

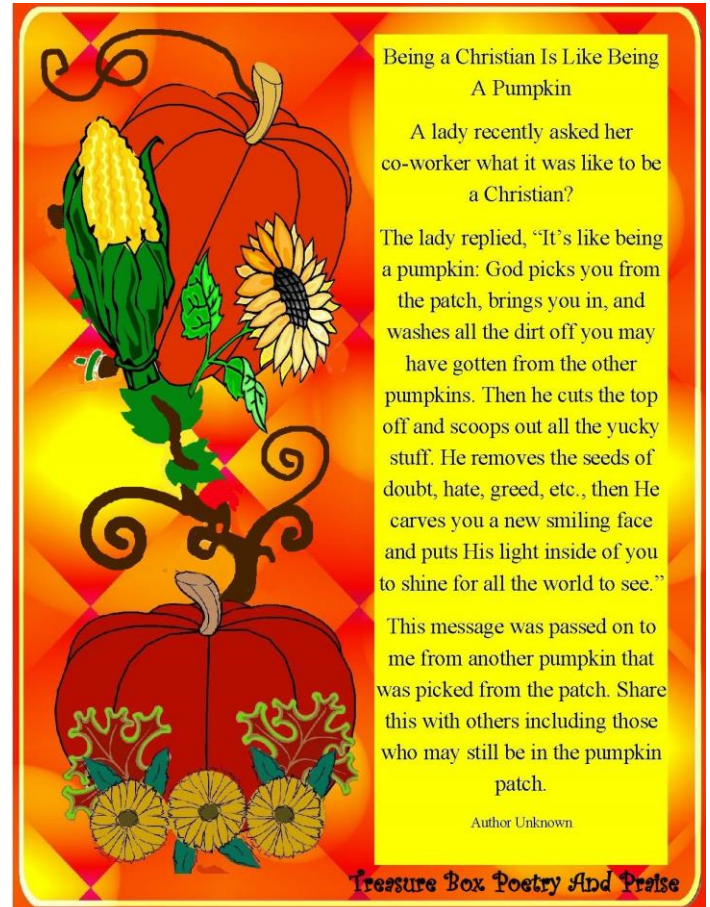
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St. James' Anglican Church Newsletter Fall 2024

Inspirational Poetry for Fall



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Despite the warmer temperatures of September, we “officially” entered the autumn season on September 22 at 12:43 according to the Government of Canada! *“Fall starts at the moment when the sun is directly over the equator, going from north to south: the “autumnal equinox”.*

As we prepare to send out our autumn newsletter from St. James' Anglican Church Ingersoll, we look forward to the fall of 2024 and moving forward with our new construction at 130 Thames St. S. Our new priest and rector, Reverend Marty, and his wife, Deeanne. and daughter, Charlotte have had an opportunity to settle in with our parish over the summer. We look forward to the arrival of a new addition to their family this November.

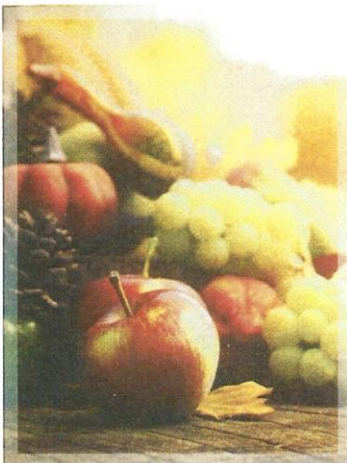
“Thanks be to God!” – Your Editor,
Veronica

From The Desk of The Reverend Marty Keatings



FROM THE RECTOR

Rev'd Marty's Thanksgiving letter has been published here for those of our readers who did not receive one by email, delivery or mail.



Give Thanks
unto the **LORD**;
for He is good.



Psalm 106:1

As summer turns to autumn, the celebration of the Harvest is an opportunity for us to come together in thanksgiving for the bounty of God's creation. At this time our Church takes on a festive air as it is filled with beautiful flowers, fruits and vegetables that remind us of our agricultural roots and our reliance on God's abundance.

It gives us opportunity to rejoice in good times and plentiful harvests, but it means more than that. This time of year not only signals the end of the harvest, but also signals the end of another church year. Over the next few weeks as our church year comes to an end, I invite you to pay particular attention to the Gospel readings. In them, Christ challenges us to examine our priorities. Christ calls us to put first things first. And our first priority is to be the kingdom of God.

For most people in our society God does not even make the list. We worry about our children, our families, our pets, our bills, our retirement, our taxes. Our primary concern in life must not be just what sustains us in life, job, income, pension, food, clothes, reputation, status. Our security is to come from our relationship with God.

All of us can recall I am sure, as children, getting ready to go to a birthday party. Dressed up in our best party clothes, a carefully wrapped gift in hand, Mom would give us a peck on the cheek and the admonition "Remember to say thank you." It was always, and still remains good advice. Yet it seems that as part of one of the wealthiest countries in the world we often take the good things that come our way for granted.

The people of Israel kept holy days to honour God for His gracious care. We have turned them into holidays, not to God, but to our own indulgence and gratification. The people of Israel had times of Jubilee; specific times set aside to give special thanks to God for His grace, love, and mercy. We could certainly learn from their example.

You see, we are all a part of His harvest, fruit of His commitment and sacrifice. Above all, thanksgiving means giving of ourselves. It means committing ourselves, body, mind and spirit, to God. It means allowing God to transform us into God's wonderful image. It means seeing the face of Christ in all those we meet.

In the next few weeks the gospel passages will confront us in the one area that we really don't like to be confronted - **our commitment**. Our challenge is to probe deeply, and honestly into our faith relationship with God. Christ is calling us to stand up and step out in faith. For most of us, our most difficult challenge will be to take that last step in faith. Pray for the faith and the grace to confidently accept this challenge, pray for the strength and perseverance to overcome the fear and temptations of this world, and pray with praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings that God has given you.

Marty+

Vision Committee News



In the June 2024 edition of the Loop we talked about several issues being addressed that were identified as concerns as a result of our building permit application to the Town of Ingersoll. All items were resolved quickly except for an easement the Town of Ingersoll wanted established for mutual access by us and our neighbours to / from our second floor hallway.

We have left no stone unturned in our attempts to obtain a permit while lawyers worked on the easement process. Unfortunately, the Town of Ingersoll decided to withhold our permit until easements are actually registered on our property title, and that of our neighbours. Regrettably, a valuable and productive summer construction interval has been lost while we wait for the easement issue to play out.

At the time of this writing, we are encouraged that the survey has been completed and delivered to legal counsels as of September 24th. Once the lawyers register the easements to the property titles, we expect the Town of Ingersoll to issue our permit expeditiously.

While this process takes place, our contractor will seek revised bids from various trades since it has been more than three months since receipt of our most recent budget numbers.

Submitted by: *Michael Watson*,
Vision Committee Chair on behalf of V.I.C. members:
Rev'd Marty Keatings, Pierre Beaumier,
Margaret Burford, Veronica Jackson, Bob Welt.

ACW News



The 2025 Canadian Church Calendar is available for purchase again from our ACW chapter at St. James'. This year, the theme of the calendar is *Pathways*. As has been the custom, the calendar includes a range of photos featuring our beloved churches across the country.

Please contact Susan Winlaw at church or via phone or text to let her know if you wish 1 or 2 or more. We don't yet have the cost of each calendar but as usual if we get enough orders your price will be around the \$6.00 mark from the last couple of years.

Susan can be contacted at 519-532-7852 or at susan@bampress.com

Submitted by: *Susan Winlaw*,
ACW President

Wardens' Report



**Parish Council
Wardens
Treasurer
Rector
Admin Team
Altar Guild
Group Leaders
and Members
The
Congregation**

It has been a very busy time since our last newsletter was published at the beginning of July. Parish members have been involved in several fund raisers, long term care and retirement residential worship services, and following up with "building" concerns and grants and loans applications.

We have returned to broadcasting our worship service on Sunday mornings – LIVE!



Our live stream of our worship service from the Masonic Hall at 10:30 am and is available on our Facebook Page -

The link is below -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064560229242>

Alternatively you can reach it from our "Online Services" page on our church website. <http://www.stjamesingersoll.com/online-services>

Our September fundraisers were very successful thanks to the volunteers that came out to participate and/or support them.

The Outdoor Farm Show

September 10,11,12th



The Outdoor Farm Show is located just north west of Woodstock. It fills a 40-hectare, or 100-acre, site with more than 600 vendors. Thousands of people come each day to look at all the new innovations that are being unveiled for the agricultural industry. Each year service and church groups are asked to participate as volunteers with directing the access in and out of the grounds and finding parking spots for all those visitors' and vendors' cars and trucks.

This year the team representing St. James' included: Dan Wilson, Bill Riddick, Jim Hunt, Sue McCullough, Marty Keatings, Mike Watson, Jane Naisbitt, Randy Naisbitt and Veronica Jackson. This group raised \$672 !

The Rick Kish & Friends Show

September 13th



We had an amazing time at our latest dinner and concert show featuring "Rick Kish and Friends". Our volunteer teams for pre organization, set up, serving, and take down were enthusiastic and essential to make this evening a success. You can read more about the Crooners' tribute show on pages 5,6 & 7. After all our expenditures (hall rental, catering bill, band expenses, decoration and other dinner expenses) we made \$1920.59!

Our office administrator, Amy Thistle was extremely busy over the past few months as she completed training on the financial reporting system (Verse) that the church uses. Between preparing weekly bulletins, completing parish correspondence, assisting Rev'd Marty, looking after ticket sales for the tribute show, and soliciting draw prizes for the dinner, she was busy reorganizing the Annex and looking after some of the outdoor space at the side entrance to the building. Amy is also our part time custodian at The Annex and at the Masonic Lodge setting up for services, our latest pot luck lunch and coffee hour.

Parish Council met on September 17th and reports were submitted by representatives on the council. Much of the information from these reports you will read about in this edition. Our next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday November 19th.

Submitted by: *Veronica Jackson*, on behalf of your Wardens – Pierre Beaumier, Michael Watson, and Veronica Jackson

Tribute Show Photos

We started on Friday morning at 9:30 am and a crew of volunteers met at the Unifor Hall to set up for the dinner and show. This involved setting up tables, arranging table decorations, laying out placemats, cutlery etc. Then we were on to decorating the hall and setting up displays of all the door and draw prizes.



**Eleanore, Louise, Andrea, Donna
(missing Pat and Veronica)**



Amy and Kristy



**Pierre, Jim and Mike
(missing Martin and Don)**



**One of Our Draw Winners with
Volunteer Kelly**



**Volunteers Matthew, James, Mike
with Janice**



**Deb and Kelly doing
post meal dishes**



**The two everends – Sue and Marty -
encouraging Sharon to participate**



**Sue with one of our draw
winners**



**One of Our Draw Winners
with Volunteer Lilly**

Later in the afternoon, our buffet server volunteers showed up to get instructions from our caterer, Janice Mitchell of Janice's Fine Country Catering. We had four high school volunteers acquiring volunteer hours for their secondary school volunteer hours qualifications. As well, six adult volunteers worked along with them so we were able to have two buffet lines moving smoothly along. None of our attendees had long to wait for a delicious hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Definitely having lots of volunteers at the end of the evening also ensured a very quick and easy clean up!. We wouldn't have had such a successful evening without all their assistance.

Our entertainers were fantastic – all so versatile and definitely feeling the music! On drums, Sandy MacKay; on vocals, Rick Kish; on stand up bass, Kim Ladd; on keyboards, Nevin Campbell, and on saxophone, Ken Foster. We were entertained with lots of classics by the Crooner Greats – Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Michael Buble, Tony Bennett and many more.



Our Tribute Show Prize Winners



Thank you again to all our donors who gave items for our door prizes and draws. These include:
 Little Leaf Haven – Floral Design; ITOPA – Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts; Tremblett's Independent Grocery Store – Ingersoll; Jakeman's Maple Products - Beachville (West Oxford); David Humphrey – The Forest Floor – Stratford; Mrs. Livingston's Vintage Store – Ingersoll; Backyard by Design – Nursery – Ingersoll; Amy Thistle – The House Nanny – Zorra Township; Turkey Producers of Ontario; Egg Farmers of Ontario; JC Graphics for promoting our show in The Village Voice
 Finally, thank you one and all who promoted our show to friends and family and purchased tickets for this fundraiser.

BAC News



The St. James' BAC continues to meet on a monthly basis, for breakfast, at Louie's Restaurant in Ingersoll. We average approx. 13-14 men attending each one of the breakfast sessions.

Next breakfast date will be **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:30 am** at Louie's.

The members hope to assist with fundraising activities in the near future.

Submitted by *Scott Naibitt*

Prayer List

Prayers of the People, By the People, For the People.

St. James' prays for our families, friends, and loved ones who are ill or recovering from illness or are in need of prayerful support. Grant them healing and strength. May they find Peace. Lord, we pray for:

**Garnet, Myra, Justin, Amy, Little Jack,
Murray, Clara, Nickolas,
Robert, David, Joan, Matthew, Catherine,
Elizabeth, Anne, John, Janey,
Judy, Dorothy, Linda, Eleanor, Percy,
Marilyn, Susan, Jo, and Little J.J.**



Esther Vann

Gwen Pittock

- *Romans 14:8*

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Needle and Craft Group Report

Members of the Needle and Craft Group enthusiastically gathered on September 10th to begin the Fall sessions after a Summer break.

During the Summer the Needle and Craft Group lost a member to Alberta. We will miss Verna Lord who moved to a retirement home near her daughter Brenda. Brenda sent a photo of her mother looking happy as she settles into her new home.



Verna enjoying a delicious bowl of ice cream

Three quilters met for periods throughout the Summer to complete a baby crib quilt in time to be sold as a baby shower gift. The quilt received rave reviews.

In August, three members met to assemble school snack bags for children. Bags were distributed at the Food Bank.

The group is now busy at work. Quilters are assisting Amy Thistle with a project and already stitching happily.





POPPY PROJECT

The poppy project is showing results. A huge thank you to all the family and friends of the Group who contributed to the call to crochet and/or knit poppies. Two more window panels have been assembled for the Town Hall windows facing the cenotaph for Remembrance Week. When the staff at Town Hall hang the panels please take time to reflect on the great sacrifice so many gave for our freedom.

Starting last week Remembrance Day wreaths started to be assembled. The businesses in the downtown core were approached and asked if they wish to purchase and display a wreath in a window during Remembrance Week. At the present time we believe we have sufficient poppies to complete the project. Margaret Burford will be in contact with the crocheters and knitters.

This huge project is being accomplished by the hard work and leadership of Sharon Gillett and Jeannie Lee.

While the quilters and poppy assemblers are busy other members are working diligently on individual projects.

Please keep eyes and ears open to see and hear what the Group has planned for a fund raiser starting soon. The Group needs to replenish our resources to enable us to help our community.

Please carefully read Sharon Gillett's Food Bank article. Sharon and Jeannie have first-hand knowledge what is needed at present by the Food Bank.

Please join our Group to enjoy fellowship and laughter while we work for the love our community. We meet at the Annex each Tuesday afternoon 1:30 to 4:30pm. If you have any questions please contact Margaret Burford at 519-303-2001.
Submitted by *Margaret Burford*

OUTREACH

We have reached that time of year when we are being asked to "dig deep" to help those who need a "hand up". Please consider donations to the following:

CYCLES OF LIFE

Monetary donations can be made in the form of cash or a check (payable to Cycles of Life). Gift cards are also a great idea. They should be purchased from a business where a person can sit inside during inclement weather. When you are going through your closets this fall please donate extra bed sheets to Cycles of Life. Any donations may be dropped off at the Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St. S, Tuesday afternoons between 1 and 3 p.m.

INGERSOLL AND DISTRICT INTER CHURCH

Interchurch relies on donations throughout the year. During the Christmas season, hampers are delivered to those who register. The hampers include food, clothing and gifts for the children. This year hampers will be delivered on December 19th. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Presbyterian Church, 56 Thames St. South.

INGERSOLL SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

St. James' parishioners have been steadfast, since before Covid, in support of our Food Bank. Who would have thought that after Covid the number of "food insecure" families would still be growing? Unfortunately, such is the case. Noticeable is the increase in the number of families who work but cannot make ends meet. For your donation to make an immediate impact to get food on the Food Bank shelves, donations in the form of Gift Cards are preferred. (Hint, hint.....I prefer to shop at Giant Tiger).

INGERSOLL SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK (Continued)

Our local Foodland store is generous with their donations to the food bank. Gift cards from Foodland will also be greatly appreciated. Keep your receipts. Put them in the envelope with the cards along with your personal information and I will hand them in for tax receipts. Shop and/or stop at Foodland and purchase a \$10 bag of donated goods for the Food Bank. They put together a great bag valued at \$15 for only \$10!

Gift cards from the Independent Grocery Store are also appreciated. They too sell the prepackaged food bags.

I'm sure most of you know the drill! I will pick up and deliver, or shop for, any donations. As I write this note mid-September, the Food Bank is anticipating running out of food in November. St. James' was asked to relay this information to our community churches and ask for food drives during the month of October. Reverend Marty sent this request to the Ministerial Group. The response was "yes" for October Food Drives!

St. James' participation will be in the form of "Cereal Sundays". Cereal will be accepted, in the little red wagon, on October 13th – Thanksgiving Sunday. September 29th and October 6th were also "Cereal Sundays". Thank you to those who have already donated or plan to do so.

Jeannie and I have been spending more time at the Food Bank than intended.....but, we love it! It has been a humbling experience for both of us. We hear stories that, unfortunately, highlight the shortcomings of our healthcare system and lack of affordable housing. Most of us read about landlords evicting for higher rents; we hear the stories and see the victims.

There are a few positive stories. They involve persons who have finally been accepted for ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program) or someone who has been able to find gainful employment. These are huge successes! We also serve as best we can, those who are without a home.

Thank you to our local businesses. They help as they are able. Most recently Cargill gifted the food bank with 24, 4# boxes of chicken breasts. That was in August. We will make those last until October. Giant Tiger allowed us to make a large purchase of Chunky Soups at their sale price. At this time the foodbank is in need of: tins of: meats (ham, chicken, tuna etc.), vegetables, alphaghetti/ravioli, brown beans, cream soups (chicken, mushroom etc), and boxes of instant potatoes, cereal, and sliced white bread.

As always, thank you so much for your generosity!

Submitted by *Sharon Gillett* 519-425-1679, spg342@bell.net



A LETTER to ST. JAMES' from the INGERSOLL SALVATION ARMY



Giving Hope Today

The Salvation Army

Canada & Bermuda
Ontario Division

Ingersoll Community & Family Services
And Thrift Store

48 Charles Street W
Ingersoll, ON N5C 2L6
Tel: 519 485-4961

June 27, 2024

St James Anglican Church
231 Thames Street S
Ingersoll, ON N5C 2T6

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of The Salvation Army Community & Family Services in Ingersoll. Donations are used locally for programs and services that go directly to providing hope to struggling individuals and families.

The ongoing economic uncertainty has drastically affected the most vulnerable who are already struggling, and support from our community is needed now more than ever. Your donation makes all the difference to those who rely on the support of the food bank, clothing assistance, emergency shelter and life skills programs provided by The Salvation Army.

We are so grateful for your generosity.
Thank You!

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Neil Sunnuck
Executive Director



[The Huron Farmworkers Ministry \(Facebook Post\)](#)

👉 Thank You for the Clothing Donations 🙏

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has generously donated clothing, shoes, and other essential items. Your support helps our farmworkers feel more comfortable and appreciated in their daily lives.

Trudy Groot was our contact person and volunteer for this initiative. Thanks to Trudy, the Wardens were able to deliver 8 bags of clean clothing to the drop off centre at St. John's Anglican Church in Tillsonburg. Your generosity makes a world of difference, and we're grateful to be part of such a caring community. Thank you for your continued support!

Synod News 2024

Synod representatives and priests from all Anglican churches in Huron, and, Diocesan representatives will be gathering this month for the 185th Synod of the Diocese of Huron for the dual purposes of joining together for a Diocesan service of worship and conducting the remaining annual business of Synod left over from an on-line Synod held last May.

The fall Synod will take place over two days on: Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th. While this second gathering will be an in-person for delegates, both the Synod service on the Friday and the meeting on the Saturday will be live-streamed for observers.

Our synod representative for St. James' Church Ingersoll is Rosemarie Brokenshire.



Announcing the College of Deacons
Synod Outreach Project 2024



Grocery Gift Card Collection for Students at Canterbury, Renison and Huron

The College of Deacons Synod Outreach Project for 2024 is the collection of grocery gift cards for students at Canterbury, Renison and Huron Colleges. All grocery stores, Dollarama, Wal-Mart and Shoppers Gift Cards are much appreciated for students struggling to make ends meet. Please mark each card with its value or receipt. Rosemarie will be taking cards donated by our parish members with her to the Synod Meeting on October 19th.

Nursing & Retirement Home Services



Rev'd Marty at Oxford Manor service

Next Service – November 28th at 1:30 pm

All parish volunteers welcome to attend and participate in the worship service

Important Eucharist News

Eucharistic Practice and the Risk of Infection



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Click on the pamphlet above to read the entire report. Copies are available at the Sunday worship services.

Below are excerpts from the Diocesan 'Eucharistic Practice and the Risk of Infection' pamphlet. Intinction (the action of dipping the bread in the wine at a Eucharist so that a communicant receives both together), is highly discouraged by the Diocese, so in response to this policy, we, at St. James' Ingersoll, will be discontinuing the practice of intinction and providing an alternative to those who do not wish to drink from the common cup.

A Communion plate, which holds individual cups of wine, has been donated to the Parish. Once we have received the plate we will begin to use it in place of the Intinction cup.

Hygiene and the Common Cup

Fear of communicable diseases may cause some people to take special measures or even keep them from receiving from the cup altogether. Whether these fears are actually merited depends on a number of factors...

Anglican priests, who have been performing the ablutions for centuries. In fact, the opposite is true. Nor do priests appear to have been regularly stricken with any communicable disease that could be traced to the common cup in all that time.

Additionally, no episode of disease attributable to the common cup has ever been reported. Thus for the average communicant it would seem that the risk of drinking from the common cup is probable less than the risk of airborne...

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is in use in many Episcopal Church parishes and is increasingly being suggested in Canadian churches as well.

There is, however, real concern that many of the modes of intinction used in parishes do not diminish the threat of infection, and some may actually increase it. Hands – children's and adult's – are at least as likely to be a source of infection (often more so) as are lips.

Receiving the wafer in the hands and then intincting it merely means that the wafer, now contaminated by the hand of the recipient, is then placed in the wine, thus spreading the infection to it. Dipping the wafer into the wine also means that the wafer picks up any bacteria that might be in the wine. So this offers no protection to the communicant.

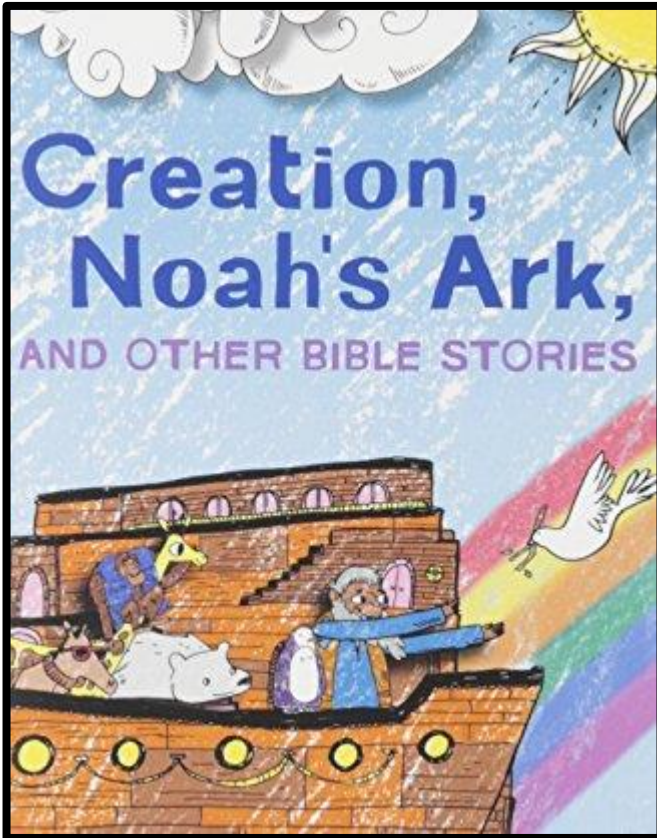
Also, another consideration is when those who are gluten sensitive intinct in a common intinction cup. The gluten from gluten wafers is transferred into the cup and presents transference issues for those who are gluten sensitive.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to talk with me.

Submitted by Reverend Marty - *Marty+*



Sunday School News



Sunday School returned to St. James' at the Masonic Hall on Sunday September 8th. **Sunday School is held the second and fourth Sunday of the month.** This will continue for October and November and then in **December, we will have Sunday School each Sunday for the Season of Advent.**

Sunday School begins in the church at 10:30 am with Reverend Marty welcoming everyone and having a children's focus talk with the participants. Kristy will often lead them in a song.

After this brief talk, the children will leave and go upstairs to engage in a bible story, crafts, games, short videos, and perhaps some more songs.

Our two "head teachers" are Pat Harrison and Veronica Jackson, but they have lots of teenage and tween students to assist them. It's lovely to see Meryl Kouwenberg, Fiona Kouwenberg, and Ella Riddick helping them out!

Please share this post with other family members, neighbours and friends.

We would love to see all of your youngsters twice a month, but if family events or sports schedules interfere - no worries. The kids are encouraged to come whenever possible.

Cookies and juice will be available every week after Sunday School. If your children have any food allergies please let us know.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the church office - 519-485-0385

We suggest that participants be 3 years and up.

