



Up and Coming News and Noteworthy

December 2022

Upcoming Dates at a Glance

- Friday, Dec. 9th – CCCM Christmas tree lighting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 18th – Service of Lessons and Carols, 9:00 or 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec 24th – Family Service with Communion and Christmas Pageant, 4:00 p.m..
- Sunday, Dec. 25th – Christmas Day Service, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 1st – Service with Communion - Naming of Jesus, 9:00 or 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 8th – Service with Communion – Epiphany, 9:00 or 10:30 a.m.
- May 5th – 7th – Ladies save the date..... AWARE 2023 weekend!



St. John’s Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Eucharist Service at 11:00 a.m.

To keep up to date on what’s happening around St. John’s, check out on our website at: <https://www.stjohnslakefield.ca> and follow us on Facebook here: [St. John's Lakefield - Home | Facebook](#)

From your wardens.....

Apart from the routine things we do all the time, the main matter of interest at this stage remains the restorative conversations. Peter and the wardens are meeting weekly with Bill and Heidi; we think we’re gaining momentum now after an admittedly long ramp-up that was so because what we’re doing was not as easy to define and get going as we initially thought it would be. We are more confident, now, that our stepping out in faith is onto a bridge and not off a cliff. Please bear with us; take part – this stuff is not easy but it is important and important that as many as possible join in.

The Musicians’ Circle was held on November 18th; Bill and Heidi are working what came from it into something we can disseminate. That’s not easy, there was much said and it all needs careful and complete analysis. We are targeting the Worship Circle for Friday or Saturday, December 16th or 17th.

One of the possible limitations of the restorative conversations, we’re finding, is that summarizing and analysing the material inevitably entails filtering and organising it, so in reporting the results we fear losing at least some of the nuances and detail. For that reason, we have decided to change the format for the next Circle, in that we will have a representative group (from those who said they want to participate) as the actual circle, and we’ll be inviting anyone who wants to listen to the discussions to be there too. More details will come as we firm them up, but that’s the broad plan at present. Summarising and analysing what comes out in these conversations will also be done, but our hope is that by inviting anyone who wants to listen to do so, we’ll help everyone get more from the whole process.



Your Wardens... Sheila, Mike, Ann and Lynda



Christ Church Community Museum



“The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration” is happening at Christ Church Community Museum on **Friday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.**, featuring music with Carrie Gray and Karen Locklin. Join us as with light up the Christmas tree and sing traditional carols to welcome the Christmas season! Refreshments will be served. **Free-will donations go towards ongoing maintenance of Christ Church Community Museum.**

For more information, please call Patti 705-868-6493

GIFT CARD ORDER!



"A big thank you to all those who participated in the recent gift card order. It was the most successful yet ... a **\$27,000** order, generating just over **\$1,000 for outreach!**"

Submitted by: Marty Smith

Christmas Pageant



We are planning to reinstate the Christmas pageant at the 4 pm Christmas Eve service this year. There will be some changes so we are not crowding at the front of the church, but maintaining some distance. We are looking for any children or young people who would like to read part of the Christmas story or be a part of setting up the Christmas nativity scene at the base of the altar. **If you or someone in your family would like to participate, please contact Rene Jackman at 705-761-0411 or rene.jackman@gmail.com.**

Submitted by: Rene Jackman



(Samaritan's Purse) Operation Christmas Child



Once again members of St. John's participated in this mission project by bringing a gift-filled box or monetary donation to church, or filling boxes online. Rev. Peter blessed the filled boxes on Nov. 13th and then they were transported to the Collection Centre. There were 20 boxes taken to the Collection Centre, along with \$360 in monetary donations.

From there these precious gifts make their way to needy children throughout the world, bringing joy and hope.

Through this shoe box initiative, Operation Christmas Child has given local churches a tool to communicate the unconditional love of God to their people. Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift.

Thank you for sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ with needy children.

Submitted by: Sandy Peacock

Lakefield Creative Arts Group - Summary from September to December 2022

We started back to the St. John's Anglican Church on September 12 after our summer break.

In October six members participated in hanging art work at the Bridgenorth Library. The library was the perfect place to display our work; it was bright and had continual people viewing the art work. The art work was well

received and many positive comments were made about the art. There was a total of 2 paintings sold. In December we are going to be hanging our work at the Douro-Dummer Library for three months.

It was discussed and voted on at our last meeting that we would request to use the hall at the church every Monday except for the 3rd Monday of the month. We are also extending our time from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

We average about 8 to 10 members every art day at the St. John's Anglican Church. There is a wonderful mix of artists who share and socialize with one another. They show respect for one another and their work. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of artists attending St. John's Anglican Church.

Our last art day for the year will be December 12 and we will be having a pot luck to celebrate Christmas.

Submitted by: Sharon Harper, Co-ordinator

LAKEFIELD COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



We continue to distribute food outside - on the sidewalk leading up to the Regent Street entrance and on the adjacent lawn. The volunteers strive to continue to provide our recipients with a reliable source of healthy food in a safe and caring environment.

We receive wonderful support from the community. Our weekly pick-up at Kawartha Food Share provides a phenomenal amount of food. Lakefield Foodland continues to prepare bags of food for customers to purchase and donate to our food bank, the Lakefield Pantry supplies us with 30 dozen eggs weekly (thanks to their customers who donate their store points to the food bank), The Market provides fresh produce weekly and the Lakefield Bakery donates baking on a weekly basis. Several communities have held food drives. As well individuals make donations of food and other items, and we are blessed to receive many monetary donations.

Here are highlights of a few things that have happened recently.



***MPP Dave Smith** held a "Winter is Coming" food drive at Giant Tiger on October 20th. A good amount of food was collected. Students from Lakefield College School helped food bank volunteers sort food.

***Lakefield District Public School** held a food drive on October 17-21.

On October 21st they brought carloads of food to the food bank. Members of the Students Council, along with 3 adults carried the food into the building and then wholeheartedly began the job of sorting the food into categories.



***On October 25th Lakefield Village Lions** distributed complimentary winter clothing to our recipients, sweaters, hats, mittens, scarves, ... There was a huge selection to choose from. The event was a huge hit.

***The Lakefield & District Lions** organized the Lakefield Santa Claus Parade on November 20th. They encouraged people to donate to our

food bank. They collected a large amount of food and \$1180 in cash donations. A huge thank you goes to the community for showing that they care and donated so generously.



And here are a couple of projects that are happening soon.....

■ **One of St. John's Life Groups is helping to implement a Reverse Advent Challenge to help stock our food bank shelves. You can learn more about this awesome initiative in this Newsletter and on St. John's website.**

■ **David Hickey, a local artist, has offered to organize a bid auction of his art and donate the proceeds to our food bank. The closing date for bids will be December 20th, just in time for pick-up before Christmas. David is preparing an advertisement for this fundraiser. Stay tuned for further details. If interested, you can learn more about David's artwork at his website <https://www.davidhickeyartist.com/>**

We are busy making plans for our Christmas offering of food. We are estimating that 120 households will come on **December 20th** for this special distribution.

We are closed between Christmas and New Years, opening on January 3, 2023.

It is a privilege to be part of this ministry to serve God's people. We thank St. John's for supporting this outreach! You are invited to visit us on our "Lakefield Community Food Bank" Facebook page.

Submitted by: Sandy Peacock



REVERSE ADVENT CHALLENGE

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EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
On December 23rd drop off to LAKEFIELD COMMUNITY FOOD BANK located at St. John's Anglican Church, Regent Street entrance between 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Help the box checker to mark the new year.

On the 1st day of December - box of cereal
On the 2nd day of December - peanut butter
On the 3rd day of December - stuffing mix
On the 4th day of December - boxed potatoes
On the 5th day of December - box of macaroni and cheese
On the 6th day of December - can of fruit
On the 7th day of December - can of tomatoes
On the 8th day of December - can of beans
On the 9th day of December - toothpaste or toothbrush
On the 10th day of December - jar of apple sauce
On the 11th day of December - can of peas
On the 12th day of December - social issue (Mentee)
On the 13th day of December - can of beans
On the 14th day of December - box of crackers
On the 15th day of December - package of rice
On the 16th day of December - box of oatmeal
On the 17th day of December - package of pasta
On the 18th day of December - spaghetti sauce
On the 19th day of December - can of soup
On the 20th day of December - can of corn
On the 21st day of December - can of mixed vegetables
On the 22nd day of December - can of carrots
On the 23rd day of December - can of green beans (out of box)



Let's stock some shelves at the **Lakefield Community Food Bank** together for the coming new year. This reverse advent is a great opportunity for family and friends to purchase then add a non-perishable food item each day to their box to donate. I hope you will accept the challenge! Visit the St. John's Lakefield website at <https://stjohnslakefield.ca/> to view the challenge, share and print. It starts December 1st and ends on December 23rd with delivery being received on the 23rd from 10 am until 3 pm.

DAVID HICKEY FUNDRAISER

David Hickey is local to the community and is a highly accomplished artist, this is his 16th year as a full-time artist. He is auctioning two beautiful works of art with 100% of the money going to the **Lakefield Community Food Bank**. On **December 18th** the highest bid will be notified, certification of donation upon payment. Send your bid amount with corresponding number (art piece #1 or art piece #2) to davidhickeyartist@gmail.com Bids start at 150.00. Daily bid updates can be viewed at <https://www.davidhickeyartist.com/>



#1. 36x24 Blue Pines 800.00



#2. Wind Blown Pines metal 26x19 800.00

Fundraiser for Lakefield Food Bank

I'm auctioning the enclosed works of art with 100% of the money going to the Lakefield Food Bank. On Dec.18th the highest bid will be notified, certification of donation upon payment. Send your bid amount with corresponding # to davidhickeyartist@gmail.com Bids Start At 150.00 Daily Bid Updates Can Be Viewed At [davidhickeyartist.com](https://www.davidhickeyartist.com)

Altar Flower Guild.....



Christmas is coming and Ann has ordered Poinsettias for the church. If anyone wishes to donate toward their purchase, please contact: Ann Jakins at: afov.jakins@gmail.com or 705 652-3047.

- In person at church, put an envelope in the collection plate marked Christmas Flowers with a cheque or cash and notify Ann Jakins.

ACW Update



At our September meeting we thought about ideas for fundraising. We came up with the idea of a **Pumpkin Festival**. We had thought about this in the spring and possibly grow our own pumpkins, but it did not happen.

The Pumpkin festival was set for October 22nd from 11.00 am -2:00pm. It was a nice warm day so we were able to have the pumpkins outside as a children's activity with tables set up with markers etc. to decorate their pumpkins. This activity was looked after by two of our families. Leahy's generously donated 20 pumpkins to the ACW. Inside there was a bake table, craft table, and a place to sit and have a coffee or hot cider and a muffin, pumpkin of course! Thank you to all who worked beforehand with baking and helped on the day, great job! It was nice to see the children and adults relaxing and enjoying a chat which we have missed over the last 2 years. We did make **\$815.50** in sales. Sunday Nov 20th we had **ACW Sunday** which was very uplifting with the help of all the talents in our own church family.

Next meeting we will be doing some disbursement of funds.



There is still time to order or buy from the practical gifts table until Dec 18th, order forms are on the display table at the church or call Prim at 705-652-7574! Some of the lovely items for sale and/or can be made: table runners, kitchen towels, dish cloths, place mats, baby quilt, knitted items and more!



Submitted by: Prim Lowry on behalf of all the ACW ladies

Life Groups Ministry



Life Groups have continued at St. John's again this fall. The Tuesday afternoon group has continued meeting in person under a rotating weekly leadership among some of the members doing the at-times- challenging study by **Francis Chan "Crazy Love"**. Their membership has expanded to add another member from the Thursday group and they have a new member (with a very cute baby). Time for Check-in, exploration of how God is acting in their lives and faith, study, and prayer remain the essential aspects of the Tuesday groups. The evening group, under the leadership of Anne Mansell, has been doing an insightful study by **Andy Stanley called "If Money Talked"**, which uses humor, biblical references from Jesus' many parables and comments on money, to get us to look at money's place in our lives, and how a more biblical approach might look.

Unfortunately, the SALT group on Thursdays discontinued as the leaders needed to step aside and no one else has come forward to assume that role. Just a reminder, we will be happy to mentor someone interested in taking on that role.



Submitted by: John Cole & Darlene Patterson

Christmas trees

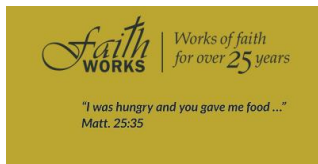


The A.O.T.S Men's Club at the Lakefield United Church has Christmas trees for sale again this year!

Fraser fir and balsam fir trees. Proceeds in support of local organizations. On sale Thursday and Friday 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday noon – 6:00 p.m. Local home delivery available. **Thank you Bill Dummitt for sending this to us!**



Faces of FaithWorks – FaithWorks Focus

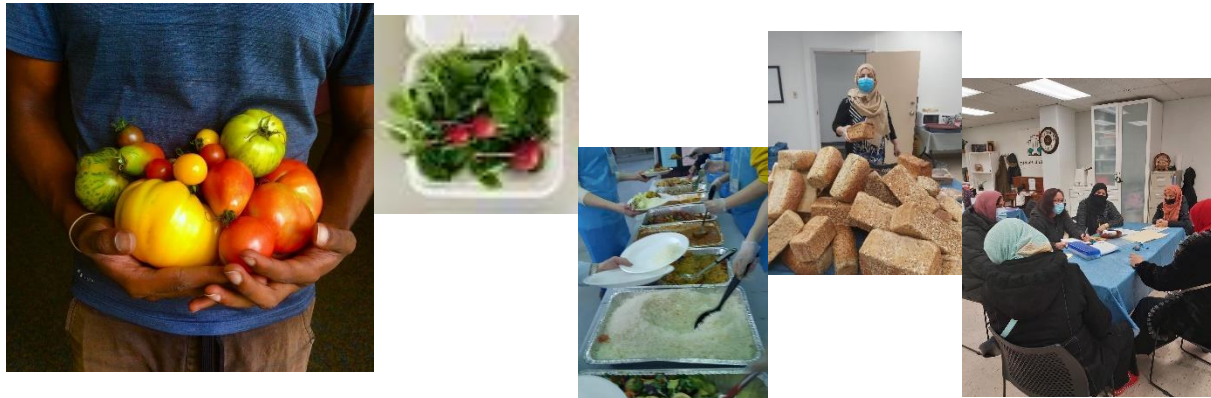


During the third quarter of this year your FaithWorks donations were featuring food security programs and ministries in Toronto. The highlighted Ministry to receive 15% of the unspecified donations to FaithWorks was the Flemingdon Park Ministry. (From their own website) Flemingdon Park Ministry "is part of a network of agencies and community leaders working to create greater access to healthy, organic food for Flemingdon residents. Together, we are creating alternatives for a more just and equitable food system for all". This ministry is set in a neighbourhood of North York.

Located on property gifted by the Church of Our Saviour, Don Mills, is The Common Table Farm. Volunteers and employees of FPM annually produce more than 7,000 pounds of fresh vegetables (more than 80 culturally diverse varieties). This organic produce is distributed to families and seniors, many of them newcomers to Canada, who live in the vicinity. Food security programs include a weekly box of produce on Wednesdays to seniors and on Thursdays to other residents at a local arena, as well as monthly Food and Friendship Dinner events, hosted at a local school. Bread is distributed twice monthly. Community Garden plots are also available to 78 families at no cost along with training in gardening practices.

Other programs run by the FPM involve leadership training, health and welfare as well as cultural and personal support. Typical of these are the Daily Drop-In, the Women’s Program, Senior Wellness and Exercise Program (in partnership with a local seniors’ home), Hair Cutting appointments (free), Tax Clinics (in season), English Conversation classes, Quran and Bible Study classes, Clothing Bank, Free Library and PPE supplies and a Back-to-School Program, which distributes school supplies to youth in a backpack. In addition, 10 families are selected from the community and given “Abundance” packages at Christmas.

Flemingdon Park Ministry has been operating for 40 years with a permanent staff of 5 people and a large core of volunteers. They serve their clients in five languages as they run their many programs. They are incorporated as a designated ministry within the Anglican Diocese, and are a ministry partner of FaithWorks.



The actual donations received for FaithWorks in the first three quarters of the year has totaled \$2,918. Of these \$265 had been designated directly to One Roof/One City Peterborough; \$80 to the Flemingdon Park Ministry; \$20 each to AURA and the Durham Region Migrant Workers Ministry; \$500 to PWRDF and \$225 to Ukraine through PWRDF. Of the 15% from general FaithWorks donations extra that was added to the theme ministries: in the first quarter \$35 went to OneRoof/City Peterborough; in the second quarter \$156 was split between AURA and the DRMWM (\$78 each) and in the third quarter \$41 was directed toward the Flemingdon Park Ministry. During these same 3 quarters a total of \$273 was retained by St John the Baptist to go toward our local Outreach funding.

The theme for the last quarter’s donations will be, as in last year, focusing on the world – especially on those FaithWorks Partners that promote development, equality and relief. These are collectively organized under the umbrella of PWRDF – The Primate’s World Relief and Development Funds. So again, 15% of general FaithWorks givings will be added to the total of all PWRDF designated donations. As in the past I urge you to remember the Faces of FaithWorks and to give to your neighbours through FaithWorks. **You can also go online to the official PWRDF site and directly contribute to the annual “World Of Gifts” campaign at: <https://pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts/>** Please mention St. John the Baptist, Lakefield when you donate online so your gift will be credited to our annual FaithWorks donations totals.

Thank you and may God bless you this Christmas season, Ann Jakins (FaithWorks co-ordinator)

Mission & Outreach Committee

The members of the committee are Rev. Peter Gachira, Ann Jakins, Marty Smith, Lynn Traynor, Sarah Dobbin, Prim Lowry, and Sandy Peacock.

The primary purpose of this committee is to look for opportunities to serve others in our local community and beyond by helping them meet their basic needs and to live meaningful lives. An important part of our mandate is to assist in the decision on the disbursement of the annual Mission and Outreach Budget to external groups/individuals. This year we have a budget of \$5,000.

We want to engage in project(s) that can truly benefit and be accomplished with our limited resources. We are willing to work alongside other agencies/groups to support those in need.

After prayerful discussion it was decided to distribute our \$5,000 budget in the following way:

- \$2000 to PWRDF for Ukraine
- \$500 to Lakefield Youth Unlimited Gift Card Drive - for gift cards to distribute to Lakefield schools to help people in need at Christmas
- \$500 to assist international students at Trent University
- \$500 to "The Care Package Ministry" led by Rev. Peter Moore of Lakefield Baptist Church
- \$1,000 to PATH: Peterborough Action for Tiny Homes
- \$500 to PWRDF towards Indigenous reconciliation



AWARE PETERBOROUGH May 5th-7th



After being paused the last few years, plans are underway for the 2023 retreat for women held at Elim Lodge the first weekend in May.

When available, registration will be posted on their new website at <https://awarepeterborough.com>, also their Facebook group and emails will be sent out to women on their list. Who's excited....



In Loving Memory....



In remembrance of those who have passed in 2022, coming to mind, **Don Nickel, Evelyn Underhill, Elizabeth Dantzer, Jim Swanston** and others you may name. Remembering all our loved ones who we have loved, lost and think of every day.....



*This is the beginning of a new day.
God has given me this day to use as I
will. I can waste it or use it for good.
What I do today is important, because
I'm exchanging a day of my life for it.
When tomorrow comes, this day will be
gone forever, leaving something I have
traded for it. I want it to be gain, not
loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in
order that I shall not regret the price I
paid for it.*



Some pictures of 2022 in review in and around St. John's..... Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

