Connor Kehoe

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!)



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