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# *Pinegrove Post*

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



## **WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?**

Ahhh... summer is really, actually, truly and unstoppably here! Those long, lingering summer nights... The campfires and barbecues... Enjoying cool lake waters... Waking up with glorious sunburns and itchy bug bites...



Many of us who are active volunteers at the Community Centre, the library, the Legion, the Museum, etc. get some well-deserved R&R from their busy schedules. Time to recharge those batteries for next season!

For churches, however, things are a little different. Churches don't get any funding from local, provincial or federal governments. We cannot apply for grants to balance our budget. We cannot apply for financial assistance when things get tough. And yet, churches are expected to be there for weddings, baptisms, funerals and for outreach. We are there to celebrate with you in times of joy, and to offer you support in times of crisis.

Pinegrove spends a lot (a lot!) of time, energy and money on local outreach: from our very successful Café del Soul to food distribution to financial donations in case of emergencies. Groups make use of our buildings. Many of us put in countless hours of volunteering at local charities. The Minister is always there for you if you need to talk. And oh yes, we also offer meaningful worship and a place to reconnect with God and each other every single Sunday morning.

Now I don't usually talk about money or budgets; it can feel, well, impolite. Or boring. But money and faith go together. As Jesus put it: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Mat. 6:21). Nowadays we say: "Putting your money where your mouth is." Or as someone once told me, "Show me your bank statements, and I'll tell you what's important in your life."

We depend on donations from folks like you. Most donations are given during Sunday morning services. And that's the rub... With many of us away during the summer months, donations take a nosedive – but our bills don't. You see the problem?

So here's a proposal: we promise to keep on doing what we are good at. We'll continue to respond to Christ's call to be there for you and everyone who may need us.

In return, *you* promise to not forget about us while you're away relaxing. If you think that what we do is important for this community, then please consider supporting us to continue doing it. This is not about balancing budgets, this is about answering Christ's call to the best of our abilities.

## Summer Services: 9:30 a.m.

Starting on Sunday,  
July 2, services during the  
summer months will  
begin at 9:30 a.m.

On September 3,  
the service time will  
return to 10:30 a.m.



### WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE? (continued from page 1)

In this Newsletter you can read a bit more about "PAR", an easy and meaningful way to do this. And remember, all donation dollars stay right here in our community, not one penny goes to waste. Everybody wins!

Thank you for your continued support. May your summer be sweet and blessed.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Hubert Den Draak

### HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL from your Church Board



It's been quite a spring weather-wise and we all look forward to warmer summer days ahead. Maybe time to kick back a little for some, watch the garden grow, do some camping or travelling or it's your busy season perhaps. Lots to be thankful for - let's take time to be grateful for all of God's blessings in our life.

Your Church is a busy place these days with Café del Soul every two weeks, 4-H club meetings, and now for the next 4 months, MTO has rented office space in our Board room in the basement while they are doing the repaving of Highway 130. The rental will certainly be helpful in getting us through the summer financially.

Please do consider the PAR options for your givings this summer and throughout the year. It really helps us to know just how much is coming in each month so that we can plan accordingly. It takes the worry out of your life as well because you know that your Church is looked after.

Thanks to all the people who have helped out this spring at the Green Thumb Tea and other happenings at our Church. By working together, we can do great things to keep our little Church alive and well.

Please consider the request for a Church Treasurer, we really need to fill this position in order to do the work of the Church.

The summer services are all lined up starting at 9:30 am. Pastor Hubert will be here for July services and in August pulpit supply has been lined up with guests Anne MacDonald, Wendy O'Connor, Rev. Scott Gale and Sharon Loghrin taking the pulpit, so come on out and worship. We wish Hubert and Jacomyn a safe and interesting holiday to the Yukon in August.

Blessings,  
Claire Belluz

### PINEGROVE YARD SALE!!

Mark Your Calendars! On Saturday, September 9, there will be a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pinegrove. You are invited to start bringing your gently used items to Pinegrove where they will be sorted through and stored until the actual sale day – they can be placed in Friendship Hall (in the basement). *Please do NOT bring in clothes, shoes or large furniture.* If you are interested in helping out in any way (organizing, advertising, sorting, selling on the day, etc.), please contact the church office at 939-1364.







*submitted by Wendy O'Connor*



**Ken Jacobsen and his band entertain  
on June 15**

Café del Soul is wrapping up its first successful season (September - June) at Pinegrove! Many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped it grow.

Numbers of guests have continued to increase, peaking at 56 on June 15. What does this actually mean? 56 guests enjoyed a tasty lunch, music, art and good cheer. 56 guests had numerous lively conversations among each other. Memories were shared, new plans were made, relationships grew. And then, those 56 guests went out into the larger community energized, glad, and sharing the energy with hundreds of others.

We, too, are energized and glad, seeing the good that comes from Café del Soul!

Our own Jill Schutte currently has an installation of art on the walls downstairs, which has enhanced the last few Café luncheons. Please have a look and consider

purchasing your favourite - Jill is donating all proceeds to Pinegrove United Church. Thank you, Jill!

The Café del Soul luncheons will resume on Thursday, September 7, and the Steering Committee is looking at new, additional outreach activities. We need more volunteers to add to our fun, dynamic group - if you'd like to volunteer, just speak to Wendy O'Connor or to Pastor Hubert.

### A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It is hard to believe that 6 months has gone from 2017. We have been able to keep up with our expenses, however, we are always running close to our bank balance. Of course the profit of \$3,170.45 from the Green Thumb Tea really helped.

Thank you to all who have tried to increase your givings. You will see that we have included PAR information in your envelopes, for those who might want to give to the church in this way. It sure helps if you have a constant amount coming in over the summer when attendance is down as the expenses still occur whether it is summer or not. Our fundraiser "Give Up A Cup" (see details in last newsletter) has already brought in \$205.50. Thank you Jill for coming up with this idea and for looking after it.

Please remember to put your number or name on your offering envelope, and the amount your giving as it sure helps the finance people who are counting the offering every Sunday.

### PINEGROVE'S ANNUAL PICNIC AND POTLUCK

On Sunday, June 25, the annual Pinegrove Picnic and Potluck Lunch was held. The weather cooperated and, luckily, the rain held off until everyone went home. There were games, prizes and great food for all to enjoy.

### Looking Ahead :



### Country Christmas Tea

On November 18, Pinegrove will be having our annual Country Christmas Tea. In addition to all our other sale areas, this year we'd like to add one more - tables 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 on the counter in the room at the bottom of the stairs.

### WHAT DOES PINEGROVE MEAN TO YOU?

Are you interested in working on ways to keep Pinegrove sustainable in the future? The Pinegrove Board is looking for people to sit on a Steering Committee to look at ways we can achieve this goal. It could be ways to raise givings, fundraising ideas, ways to grow our membership - fun activities to attract new families and keep our church alive and well for a long time. If you are interested, please talk to Claire Belluz or Pastor Hubert.

### Broadway United Summer Services

For the months of July and August (July 6 - August 31), Broadway United Church will, once again, be holding their weekly church services at 7 pm on Thursday evenings. All are welcome!

## Amish Rhubarb Square

### Butter Shortbread Crust:

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened to room temperature

Mix all crust ingredients in a large mixing bowl until well combined. Press into a buttered, 9×13, glass baking dish. Bake in preheated 350° F oven for 15 minutes. While crust is baking, prepare the filling.

### Rhubarb Filling:

- 4 large or extra large eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup all purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 cups chopped rhubarb, (packed tightly)

Mix eggs, sugar, flour, and salt in a mixing bowl until smooth. Fold in rhubarb. Once crust is done baking, pour filling evenly over hot crust. Smooth surface with a rubber spatula. Bake an additional 40 to 45 minutes, or just until set and lightly golden on top. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Once cool, gently loosen from sides of pan and cut into squares. Dust with powdered sugar. Serve.

## Healty No-Bake Gluten-Free Kit Kat Crunch Bars

### Ingredients

- 3 c. Rice Chex Cereal
- 1.5 c. chocolate chips
- 1 c. Peanut Butter
- ½ c. pure maple syrup
- ¼ c. coconut oil (or butter)

### Instructions:

Line an 8 x 8-inch deep dish or deep baking tray of choice with parchment paper and set aside. Add Rice Chex cereal (or Chex cereal of choice) in a large mixing bowl and set aside. In a microwave safe bowl or stovetop, combine all your other ingredients and heat until melted. Remove from microwave/off stove and whisk until completely incorporated.

Pour the wet mixture over the Rice Chex cereal and mix until combined. Pour into the lined baking dish and refrigerate until firm (at least an hour). Remove and cut into bars.

## 2017 GREEN THUMB TEA

(reported by Marion Wilson)

Another successful tea was held on May 24<sup>th</sup>. It sold out early, with no tickets sold at the door this year. We had our tea and delicious desserts in Friendship Hall downstairs, and then moved upstairs to the sanctuary, where we listened to the speakers. This was so much better than holding the entire event downstairs. The timing was a little stretched, but everyone could comfortably see and hear the speakers. We will continue to do this with the future teas. This also allowed the volunteers downstairs to get the clean up done much easier and quicker, which makes everyone happy! No ticket sales at the door also worked well and there were no hassles or complaints. We plan to continue that for next year too. Our tea next year will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, and the topic will be "What's Your Question?"

Our profit was \$3,170.45, our best ever! Thank you all for volunteering and supporting our tea in any way. I know you also got to enjoy working together with your church family, an even better "profit". It is all good! We are Blessed!



## MISSION & OUTREACH

- Don't forget the Rural Cupboard Food Bank over the summer as there is a real need all year round.
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month the groceries gathered are taken to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank. The next delivery to the food bank is July 18, so the last day for drop off at Pinegrove will be July 16.

## About this PAR thing...



In church, PAR is not about golf (no, not even when you think golf is like going to church). And it's not some scary math thing, either. "PAR" is short for "Pre-Authorized Remittance". If you're familiar with automatic payments of your phone or mortgage bills, you also know what PAR is: automatic withdrawals from your bank account so

you don't have to think about it. It's easy, safe and convenient, and you'll never have to worry whether you've paid yet or not.

If you're already on PAR: wonderful, good on you and thank you very, very much! If you're not on PAR yet, please think about doing it. Not only because it's convenient, but also because it's very helpful for Pinegrove.

Using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help our church's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing our congregation with a dependable flow of contributions, which increases our overall financial stability (and will make our treasurer really happy). Claire, Marion, Joan or Pastor Hubert will be glad to help you out should you have any questions. So why not participate in PAR?

Pinegrove is important for Rosslyn village and beyond. Many people count on us. And Pinegrove counts on you. Please consider signing up for PAR. And if you've been on PAR for a few years by now, please consider upping it to offset rising inflation.

For the love of your faith community and for the love of Christ – thank you!