

WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH

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WELCOME TO ALL Welcome to Woodlawn United Church. If you are new here, we would like to thank you for worshiping with us and we warmly welcome you. We give thanks to God for both our regular churchgoers, and newcomers/visitors. If you have any questions about Woodlawn United, or our worship or activities, please let us know. We hope you enjoy October's newsletter.

Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please keep Ralph Sams, Frances Lind, and John Allan in your thoughts and prayers as they journey to wellness.

NOTICES OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE The Celebration of Life for Harley Eisener will be held on Friday October 14th, at 1:00 PM, with a reception to follow in the lower hall.

GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

✝ A Gift has been given to the East Dartmouth Christian Food Bank in memory of Joan Mitchell from James & Anne Farmer.

✝ A Gift has been given to the General Fund in loving memory of Elaine Prier, as always with love from Bob.

CONGRATULATIONS Congratulations to Carl Cunningham on the birth of his first great grandchild, Thomas Carl Cunningham on 21 September 2022, son of Brian and Catherine Cunningham.

CHOWDER LUNCH: Chowder Rescheduled due to continuing power outage. We are saddened to advise that due to the continuing power outage at the Church, that the Chowder Lunch that was scheduled for this Saturday, October 1st has been postponed until Saturday, October 8th as the estimated date to get our power returned is late Saturday, Oct 1st (POSSIBLY LATER). ***If you have ordered chowder for the 1st please advise Ralph if you wish it for the 8th or if you wish to cancel. If you have offered a dessert please also let Ralph know if that offer is still valid.*** Ralphsams@ns.sympatico.ca

ELLIS BROS. CONCERT is cancelled for October 2nd due to the uncertain state of our power reconnection. If the power isn't restored until Saturday, we won't know for certain that everything is working on Sunday. ***If you have purchased tickets your seller will refund your money. We will advise later about another date for this event.***

CALENDARS: The United Church calendar for 2023 is now available for you to purchase. The cost is \$7 each. There are only 10 calendars left. They are available through Dorothy Lindsay. You can contact Dorothy at 434 3438 or by email at dlindsay@accesswave.ca

MARGARET'S HOUSE ESSENTIALS: Margaret's House is in need of 24 oz and 32 oz new "take-out" containers with lids, available from Costco. If you are able to make a donation, please deliver to 43 Wentworth St., Dartmouth, before 11:00 AM any morning, or call Joanne at 465-3244 for pick up. Our Food Bank is also looking for used suitcases with wheels for clients to be able to bring their groceries home. Please deliver them to our Food Bank at the address above. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHOIR Our Woodlawn Choir resumed rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 (6:45 pm starting time). If you like to sing, we have a spot for you! Come and bring a friend. Woodlawn is developing ideas for a variety of musical endeavors for all ages throughout the year, so stay tuned for details. If you have suggestions or questions about our music program, please call June Rigden (902)233-9379.

UCW RALLY The UCW Halifax District Fall Rally will be held in Woodlawn United Church this year on Saturday, October 15th, from 11 am to 2 pm. A rally is an opportunity for Christian women to join together for devotion, lunch and a speaker (still to be announced). All interested women are welcome to attend. There will be a cost of \$10.00 for the lunch, payable at registration at 10:30 am. Please contact Bev Lynch (phone 902-462-1553 or by email at bevlynch84@gmail.com) if you will likely attend so that we have a good indication of the amount of food we should prepare.



RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 8TH! WOODLAWN'S FAMOUS FISH CHOWDER RETURNS!

It's back and we can't wait to celebrate fall with our first fish chowder, on **Saturday October 8st**. The next Chowder will be Saturday October 22nd. The Fall chowders will be drive through-take out featuring all the same delicious ingredients, as only Ralph would approve! Chowder pick up times will remain the same. You can look forward to chowder, rolls from the Fancy

Lebanese Bakery and dessert choice of pumpkin or apple pie, or the more recent offering – carrot cake. The most popular lunch in Woodlawn! We will announce at a later date what the cut off is for the Oct 22nd chowder.

WOODLAWN CEMETERY AGM The Woodlawn Cemetery Co. will hold an AGM at Woodlawn United Church, Rooms A and B, on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:30 PM. All plot owners and interested persons are invited to attend. Following the meeting the new "Woodlawn Cemetery – A History", written by Mary (Kuhn) Osborne, will be launched.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK – DOLLARS AND SENSE



Although a budget isn't considered by everyone to be a spiritual topic for a newsletter, it's an important topic to talk about, and every church faces a time when difficult conversations must be had with its congregants and families, just as we share positive news we must also be transparent about our financial outlook with the congregation.

Every year, the A&M committee, in conjunction with all other committees and Council, and under the assistance of our Woodlawn Accountant, Ivan Richardson, works to develop a budget, to set financial goals that allow us to continue with and design new programs, stretching our collective faith to determine what we want our church to be and do.

At the past council meeting, we reviewed the year end financial status, measuring where we are against the forecast, and noted that due to many increases in expenses, especially things out of our control such as the climbing cost of natural gas, cleaning, maintenance, loss of rental revenue due to Covid, etc., that it would be necessary to carry out a number of fundraising efforts which proceeds would be applied against the increased deficit. It's our hope that by offering unique fundraisers during and after worship they will elicit a positive response for supporting the church, its mission and ministry.

We ask you to continue to watch for details that will be shared soon.

Keith Musselman, Chair
A&M Committee

SAVE THE DATES! COMING SOON!

WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH EVENTS AND SPECIAL WORSHIPS COMING SOON! (Where there isn't a description, details will be available soon. We just wanted to be sure you have these on your calendar.)

LADIES SCRIPTURE SOCIAL: Join us on the first Wednesday of each month to talk about a selected verse, chosen by Rev. Mary Lynne, and to catch up with one another over coffee/tea. If anyone would like to join in for our fall and winter socials, please contact Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte at marylynne.whyte@woodlawnunited.ca

CHOWDER IS BACK! Join us for our first chowder of the Fall, on **Saturday October 8TH**, with another on October 22nd.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: October 2nd is World Communion Sunday – see Rev. Dale's email regarding worship with Port Wallis United for World Communion Sunday.

CANCELLED AT THIS TIME. ELLIS BROTHERS: Join us for the Ellis Brothers on Sunday October 2 at 2:00 PM. Tickets on sale now. \$15.00. Hosted by Friends of Accessibility. See details on poster inside your newsletter.

MEN'S LUNCH: Rev Dale will be hosting a monthly Men's Lunch Thursday October 20th. All welcome. RSVP's are required on the Monday prior to the Thursday lunch. (902) 434-8302 or office@woodlawnunited.ca

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY: is Sunday October 9th. The office will be closed Monday October 10th in observance of Thanksgiving.

ANNUAL UCW CRAFT FAIR: Mark your calendars for the UCW's Annual Craft Fair - Coming soon! Saturday October 29th.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY: Woodlawn United's Anniversary lunch will be Sunday, October 30th following the morning service. Please watch for more details on this in the coming weeks and plan to attend to celebrate our 138th year!

GRIEF SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: Tuesdays throughout the month of November, at 7:00 PM at Woodlawn United Church. Please RSVP to Dale.skinner@woodlawnunited.ca

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: November 6th. We will have our traditional Remembrance Day ceremony at 10:00 AM.

UCW FASHION SHOW featuring footwear and fashions from Elegant Steps on Sunday, November 13 from 2-4 pm at Woodlawn United in the Brick Hall. Coffee, tea and sweets will be provided. Tickets will be available soon.

TURKEY TAKE-OUT DINNER: November 19th is our annual Turkey Take-Out Dinner. Details and Tickets will be available soon.

UCW AGM: Sunday December 4th

LONGEST NIGHT: December 6th will be Longest Night Worship. This is a quiet reflective service of Hope.

CHOWDER: Saturday December 10th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **WHITE GIFT SUNDAY:** Sunday December 11th.

ELLIS BROTHERS: The Ellis Brothers will join us on Sunday December 11th at 2:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Saturday December 24th at 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM

A JOURNEY OF LAMENT AND RENEWAL

On Tuesday nights in November from 7pm-8:30pm, I will be leading a group that will explore the topics of grief, loss and lament. Who is this for? It is for anybody. Why? Because we all experience grief, loss and lament in our lives.

Whenever and wherever there is change, there is loss. These losses comes in all shapes and sizes and they can keep piling up. It could be the loss of a job. Maybe someone has moved away. Maybe a relationship has ended. Maybe a child has begun school. Maybe life has changed since Covid. Maybe you have lost a job. Perhaps you have retired. Or maybe, you have suffered the loss of a loved one -a spouse, a partner or a close friend.

For five evenings, beginning on November 1, I invite you to come and learn more about grief, loss and lament. It may be helpful not only for you, but it can equip you to help others. If you would like to register, please contact the church office by October 25. We will be using a small book, "Experiencing Grief" by H. Norman Wright as a guide. The cost of the book is \$6. I will have some books available for purchase or you can get your own. Please let me know you would like a book when you register.

I hope you can come. Rev. Dale

OUR STORIES

On Sunday August 7, 2022, Kayla Ellis (granddaughter of Alan and Mona Ellis) and David Morgan were wed at Woodlawn United Church. We wish them much joy, good health, and happiness in the years ahead.

Do you have a special story to share or an adventure or experience you enjoyed? Or maybe an upcoming special event? Please send your information or photos to Shelley at office@woodlawnunited.ca.



Celebrating You!

Are you celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, and would like to share that with your Woodlawn United Church family? We would love to celebrate your special day with you.

Please call (902) 434-8302 or email Shelley or Ruth office@woodlawnunited.ca with your birth date information or your Anniversary date, and we will publish that in our weekly bulletin. There are many other special celebrations to share such as a graduation, adoption, marriage, birth of a child, retirement, purchase of a new home, perhaps you have received a special award, or job promotion. We would love to celebrate you by recognizing your special occasion, because your Woodlawn family cares about you.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4

GOVERNANCE REVIEW UPDATE

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner

Through the spring and early summer months, the Transition team completed the task of interviewing all of the existing committees and Council of Woodlawn as well as staff. Committees were interviewed after given advance notice by the Transition Team that we would be reviewing with them the description of their role and responsibilities according to the current governance model. They were asked to consider what gave them energy? What was draining? What were they doing? What has changed?

This exercise bore much fruit in terms of creating a governance document that more accurately reflects who Woodlawn is as opposed to who Woodlawn used to be or what some may "think" Woodlawn is. It should be noted that the Transition team discovered committees that were populated with many passionate, responsible and faithful individuals with a heart for the church. For the most part, these committees that make up much of the operational activity of Woodlawn were quite functional, even when their work no longer reflected what they used to do as needs evolved and changed.

The next step is to present a new governance document that is a better representation of who does what, when and how. It is also hoped the suggested changes bring some clarity to roles and responsibilities around decision making. The governance document will be presented to the congregation by the Transition Team once it has been reviewed by Region 15. It is hoped such a review will be complete by mid-October.



Family Bennett on their first day of school September 2022! Grades 3 and primary.

UCW NEWS

DESSERT CARD SOCIAL

SPONSORED BY THE MARION MACDONALD UNIT UCW

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21

**WOODLAWN UNITED
CHURCH BRICK HALL**

DESSERT: 1:00 PM

PLAY: 1:30 PM

**BRING YOUR OWN
CARDS
AND
TABLE COVER**

PRICE \$10.00



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Woodlawn Craft Sale

Woodlawn United Church
54 Woodlawn Rd, Dartmouth

Saturday, October 29th

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

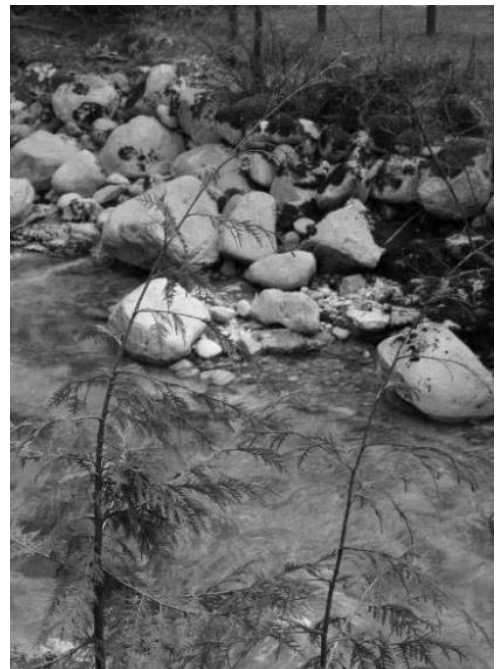
\$2.00 Admission

Bake table, homemade crafts,
one of a kind items,
halloween, fall, winter,
home and christmas items
and decor. And much more!

MOTHER EARTH

She reminds me of my own Mother.
She has many scars that are not Her fault.
She has seen many battles and has endured
each and every one of them.
She has never stopped supporting me.
She continues to protect me.
She gave me the tools I need to survive.
I return the favor by supporting Her, protecting Her, and
giving Her the tools she needs to survive.
Most of all I am grateful every day for the gifts my
Mother and Mother Earth has given me and continues
to give me each and every day.

- Denise Mckay



Tea and Bannock Stories - First Nations Community of Poetic Voices that speak about humankind's active relationships to land and her Being. Image by Brandon Bob, also of First Nations Community of Poetic Voices.

WORD IN MY HEART



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised)

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

In Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica, he urges the believers to excel in their newfound faith, to never wane but to increase in their Christian love for one another, and to continually give thanks to God for all things. Paul is assured by Timothy's positive report that the Thessalonica church is doing what is right, but he worries that if they become complacent, their church and the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ will not grow, and may even become stagnant. Therefore, Paul, through this letter to them, becomes their cheerleader, encouraging them to 'stay on target' in their labours for the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Memorizing these three short verses will be a good reminder for us as individuals and as a community of faith to 'stay on target', especially if we bring these encouraging words to mind each day.

May your days be blessed during this Thanksgiving season and always.

God's Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Mary Lynne

DEALING WITH THE PINCH

By Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner

Have you ever felt “the pinch”? One of those times in life when things aren't going the way you planned or expected? Usually “the pinch” is felt because one lacks the resources or the means to do what they used to do, or what they want to do, or maybe what they used to do. When someone or an organization feels “the pinch” it usually comes with a level of disruption. It can even lead to unintentional conflict. The disruption comes about because even though people are feeling “the pinch,” chances are they will avoid talking about it or seeking to find a way to resolve it. Instead people will look to blame and create excuses which can lead to the undoing of relationships, even longstanding ones.

It is not unusual for any of us to feel “the pinch.” It is also not unusual for businesses, or organizations or communities like churches to experience it either. Without a doubt Woodlawn United Church has experienced “the pinch” in the past. Like many churches presently dealing with the disruptive nature of the pandemic combined with declining membership and an aging congregation, Woodlawn is feeling “the pinch” again. It's time to talk about “the pinch” and hopefully find ways to deal with it so it does not become as disruptive to the ministry of Woodlawn as it potentially could be.

As the Transition Teams completes its work the hope is that Woodlawn will be in a position to call ministry personnel into a pastoral relationship (current ministry personnel at Woodlawn are on appointment and not “called”). What this ministry personnel complement in the life and work of Woodlawn will look like moving forward is dependent on the resources that are available. It would not be prudent to call someone into a pastoral relationship if the financial and organization realities are such that the congregation and ministry personnel feel the pressure of “the pinch” shortly thereafter. Dealing with the disruption of “the pinch” will detract from the more meaningful work of ministry.

In order to help the Transition Team better understand where Woodlawn is at and as we seek to understand what's possible in terms of meeting the personnel needs of Woodlawn please consider the following:

1. *To further the life and ministry of Woodlawn United Church Is there a place I can serve in a volunteer capacity and use my gifts?*

There are many excellent groups and committees at Woodlawn, with a few people doing yeoman's work on behalf of the whole and we are so appreciative of the ways people contribute and support our collective ministry through the sharing of time and talents. One area where we are experiencing “the pinch” is with the Ministry and Personnel Committee. The M&P Committee is the one committee that needs to be

functioning for the wellbeing of a pastoral relationship and is required by United Church of Canada policy. Woodlawn needs a few individuals with good people and administrative acumen who can serve in this capacity. If this is something you can help with, please speak with Rev. Skinner.

2. *To support the ministry and staffing needs of Woodlawn United Church, what increase can I make to my annual financial gift?*

When it comes to money, we can all feel “the pinch” and Woodlawn is no exception. In the current year 2022, Woodlawn budgeted a deficit of \$40 000. Such an operating deficit makes it impossible to sustain our current level of paid staff. Over the next few weeks consider the level of financial support you give to the life and work of Woodlawn. If you can increase your gift or would like to increase the amount you give by PAR, please let our finance team know via the Church Office. Your gifts and ongoing financial support are important for budgeting purposes and planning. Thank you for your generosity and investment in the ministry of Woodlawn United.

Stovetop Hot Cocoa – Fall’s Perfect Beverage (submitted by Shelley Clee)

Ingredients

- 4 Cups Whole Milk
- 1/4 Cup Cocoa Powder
- 1/2 Cup Granulated Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
- Pinch of Salt
- Splash of Vanilla or Caramel Extract



Instructions

1. Heat 1 cup of milk in a large saucepan over medium-high heat just until very warm (not boiling). In a small bowl whisk together the cocoa powder, granulated sugar, and salt. Add the cocoa powder and sugar mixture to the milk. Whisk until smooth and all of the lumps are removed.
2. Add the remaining milk and whisk even more. Heat the hot chocolate mixture until very warm, but do not boil.
3. Remove the hot chocolate from the heat and add semi-sweet morsels. Mix until the chocolate is melted. Add vanilla if desired.
4. Pour the hot cocoa into your favorite mugs and enjoy! Top with whatever toppings you like most - or nothing at all.

GRATEFUL IS MORE THAN A FEELING (submitted by Rev. Dale)

At about 5:00AM on September 24, as the post-tropical storm Fiona was still unleashing its fury upon all of us, I wouldn't say "grateful" was the first word that came to mind when Maryann and I got out of bed and our feet hit four inches of water on our basement floor (we had slept in the basement to escape some of the noise from the extreme wind and rain and attempt to get some sleep). Gratitude definitely wasn't the word that came to mind as I looked outside and saw the violent waters of the storm surge. Gratitude also wasn't a word that came to mind as we slowly went around after the winds subsided to check on our neighbours and surveyed the devastation that was all around us. Yes we were glad we were okay and that our neighbours were okay but I wasn't necessarily "feeling" grateful. I know there are many in the wake of the storm and in the wake of any of life's storms who would agree.

I must say that witnessing the destruction caused by Fiona not far from our Thanksgiving holiday got me thinking about how we use words like gratitude and grateful and thanksgiving. These can be healing, heart-warming words to be sure, and to feel them rolling off one's lips certainly feels noble and lofty, but here's the thing: If we allow them to remain just words – if we don't take the responsibility for transforming them from words into action – we've effectively rendered them

inert. I believe we also reject the transforming presence of God in our hearts. I think of a prophetic verse in the Bible uttered by the prophets Ezekiel and Isaiah and also by Jesus, "These people honour me with their lips but not with their hearts." (Ez.33:31; Is.29:13; Mt.15:8).

By this I mean this: I can write about the goodness and glory of gratitude, but unless I get up from my keyboard, walk away from my desk and push myself straight out into the world to purposefully practice gratitude, express gratitude and breathe gratitude then I'm giving my own gratitude short shrift. Don't get me wrong: The writing of the words is fine – essential, even – but I also need to put my gratitude into motion.

I don't have the time or the luxury to render my gratitude inert. After what we've all been through, with a pandemic and a record breaking storm, the collective act of giving thanks must be bold and audacious. Loud and raucous and bright lest we get sucked into paranoia, resentment and despair. I must switch my gratitude on like a lamp so that other folks can feel its warmth and be illuminated by its light, and I need my brethren to do the same for me. Sure, I'll shine my light ... but I need your light, too. And don't just speak the words for me, I say it for others. Grateful is more than a feeling, it's what we are called to be for one another.

UNITED CHURCH MISSION AND SERVICE

Thank God For You!



You have likely been there. A million and one things to do: errands, housekeeping, food prep, work, volunteering. Sometimes we can be so busy checking off our to-do list that we forget to pause and appreciate all that God has blessed us with in life.

Enter Thanksgiving. A time to stop and catalogue what we are grateful for.

You top our list.

This Thanksgiving, the Mission & Service team of the Philanthropy Unit is pausing to give thanks for you—our donors. Without you, we wouldn't be able to help transform so many lives.

Thanks to your support, we were able to provide 9,996 full vaccinations to those who need them most around the world.

What's more, since the pandemic struck, your generosity has helped raise over \$525,000 in emergency gifts to help Mission & Service partners deliver personal protective equipment, distribute food, install sanitation stations, and support education programs to help prevent and control the spread of the disease.

As the war in Ukraine continues to devastate lives, your generous gifts of over \$1.3 million are helping to provide emergency shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. The recently unveiled gift of food hampers and dignity kits for refugees in Ukraine featured in the *Gifts with Vision* catalogue is adding to this total (you'll see these new gifts starting Sept. 26!).

These are just some of the tangible changes you help make possible. Behind each one of them is a changed life.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he begins with a statement of thanksgiving: "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world."

Ultimately, Jesus charged us with helping build a better world. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for rising to the challenge.

Mission & Service is one of our church's best answers to the question "What would Jesus do?"

Thank you for your support. For more information about Mission and Service, please contact your M&S enthusiast, Mary Osborne.

FOR THE KIDS (OR THE KID IN ALL OF US)

Thanksgiving

WORD SEARCH



CHILDREN

DINNER

FAMILY

GATHERING

GRATEFUL

HOLIDAY

HOME

JOYFUL

MEMORIES

OCCASION

PARENTS

RELATIVES

SEASON

VISITING

THANKFUL

A Thanksgiving Woodlawn Prayer for Children

By Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte

We thank you, God, for skies of blue,
For birds that sing and cats that mew.
We thank you, God, for play that's fun,
For sports and games that have us run.
For crayons, dogs, and leaves that fall,
That we can pile up, oh so tall.
We thank you, God, for this our church
Where we can walk and play and perch,
And as we sit to learn and pray,
We thank you for this chance to say,
We love our Woodlawn Church sublime,
Where Jesus calls us all the time
To love each other, fam'ly, friends,
In you, O God, love never ends.
We thank you.
Amen.



Thanksgiving Recipe Snack Mix (NO BAKE)

Bugles, horn shaped snacks (cornucopia)
Pretzels (that symbolize arms folded in thanks and pray)
Candy corn (gratitude for the harvest)
Circle shaped cereal (circle of unity)
Dried fruits (represent fruits available at harvest time)
Seeds or Peanuts (represent planting new crops)
Goldfish Crackers (fish was available and part of the first
thanksgiving dinner)
Pour ingredients in large bowl and stir together.
Serve in sugar cone cornucopias or a fun serving bowl.
Enjoy!

RANDOM NOTES OF THANKFULNESS

We at Woodlawn realize that the church is the sum of its parts and the great work that each of us does for one another and for the community around us as we glorify God together. We also realize that we do not do this good work to be thanked but we do have the God-given opportunity to give thanks. With this in mind, each month will seek to offer a few well-deserved "random notes of thankfulness."

Thanks to the many individuals who assisted with the care and maintenance of the church building during the lengthy power restoration after Fiona hit.

Thanks to Donna and Maarten Kramers who stayed awake and kept watch over the generator that kept the freezers running at the Food Bank during the power outage.

We realize we cannot thank everyone every month, but it is hoped we can raise up in a *Spirit of Thanksgiving*, a few well deserving souls each month.

Thank you Woodlawn United Church for all you do!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee met in person at the church on Sept 15. This was our first meeting after the summer break. We meet most months, on the second Thursday at 10:00 a.m. for about 1.5 hours.

We have started to prepare for our Christmas Outreach programs. We plan to provide food and gift cards to 14 families provided by Feed N.S. and up to 6 additional families through the church. Our snowsuit/winter coat drive has also begun with Joanne Cameron taking the lead on this endeavor.

In the past, the Kiwanis Club held Tuesday afternoon card games, with half their proceeds being donated to the Outreach Committee. Thanks to Jane Cushing for suggesting and working hard to resurrect this Tuesday activity under the Outreach Committee mandate. So starting on Oct 11, for a \$4 fee, Bridge players and a few crib players will be able to gather and enjoy a social afternoon and small refreshments in the basement of the church. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and take down tables on a rotational basis. We will share our proceeds with the church general fund.

The following is a list of our current Outreach team members: Carolyn Doswell, Rev Mary Lynne Whyte, Rev Dale Skinner, Jane Cushing, Karen Nauffts, Laurie White, Linda Sinclair, Joanne Cameron, Murdock Morrison, Brian Moors, Tom Rogers, Dawn Coleman (co-chair) and Al MacIsaac (co-chair).

If you are interested in joining us, we always welcome new members. Come out and see what we are all about , as we work toward helping those in need.