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# Pinegrove Post

*"Reaching Out to Others With God's Love"*  
Autumn 2017 Edition



## THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

This summer Jacomyn and I spent three weeks in Yukon Territory, something we'd been hoping to do for a long time. Up there the summer days are long, the landscapes are vast and rugged, the wildlife impressive and occasionally intimidating (at one campground we had to pitch our tent in an area enclosed by a tall electric fence to keep grizzlies at bay!), and the people are laidback and welcoming.



In Whitehorse we connected with the Rev. Beverly, the only United Church minister in the entire Yukon, and we became fast friends. We also learned from each other, as friends do. She was keen to learn about the way we use video and PowerPoint in our worship, as well as about our successful Café del Soul outreach program that she had already heard about.

As for me, I learned something unexpected from her: the spiritual practice of gratefulness and saying thanks. You see, every Saturday morning before starting work, she lights a candle and takes 30 minutes or so to think back on the week that's passed. During that time she seeks to pinpoint moments that she is grateful for, as many moments as possible. Simple things and complicated things, little things and big things, obvious things and obscure things. Things like a friend who called just when she needed it. A hot bath. Unexpected opportunities. The smell of fresh coffee. A good book. Mozart's music.

She writes them all down, and when she feels she's finished, she slowly reads them out loud one at a time, finishing by saying "Thank you, God! Thank you." In this era of social media she also posts most of her weekly list on Facebook, only leaving out the most personal things. And without fail many people respond to it with gladness and enthusiasm, often adding their own moments to it. Gratefulness producing more gratefulness.

"It's amazing what it has done for me and others", she told me. "Some weeks are easy and I can hardly keep up with everything I want to thank God for. Other weeks are tough and you think there's not much in it to be grateful for. But then I sit down and go over it in my mind, and all these special moments pop up, moments that otherwise would have slipped by unnoticed. It's both humbling and energizing. It's wonderful."

What Beverly taught me is that gratefulness is a practice. And any practice takes time and effort. If you want to learn how to shoot hoops or write poetry or knit, you don't do it only when you feel like it or when you can spare the time. You simply do it and you stick with it. And soon you'll realize that it's become like second nature to you.

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# Sunday Services

Services are at  
**10:30 am**

October 8

Pastor Hubert  
(Thanksgiving Service)

October 15

Pastor Hubert  
(Grow-A-Row Presentation)

October 22

Multi-site Service

October 29

Multi-site Service

November 5

Pastor Hubert

November 12

Multi-site Service  
(Remembrance Sunday)

November 19

Pastor Hubert

November 26

Multi-site Service

December 3

Multi-site Service

December 10

Pastor Hubert  
(First Sunday of Advent,  
White Gift Sunday)

December 14 (7:30 pm)

Blue Christmas  
(with holy Communion)

December 17

Multi-site Service

December 24

Christmas Eve Service with  
Holy Communion  
Time: 10 p.m.

December 31

Pastor Hubert  
(Wassailing potluck  
breakfast service)

## **THANKSGIVING MESSAGE** (continued from page 1)

This Newsletter is (hopefully...!) released on Thanksgiving Sunday. May we all develop our own practice to say "Thank you!" to God, even when it's been a tough week. Find a way of sharing them, if only by sticking them on your fridge, and like Beverly, you'll be amazed what it will do you for you and others.

Pastor Hubert

## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING from your Church 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. A lot has changed in the last year. It is so great to see everyone from our community enjoying fellowship at the Church these days. Thanks so much to everyone who organizes and volunteers for cuppa, Café del Soul, yard sale, music night, corn roast and family day, summer yard work, bookkeeping work, musical leadership, church committees, etc. The more we get involved, the more fun we have!

The Fall Supper is coming up on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Rosslyn Community Centre and 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

## **UPDATE - PINEGROVE HAPPENINGS**

**YARD SALE** - On Saturday, September 9, there was a yard sale at Pinegrove which raised \$718. Many thanks to Bev Reid (who had this idea in the first place) and Wendy O'Connor for organizing everything; there was a lot of gathering, sorting and pricing to do. Also thanks to Kevin O'Connor for picking up what was left at the end of a long day and for dropping it off at the Salvation Army Store in town.



**CORN ROAST**- On Friday, September 15, we had our annual corn roast at Pinegrove. The weather wasn't the best, which seemed to affect our attendance, so we decided to hold it inside, in Fellowship Hall. The corn from Belluz farm and the goodies were delicious, and the company was wonderful, as usual. Lots of fun was had by all.

**FAMILY DAY OUT** - Thanks are extended to Michelle Kolobutin and the folks at the Belluz farm for the great afternoon family outing held there on Sunday, September 17. Five families plus a few "young at heart" all enjoyed wagon rides, the corn maze, petting zoo, yummy hot dogs and fresh sweetcorn, and making new friends... It doesn't get much better than that! We are planning more gatherings like these, so stay tuned for announcements.



submitted by Wendy O'Connor



## Country Christmas Tea



On November 18, we will be holding our annual Country Christmas Tea at Pinegrove. Be sure to mark your calendars. After the Fall Supper, tickets will be available, along with lists that will be posted for helpers and donations.

As mentioned in the summer newsletter, this year, in addition to all our other sale areas (bake sale, the Little Country Market with specialty foods, and the silent auction), we would like to add one more - a table with new or gently used Christmas items or decorations. If you have any items that you'd like to find a new home for, please bring them to Pinegrove and place them in the boardroom.

## Café del Soul Rolls Out for Fall!

Café del Soul started its new season on September 7, and continues its lively luncheon events every first and third Thursday at Pinegrove. Have you given it a try?

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- Yourself
- A friend!
- Your appetite
- Your recent events & happy memories, to share in conversation if you wish
- Your concerns, uncertainties - also to share if you wish

Simply want to share with the Creator? Use the welcoming "quiet space" upstairs in the sanctuary. Everyone, in every mood, is welcome at Café!

### **WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE:**

- A full tummy!
- The warm security and energy that fellowship brings
- Good shared memories
- Knowing you are accepted just as you are
- Anticipation of the next Café!

So, come on out! Enjoy the warmth of the Café. You might even want to volunteer (hint: volunteers get all the same benefits, plus exercise!). Next Café is Thursday, October 19 from 11 am to 1 pm!

## A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It is so good to report that our financial situation has had a few boosts this past while. Our two recent fund raisers both did very well.

The yard sale on September 9 made a profit of \$718, thanks to all who organized it, worked at it, and supported it.

On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, our "Music Night" was also a great success. We were truly entertained with the lovely, lively music of Alec Ratz and the Kam Valley Fiddlers. Thanks are extended to the anonymous Pinegrove family who sponsored the musicians, enabling us to keep the free-will offering of \$257.20. Once again thanks to those who worked at it or supported it any way. Our next fundraiser is just around the corner – our Fall Supper on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

All of these events keep our church ALIVE! And help hold us together as a church family.

Marion Wilson  
Treasurer

*Winter is an etching,  
spring a watercolour,  
summer an oil painting,  
and autumn a mosaic of  
them all.*

*Stanley Horowitz*



### Pumpkin Bread

Recipe found on Pinterest

1½ c. all-purpose flour  
½ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. baking soda  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
¼ tsp. nutmeg  
1 T. pumpkin pie spice  
½ c. vegetable oil  
⅓ c. plus 2 T. white sugar  
1 c. light brown sugar  
2 eggs  
½ can pure pumpkin  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
⅓ c. water  
1 T. maple syrup (optional)

Instructions - Preheat oven to 350 degrees; grease and flour a 9x5 inch loaf pan; set aside. In a medium bowl, mix all the dry ingredients together – flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, and pumpkin pie spice and set aside. Using a mixer, cream together the oil and sugars, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary. Add eggs one at a time and vanilla, scraping down sides of the bowl. Add pumpkin, maple syrup and water, again scraping down the sides of the bowl. Add the bowl of dry ingredients a little at a time until just mixed together. Pour batter into prepared loaf pan and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean. Let cool completely in the pan before turning the pan over to take it out.

### Maple Cinnamon Butter

4 T. softened butter  
1 T. maple syrup  
½ tsp. cinnamon

Instructions - Whisk all ingredients together in a bowl and serve with bread.

*tsp. = teaspoon T. = tablespoon*

## ANNUAL FALL SUPPER



Our annual Fall Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Rosslyn Community Centre. Tickets are going quickly so call Joan Bailey at 628-5884 to get yours. There are only a few tickets left for the early sitting, but tickets are still available for the 6:15 sitting, or for takeout. There are 150 tickets per sitting, and all seats will, once again, be pre-assigned. This really helps cut down on the congestion at the doors.

Our help list is up, and we need many hands to do this. Please sign up if you can help. We also need donations for the bake table and bazaar, and especially donations of homemade pies as well. They are one of the big drawing cards for our supper!

This year when you are phoned you will have the opportunity to give a cash donation instead of an item such as a can of cranberry sauce or a pound of butter or whatever you are usually asked to bring. We realize this may be easier for some of you, as you can just put the donation in an envelope, marked "Fall Supper" and put it on the offering plate or mail it in. Any donation over \$20 will receive a tax receipt; it will be added to your yearly tax receipt. (You must write your name on it though so we know who to receipt.) Your support of this event will make the difference!

**GROW-A-ROW** - Our Grow-a-Row dedication Sunday is October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have an abundance of vegetables from your garden and wish to donate some to this campaign, bring them in for this date. Or, if you wish to donate a purchased bag of vegetables, that is fine too. Any cash donations should be written to the "Rural Cupboard Food Bank". All items from this campaign will go to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank.

**RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK** - Don't forget our monthly delivery of donated goods from all of your individual donations. The summer months have been pretty lean on donations received. The delivery dates and Sunday deadline dates are always listed in the weekly Pinegrove bulletin.



**PRAYER REQUESTS** - Do you have a special prayer request for a person or a situation? A basket has been placed on the table in the Narthex, along with a pad of paper and a pen. Please feel free to write a prayer request and leave it in the basket. They will be included during our time of prayer and the lighting of Candles of Hope, Joy and Concern.