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Pinegrove Post

"Reaching Out to Others With God's Love"

Autumn 2016 Edition

**A Message from our Pastor
Hubert Den Draak**

WHAT'S NEXT?



With Thanksgiving we look back on the year behind us to give thanks for all God's blessings in it. It's a good practice, something we cannot do enough. But what if Thanksgiving is also about looking forward into the future? Looking forward into the "big unknown" changes how we think about Thanksgiving, because we never know for certain if the material blessings we have received will continue. Life happens, it can change in the blink of an eye.



Scary thought, right? Or is it...? If we realize that the God "from whom all blessings flow" will continue to be with us, no matter what happens, then Thanksgiving stops being about material blessings, and starts to be about God's promises to always be with us. And once that really sinks in, we can handle whatever may happen to us.

It's easy to give thanks as long as life is going well by our standards. But if Thanksgiving were just about material blessings, then it can be very difficult to give thanks when the economy changes on us, or our health, or family relationships. Tough changes can easily turn Thanksgiving into a day of bitterness, resentment, pain or emptiness.

So what happens when things go bad? Can we give thanks? Or do we blame God for it? The great apostle Paul, writing to the Church in Ephesus, says, "Give thanks at all times and in all places." Easy for him to say, right? Well, not exactly! He wrote that from a dank Roman jail, awaiting his trial and expecting to be sentenced to a horrible death. And yet, he somehow found the strength to give God thanks. Wow... It always gets me. Here is someone who fully experienced God's presence, even when things couldn't be any worse. And he gave thanks for it.

We don't know what the future will bring us, but of one thing we can be absolutely sure: God will be with us, no matter what may happen to us. Not as a good luck charm, but as a constant friend. God has always and will always accompany us through difficult and bewildering times. Sure, we should give thanks for the many material blessings that we have received; but we should also be thankful for the amazing intangible blessing that God will stick with us through thick and thin. There is awesome power in that, as Paul showed.

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Sunday Services

**Services are at
10:30 am**

October 16
Multi-site Service

2:30 pm - Covenanting
service for Hubert Den
Draak, followed by short
reception.

October 23
Pastor Hubert

October 30
GodSpot Service

November 6
Pastor Hubert

November 13
Multi-site Service
Remembrance Sunday

November 20
Multi-site Service

November 27
Pastor Hubert
(First Sunday of Advent)

December 4
White Gift Sunday
GodSpot Service

December 11
Pastor Hubert

December 14 (7:30 pm)
Blue Christmas

December 18
Multi-site Service

December 24
Christmas Eve Service
Holy Communion
Time: to be announced

December 25
NO SERVICE TODAY

January 1, 2017
Wassailing breakfast
service

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I look back with thanks for the year that is past, for God's presence in friends and in strangers, in music and silence, in unmerited love, in tough challenges and in unexpected places. And I realize that God was always present, even when things were hard. And as I look into the uncertain future, I do that with confidence and thanksgiving because I know that God is there waiting to provide me with everything I may ever need to make it through.

So let's give thanks - for the future.

In Christ,
Pastor Hubert

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM YOUR BOARD

This time of year, is a great time to take a look around us and BE THANKFUL! We are blessed.

In our Church family, we are thankful for so many wonderful, generous people. I am thinking of the people who work at the Shelter House monthly, who keep our church building and grounds looking great, doing the paperwork, etc. and now volunteering with the Café del Soul group. It is so great to see everyone from our community enjoying fellowship at the Church on those days. Thanks so much to everyone.



The Fall Supper is coming up on October 19th at the Rosslyn Community Centre. This is an opportunity for us to prepare and enjoy a meal with people in our community. Everyone loves our food and this is a way that some people feel a part of our Church family. Let's reach out and see who we can invite to be a part of this fun Pinegrove tradition. If you can help in any way, please call us or sign up at Church.

Blessings,
Claire Belluz, Chair

A Few Notes from the Property Committee

The Committee has been busy over the summer with the grass cutting and trimming. We thank all those who helped out with this task. Special hard wiring was completed for the streaming system and new fire extinguishers were installed. This brought our systems up to code as per the directions of the Oliver Paipoonge Fire Chief.

The Church roof has been troublesome for a number of years. The Committee decided that patch work repairs were no longer feasible. A quote for the necessary repairs was accepted at the recent Board meeting and the cost will be just over \$5,000. If anyone wants to help with the cost, please put your money in an envelope marked roof repairs and it will be credited to your givings.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!
The Property Committee

CORN ROAST - The annual Welcome Back Corn Roast was held at Pinegrove on Friday, September 9, and was a success as usual with about 25 people in attendance. Although we didn't have the full cooperation of the weather, it didn't deter attendees. Everything was moved inside and "a great time was had by all!"

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

What time do you prefer to have the Christmas Eve service on December 24th?

Please contact Claire at 475-5173, or at donclaire@belluzfarms.on.ca or see me at Church soon so that we can get the time confirmed.



Country Christmas Tea
Be sure to mark your calendars for our Country Christmas Tea which will be held on:

Saturday, November 19

After the Fall Supper, tickets will be available, along with lists that will be posted for helpers and donations.

“The Great Plains” Concert

On Sunday, September 25, about 50 people gathered in the Pinegrove Sanctuary to hear Darrel and Saskia Delaronde, “The Great Plains”, a husband and wife singing duo. This Canadian group put on a fantastic show. Their music is a blend of folk, country, celtic, gospel, even a little yodeling! and they write many of their own songs.

Following the concert, refreshments were shared in Fellowship Hall. We’ve made them promise to come back again during their next tour, so we will keep you posted!



Café del Soul is a Hit!

Pinegrove's new outreach project, Café del Soul, was rolled out for the first time on September 8. The first luncheon was attended by many members of the community, folks from Pinegrove's congregation, local media, and special guests including the Hon. Bill Mauro, M.P.P., Alana Bishop - Councillor for Oliver Paipooonge, and a representative from the office of Don Rusnak, M.P. The latter brought along a certificate commemorating the project's opening day, which you may see on the table in the narthex.

Organizers were pleased to decorate with the art and photography of two local young people from Slate River: Kyra Harasen and her brother Max. The art will stay up until the end of October - should you wish to purchase one of the pieces, see Pastor Hubert or Wendy O'Connor.



The last two luncheons on September 22 and October 6 have each seen more new faces - people glad to enjoy a meal, fellowship and connection with others. On September 22 a sing-along "broke out", and on October 6, live music was provided by two local musicians who had themselves attended a luncheon in September. Guests also enjoyed seeing old and new friends, and having a lively game of crokinole!

You are invited to come to a luncheon and see what all the excitement's about! Next one is on Thursday, October 20, from 11 am to 1 pm. Listen to the weekly announcements for more dates.

~ Wendy O'Connor

OUTREACH - SHELTER HOUSE



We are in need of 2 people to be on our group for Shelter House, every other month for about 2 - 2.5 hrs., preparing the mid-day meal. That is only 6 times per year. We socialize while we work and time flies by. If you feel you might be interested in volunteering, please call Marion Wilson at 939-2966.



2-Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake

Ingredients:

- 1½ c. graham crumbs
- ½ c. sugar
- 6 T. hard margarine or butter
- 2 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese (softened)
- 1 large tub of Cool Whip (divided)
- 2 c. icing sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 pkg. vanilla instant pudding
- ½ c. milk
- 3 c. pure pumpkin puree
- 4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

Directions:

Crust: Mix the graham crumbs with the sugar. Melt the butter or margarine and stir into the crumb mixture until well-blended. Press into a 9 x 13" pan and bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool.

Cream Cheese Layer: Mix the softened cream cheese with 2 c. of the Cool Whip. Add the icing sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth; spread over cooled crust.

Pumpkin Layer: Combine the dry instant pudding and the pumpkin pie spice with the pumpkin puree. Add the milk and 2 cups of the Cool Whip. Mix until well-blended. Spoon the mixture over the cream cheese layer. Top with the remaining 1 cup of Cool Whip. Chill before serving. Serves many. If desired, you could decorate each slice with a small amount of whipped cream and a pinch of nutmeg. Freezes well.

PINEGROVE'S FALL SUPPER

WHY AM I CALLED – WHAT IS EXPECTED

Our 48th annual Fall supper is on Wednesday, October 19th, at the Rosslyn Community Centre. There are 2 sittings, one at 4:30 pm and one at 6:15 pm. Tickets are \$17 for adults. If you have 8 people in your group, you can have a table reserved. Tickets do go fast, especially the 4:30 sitting, and are usually sold out by the supper date. Posters with all the information on them are available for pick up in the vestibule at the church. If you are able, it would be much appreciated if you take one or two and post them somewhere to help us out with the advertising.

We do call everyone from the church and ask for specific donations of items or cash donations toward the Turkey purchase. This has been our practice as long as I can remember, and it allows everyone to be part of our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you feel you cannot give what is requested, let the caller know. Perhaps you would like to make a small donation towards the cost of the turkeys instead. If you can bake a pie or 2 we would be so pleased as homemade pies are one of the star attractions of our supper. Donations to the bake sale are also greatly appreciated as well. If anyone wishes to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule with jobs and times listed. Helping out really allows you to get to know members of the congregation. You'll be surprised how much you'll enjoy yourself!

It is very important that ALL ITEMS BE AT THE CHURCH BY Sunday the 16th, except for pies and milk. We need to know what we have before Wednesday the 19th. If items are not brought in by the 16th, we assume they are not coming in and have to purchase these items instead, to ensure that we are completely prepared for our event.

This year we are once again assigning all seats for both sittings, as it worked very well last year. This means that you do not need to arrive really early and won't have to stand in line for too long. Though you may be seated earlier, the dinner will not be served until the stated times on the tickets - 4:30 and 6:15 pm. Also, please note that the bake and craft table does not begin selling until 4:00 pm.

Though this may sound very regimented, our supper has become very popular over the years, and we have to be diligent at maintaining the quality of the service. Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who is involved - together we make it a success!

~ Marion Wilson

PINEGROVE UNITED CHURCH

**48th ANNUAL
FALL SUPPER**

Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Rosslyn Community Hall - 3405 Rosslyn Rd.
(Corner of Rosslyn Rd. & Vibert Rd.)

MENU: turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberries, potatoes, turnips,
carrots, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, milk, juice, home-made pies

TWO SITTINGS
4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.
Take-out available after 5 p.m.

ALL TICKETS, including TAKE OUT, AVAILABLE BY
ADVANCE SALE.

Unsold tickets may be available at the door.
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

CRAFTS AND BAKED GOODS FOR SALE
Adults - \$17 Children 3-8 - \$7.2 and under - \$1

For tickets, call Donna at 935-2559 or
call the church office at 939-1364.
Tables can be reserved for groups of 8 or more.

FALL SUPPER TICKETS

Hurry and get your tickets for the Fall Supper while there are some left! There are tickets left for both the 4:30 and the 6:15 sittings as well as takeout meals. This is a delicious meal of turkey and all the trimmings.

Tell all your friends and neighbours about it. Get a group together and come out and enjoy the meal and the fellowship that goes with it. All seats are reserved when you buy a ticket.

FOR TICKETS CALL DONNA McNALLY at 935-2559.

See you there!
Donna