

# The Messenger

**FOREST HILL  
UNITED CHURCH  
KITCHENER  
October 2021**



Happy Halloween!

This is a season of celebration and not just in costume. This weekend we are to be remembering all the saints we have known in our lives and those we have only heard stories about. St Nicholas for example was well a great example of generosity and kindness. But we have many folks who have touched our lives: that have guided our faith and shown us how to be in the world by their living example. Lets' imagine that you are one of those saintly people in the lives of others.

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No you probably haven't healed the sick, or flown magical reindeer or been martyred for your faith BUT that doesn't mean others haven't seen your kindness or watched your patience or listened to your wisdom. All of us have these gifts to share and in the sharing become the saints of today. With a little practice, spiritual practice that is, you might just begin to recognize those gifts in yourself.

Yes a shameless plug for turning NO-vember into YES-vember.

Hope to see you or that you try the practices on your own.

Peace Gary





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**Did You Know or Forget?**

**There is Coffee & Conversation  
every Wednesday from 10-11 am.**

**On ZOOM!**

**Check your email for the link.  
Never used Zoom? Click the link and  
download. Yes, you can!!**





**COFFEE ON YOUR SUNDAE ZOOM MEETING**

**EVERY SUNDAY @ 11:30AM**

**A REMINDER AND LINK WILL BE SENT OUT TO THE CONGREGATION THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICE**



# Summary of September Council Meeting

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It was a fairly short agenda for our September Council meeting. Below are the highlights:

- Financial up-date end of August -  
Total Revenue: \$ 241,351.78  
Total Expenses: \$ 211,112.12                      Net Income: \$ 30,239.66
- Re-opening of Church Services - Gradual re-opening starting September 26th with Council and Safe Start Committee. October 3rd will start with congregational members. Total number of 30 allowed in church. People will need to pre-register for the Sunday service.
- Production of the on-line service - Pre-recorded services will be done up to October 3rd and will be live streamed going forward from October 10th onward. Congregation will have to watch the service live on You Tube at 10 am.
- M.J. will be returning to the sanctuary on October 3rd, to coincide with the congregation returning to the church and live streaming
- Memorial Grove cement pad has been poured - pricing increased since initial quote due to shortages in the building industry
- Rob Steele has taken over the Property team from Murray Gordanier. Murray will be assisting Rob with the transition into this important role
- Church rentals are slowing starting to return - Bod Squad, CPR, Guides. The Korean Church has also returned to the Sanctuary as of September 19th.

The FHUC Council





## Blessings Box

The Blessings Box can always use replenishing.

We are inviting the Congregation to replenish our Blessings Box supplies whenever possible.

Donations can either be brought to the church office weekday mornings between 8:30am - 12:30pm or feel free to put them **directly into the box.**

Thank you



It is with sadness that we share the news of Larry Wiebe's death on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Condolences for Dorothy Wiebe and family.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Enclosed is a report from the Property Committee:**

- 1) Repair window frames in the lower section along the basement kitchen area and paint window. -- Jeff Ontonovich & team**
- 2) Supply and install heating cable on downspout at Fireside room wall, supply and install switch to control receptacle feeding heating cable, supply and install new ceiling mount occupancy sensor to control lights in Fireside room, ESA inspection fee. -- Murray Gordanier (complete)**
- 3) Complete annual boiler inspection.--Dennis (complete)**
- 4) Complete Memorial Grove installation.--Rob**
- 5) Supply and install mulch along wall outside Fireside room.--Rob & team (complete)**
- 6) Complete repairs to sign (insurance coverage).--Murry & Dennis (complete)**
- 7) Replace cold water tap in men's washroom.--Dennis (complete)**
- 8) Obtain quote for snowplowing/grass cutting for 2022.--Murray (complete)**
- 9) Repair Sanctuary windows-caulking.--Rob & team (complete)**
- 10) Adjust T-stats in building as required.--Alvin & Dennis**
- 11) Replace door handle in quiet room.--Fred (complete)**
- 12) Give yearly contract to new caretakers.--Rob & Murray**
- 13) Supply emergency alarm bell for boiler shut-downs.--Dennis**
- 14) Repair wood panels in Sanctuary choir area.--Brian Clemens**
- 15) Replace broken window in choir room.--Rob**
- 16) Replace defective circulation motor on rooftop unit.--Murray**
- 17) Clean up gardens.--Murray & team**

**Murray Gordanier & Rob Steele - Property Chairs**





## Property Committee Members:

Percy Kaita

Dennis Dechert

Murray Gordanier

Dale Irvin

Bryan Perkins

Jack Rice

Rob Steele

Fred Boulton

Jeff Ontonovich

Ken Usher

Fraser Gibson

Doug Sullivan

Alvin McCurdy

Gary Clark

Wayne Nelson



## LITTLE FREE DIVERSE LIBRARY

News! News! - **It is up and running!!!**

FHUC partners with Little Free Diverse Libraries

Please see this webpage to hear more about the project:

<https://www.kwlittlefreediverselibraries.com/>

Thanks to Patrice Thorn and Ron Morgan for keeping the little library stocked and running.

The LFDL is intended to give voice to Indigenous and marginalized writers. We hope that an exchange of books written by these authors will increase understanding in our city and country.

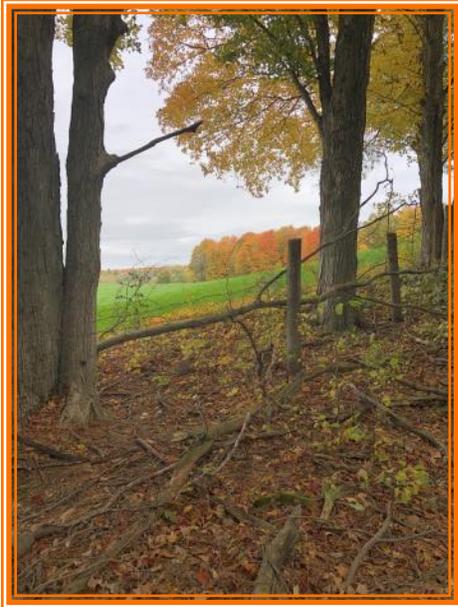
Our little diverse library is always looking for donations of Indigenous and marginalized writers books.

Please read and enjoy and remember to return the books!



**NATURE'S GIFT FOR OCTOBER 2021**

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**Enjoying the Autumn colours!**

# CONGRATULATIONS



**Congratulations to Murray & Bev Gordanier's grand daughter  
- Nicole as she just graduated from nursing school.**

## **Misc. Announcements:**



**Brian Carter would like everyone to know he has new phone numbers:**

**Home - 519-888-1703**

**Cell - 226-808-6602**

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**Chris Robinson would like everyone to know the Scout material has been  
relocated to the back storage area beside McIntyre Hall**





oneROOF  
YOUTH SERVICES

Hello,

My name is Cheryl Stewart, and I'm writing to you regarding the Host Homes program we run at oneROOF Youth Services here in Kitchener. It's a program we run to divert youth who are either homeless or at risk of being homeless out of the emergency shelter system, and into temporary living accommodations. The accommodations are provided by generous volunteers out in our community who open their homes to youth for short stays (typically ranging from 30-90 days.) There is a small stipend of \$90/week to help offset the cost of hosting. The youth we assist are low risk individuals that are fully supported by our staff to help them find permanent housing, and achieve other goals while staying in the host home.

We are actively trying to recruit more host homes, and have found that members from the faith-based community often show a lot of interest in participating. We would be delighted to discuss the program in more detail with you, and if you think it's something your congregation would be interested in hearing about, we'd love to connect with them as well!

Thanks so much for the opportunity. I wish you well.

## Memorial Grove

At long last I am happy to share that Phase 1 of the Memorial Grove is completed. During the last 18 months of the Covid Pandemic, Forest Hill has lost many of its faithful congregants. With the restrictions of attending services of remembrance, so many wondered how or what could be done to honour those who had been dearly a part of our faith community. With gratitude for the United Church's Emerging Spirit Fund grant of \$4000.00, and the donations offered in memory of loved ones, the vision of a quiet place to honour, to remember and to reflect was created in 2020. It has become a visual reality in just these last few weeks! The simplicity of the Memorial Grove will offer our Forest Hill and the neighborhood folks an opportunity to sit and contemplate the natural beauty and love of God's creation...within the shelter of beautiful trees, the warming sunshine from the east, the visual bounty of the community gardens, the gentle touching breeze of God's Spirit and the sweet music of the bird's melodies.

There are 2 benches on order and hopefully they will arrive by December and in time for the Longest Night service when we indeed remember those we are mourning the loss of.

Phase 2's plans are for more benches, as space dictates, and at least 2 more trees and possibly flowering bushes to be environmentally astute...and maybe even a handcrafted Peace Pole!

The wisdom of our Forest Hill gardeners is to keep the grove as simple to maintain as possible and to not have individual names noted.

This created space will offer endless opportunities for gatherings...including, outdoor weather permitting, services!

The Forest Hill Memorial Grove will be maintained by donated memorial gifts. Presently we have used what donation money we have had accumulating during these pandemic months. Any future plans to enhance the Grove will be made possible by the generosity of our community of faith as we remember loved ones who have touched our lives through gifts dedicated to the Memorial Grove.

With gratitude for blessings already visible and those yet to manifest,

Rev. Ellen





**Our Winter Wonderland  
Bazaar is back  
- after a one year pause!**

**HELP NEEDED!!!**

It will be a scaled down version from what we're accustomed to but it is so exciting to be taking a step in the direction of normalcy. Saturday, November 20 is the date! 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM is the time. All COVID restrictions and protocols will be in place.

The bazaar will consist of our ever popular cookie trays, baking and preserves, as well as handicrafts made by our own talented Forest Hill family. There will not be any external vendors. The event will utilize the entire main floor only, with one-way traffic in place.

Not only do we want you and all your friends and family to attend but we also need your help ahead of time. Please read on.

We're looking for several individuals to commit to baking the following:

- 5 dozen Haystacks
- 5 dozen Chow Mein cookies
- 5 dozen Thumbprint cookies
- 5 dozen Icebox cookies
- 5 dozen Almond Crescents
- 5 dozen Truffles
- 5 dozen Shortbreads

Pease email Donna Dechert at [dddech@rogers.com](mailto:dddech@rogers.com) or phone 519-743-9038 to offer details of your assistance.

Recipes will be provided for all except the shortbreads.

**Volunteers are also required to provide for the bake table. What you bake is up to you so no prior commitment is required. However, packaging materials are available ahead of time and can be picked up at the church on Monday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 9 from 9:30 - Noon.**

**We need volunteers to package cookies on Friday, November 19 at 9:00 AM for approximately 2 hours.**

**Volunteers are also required for 2-hour increments (9:00 - 11:00 or 11:00 - 1:00) the day of the bazaar. This requires standing for the majority of the time as well as wearing a mask and gloves. You can also contact Donna Dechert to volunteer for any of these opportunities.**

**Cookies must be brought to the church by 9:00 AM on Friday, November 19. Baking, preserves and handicrafts can be brought to the church on Friday, November 19 before 12:30 PM.**

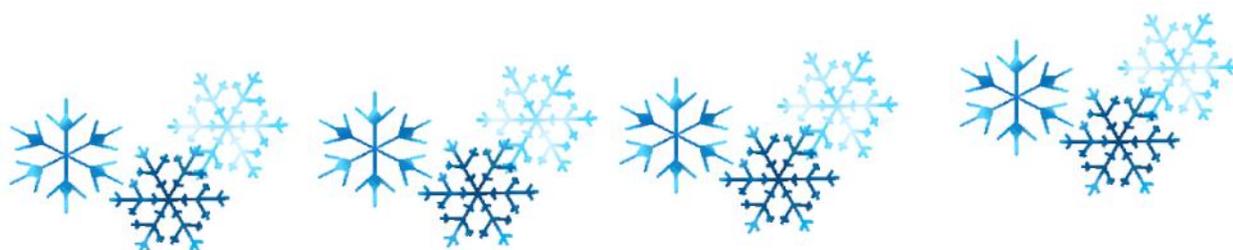
**If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact either Betty Kocher or Donna Dechert.**

**Scaled down the Winter Wonderland Bazaar may be but that's not to say that it won't be an awesome event and amazing fundraiser!**

**Thank you sooo much and we look forward to hearing from you real soon.**

**Betty Kocher & Donna Dechert**

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Betty Kocher - 519-578-8248 or email [bettykocher@yahoo.ca](mailto:bettykocher@yahoo.ca)**



## Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	. . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn	. . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn	. . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn	. . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn	. . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn	. . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn.	. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn	. . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn	. . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn	. . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn	. . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn	. . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.		He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph	. . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	. . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	. . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	. . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	. . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

**Thank you John Wilson for this little piece of humour.**



Looking for recipe submissions. Come on people lets share some good recipes!

## Gluten-free Pumpkin Cupcakes

### Ingredients (makes 12 cupcakes)

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup pure pumpkin puree
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup gluten free all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin spice
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt



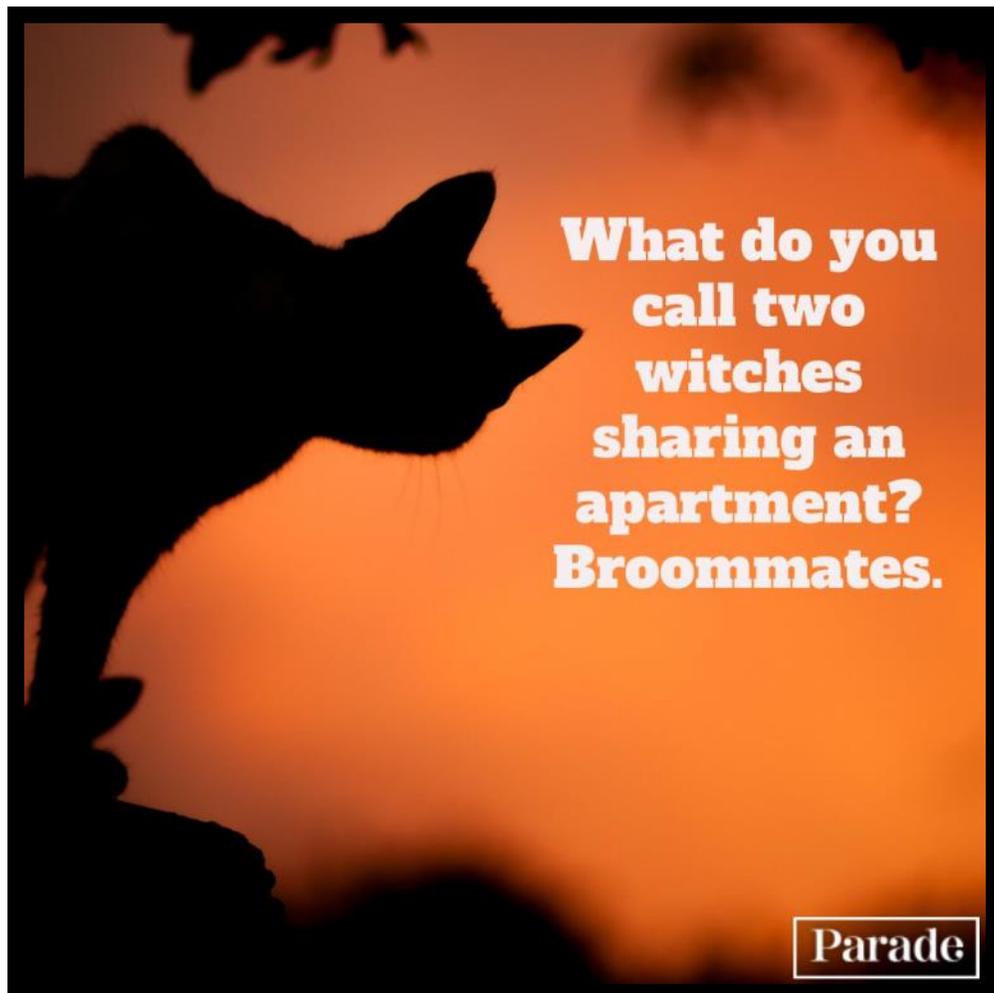
### Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 6 oz cream cheese (room temperature)
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon pumpkin spice
- 4 cups powdered sugar

### Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Add flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder, soda and salt (put aside)
- Add eggs, sugar, oil, pumpkin puree & vanilla and mix until smooth. Add dry ingredients, mix and let sit 5 minutes.
- Scoop into cupcake liners and bake 17-19 minutes.
- For icing - add cream cheese, butter, vanilla & pumpkin spice to electric mixer and blend until smooth and creamy
- Enjoy! They are delicious.

Recipe from [iowagirleats.com](http://iowagirleats.com)



HELLO  
OCTOBER

**What do you  
call two  
witches  
sharing an  
apartment?  
Broommates.**

Parade

# COMIC CORNER



## VIRTUAL CHOIR



### ONLINE CHOIR SINGING

The Forest Hill Choir is meeting every three weeks for a Sing-a-long on Zoom.

We gather on Zoom for 45 minutes to socialize, and then sing together with mics muted. New members or drop-ins are welcome.

Please let M.J. know in advance if you would like to come so she can supply you with the music for the week.

### The Choir Sing-tastic Zoom Socials

The next two dates are:

Nov. 18

Dec. 9







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