



The Lamp

Shining a light into the life of our congregation

November, 2024

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Galatians 5:22,25

There's a lot going on in these pages and at the church these days. We're heading into November and December full of special services, mission projects, gatherings, celebrations, discipleship, and visioning.

If something is working in a church, what can we expect to see?

Probably not fruit.

But, on the other hand, maybe we should expect that.

This verse from Galatians gives us a way to evaluate what we can expect to see in our community when Spirit-led activities and ministries happen. These 'fruits of the Spirit' aren't qualities that can be created, cajoled or forced. They are what is witnessed when God's people come together to grow in Jesus Christ, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit. As I look at what is planned for the next few months, I am so excited for the many diverse ways that we will have an opportunity to share God's love and these gifts of the Spirit with each other, our neighbourhood, and the world.

The beautiful thing about these fruits of the Spirit is that they can come in so many different forms. The fruit of the Spirit is alive, it is a sign of growth. Kindness and generosity are seen just as much at the Harvest Table Christmas dinner mission project as they are in a *hello* on Sunday morning to someone who needs it. Joy is heard in laughter on Monday afternoons at the social club, in the Bible study, and in the choir singing, in the mad dash down the aisle to Sunday School. Faithfulness is seen in the service of our elders, the welcome created every week by the fellowship team at the coffee time, and the questions I hear from so many of you who are asking how to grow in faith as we learn together. And there is so much more—but to see it, come and be part of it!

The fruits of the Spirit are growing here, and I pray that they continue to nourish our community and others in the life we have in Jesus Christ. We hope you can join us in whatever part of life at Burlington East Presbyterian Church you feel called by God to join.

There are many ministries mentioned in these pages; here are some worship highlights that are coming up. Please look through the newsletter and plan on coming and seeing the great things God is doing here, and the wonderful ways we can live out the fruits of the Spirit together.

October 27: A celebration as new members join the church through baptism and profession of faith.

November 3: – We welcome special guest speaker Rev. Matthew Lingard.

November 10: We celebrate Remembrance Day with our Scouting groups and veterans here in the congregation.

November 24: Christ the King Sunday—an intergenerational service where we will hear stories and create Christian symbols of Advent.

December 1: We begin Advent with a celebration of communion and remembering the joy of what Christ has done for us.

December 8: We welcome the Wellington Square United Bell Choir for a morning of songs, anthems and stories.

December 22: Our first Paper Bag Pageant! We invite you to be part of the unpredictable story of Jesus' birth.

December 24: A Christmas Eve service of candles, lessons and carols.

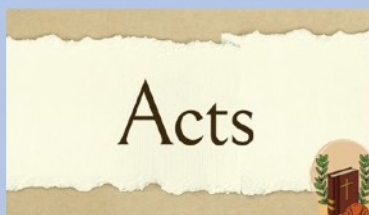
Looking forward to growing with you,

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Susan Kerr

BOOK, BIBLE & BAG LUNCH CLUB

Adventures in:



MONDAYS AT
11:30 AM



NEXT MTG
MONDAY Nov. 4



MORE
INFORMATION SEE
REV. KERR

Third quarter financial update

Third quarter envelope givings fell behind a little because of vacations and lower church attendance. Regardless, envelope givings were only behind budget by \$847.

Year-to-date envelope givings are \$1,744 below budget.

Year-to-date total income and expenses are better than budget by \$3,368.

With three months to go before the end of the year, and with your continued goodwill, I'm sure we will meet our financial goals for 2024.

Ron Dekker, Treasurer

| 2024 | Giving - General Offering | | | Average Monthly | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--|-------|
| | Actual | Budget | Variance | Actual | Budget | | |
| January - March 2024 | \$ 30,631.00 | \$ 33,750.00 | \$ (3,119.00) | \$ 10,210.33 | \$ 11,250.00 | | -9% |
| April - June 2024 | \$ 35,972.00 | \$ 33,750.00 | \$ 2,222.00 | \$ 11,990.67 | \$ 11,250.00 | | 7% |
| July - September 2024 | \$ 32,903.00 | \$ 33,750.00 | \$ (847.00) | \$ 10,967.67 | \$ 11,250.00 | | -2.5% |
| Oct - December 2024 | | | | | | | |
| YTD 2024 | \$ 99,506.00 | \$ 101,250.00 | \$ (1,744.00) | | | | -2% |
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| | YTD Actual Income to Budget Variance (Envelopes) | | -2% | | | | |



In October we targeted \$2,100 for Children Believe. The money helps support and educate two girls, Laetitia and Sana, and buys birthday, Christmas and Easter gifts. We're still looking for donations. Please give by Sunday, Nov. 3.

In November we look forward to celebrating with the less fortunate in our own community and we collect for Operation Christmas Child.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

HOSTED BY



COST PER MEAL \$30.



SERVING 150 MEALS

\$4500.



HOW MANY MEALS WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE?

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Indicate 'Operation Shoebox' on your Envelope or eTransfer (by Nov 10)

THAT CHOIR

Tickets start at \$10.00



NOV 2 HAMILTON
8pm Central Presbyterian Church

An evening of contemporary choral music at Central Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. *That Choir* is an award-winning 16-member ensemble featuring pieces by composers like Eric Whitacre and Anton Bruckner.

They'll sing **Saturday, Nov. 2, starting at 8 p.m.**

Click for tickets in advance: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/098ce13c-1995-4573-bd0b-6dac7d692885>

Men's Group



COME HELP THEM SOLVE THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS
MONDAYS AT 10 AM - McRAE ROOM

NEXT WOMENS GATHERING IS LUNCH @



4155 Fairview Street

ON NOVEMBER 14 AT 1 PM

LET ANN or JANE KNOW BY November 10, IF YOU ARE ATTENDING

Burlington East Social Club



The Social Club continues to meet every Monday afternoon, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

\$2.00 admission covers coffee, snacks and future events.

New members always welcome.

See Ron or Susan for details

BEPC offers several sound reinforcement & listening options

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE TO HEAR THE SERVICE?



Bluetooth



Headset



T-Coil

See Ron Dekker or Bob Dickson for confidential assistance.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS



| COMMITTEE / GROUP | DATE / TIME |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHOIR REHEARSAL | EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 11:00 AM |
| F&M COMMITTEE | WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30 @ 7:30 PM |
| PASTORAL CARE | WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6 @ 10:30AM |
| PRAYER GROUP | THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 @ 11:00 AM |
| SESSION | MONDAY NOVEMBER 4 @ 7:30 PM |
| TECHNOLOGY GROUP | MONDAY NOVEMBER 11 @ 7:00 PM |

Prayer Requests

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Flowers in memory

Send your request to:

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