

Happy Fall St Andrew's Family,

Food Bank Sundays

A few announcements: I have not done a good job of reminding us about Food Bank Sundays so this Sunday you are especially invited to bring in non-perishable items to support the folks living with food insecurity in our community. All donations are taken to the Colchester Food Bank.

Wear your ORANGE SHIRTS for Worship on Sept 26th!

On Sept 30th is being set aside in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada. It is a day to recognize the importance of honouring First Nations, Inuit and Métis residential school survivors and their families and communities. Sept 30th is also Orange Shirt Day (<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>) and Oct 1st is Treaty Day in Nova Scotia. Our worship theme for Sept 26th will be focused on reconciliation. You are invited to wear your orange shirt that day.

Sept 19th – Minute for Mission

In our Minute for Mission this past week, Katie shared with us some links to get accurate Indigenous News and learn more about Treaty rights – including the right to earn a moderate living through fishing. Here are the links she mentioned:

- Link to the Ku'ku'kwes home page: <http://kukukwes.com/>

- Link to the specific Ku'ku'kwes article that really helped me write the Minute for Mission:

<http://kukukwes.com/2021/09/10/afn-national-chief-calls-on-dfo-to-stop-intimidating-harassing-mikmaw-fishers/>

- Link to the APTN News home page: <https://www.aptnnews.ca/>

- A few APTN News articles that also helped me write the Minute for Mission: <https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/mikmaw-harvesters-vow-to-keep-fishing-despite-harassment-from-dfo-officials/>

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/dfo-officers-greet-launch-of-pictou-landing-treaty-fishery-in-nova-scotia/> —This one has some more info about the concept of Netukulimk

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/the-facts-behind-mikmaw-fishing-rights/>

—This one includes facts about Mi'kmaw fishing rights.

- The CBC Mainstreet N.S. episode I referenced: <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-37-mainstreet-ns/clip/15865166-two-first-nations-chiefs-talk-treaty-fisheries-dfo>

• I didn't use the following article for the Minute for Mission, but it could be interesting for folks looking to learn more about Netukulimk:

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/ourstories/netukulimk/>

We are still looking for folks to share their gifts: YOUR help is needed!

WE are the church. We are called to do Christ's work in this world. We can do that, when we all share the gifts we have.

- Do you have the gift of creativity? Do you have a computer and Powerpoint? Are you willing to learn how to create PPs to help us be more accessible in worship? We are looking for a few people who are willing to create powerpoints for Sunday worship. If you are able to help in this way, please speak to Rev. Shannon.
- We are also looking for people able to Usher on Sunday morning. Ushers greet folks as they arrive, help us to follow any Covid regulations, give out bulletins, answer any questions from visitors. It is such an important role. If you are able to help out: there is a purple sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- We are also looking for Tellers: people to count and record the weekly offerings that come in through the offering plates. This is done directly following worship and is not a difficult job, although attention to detail is an asset! If you are able, please let the office know.

Blessing of the Animals Worship ~ Sunday, Oct 3rd, 4:30 PM

This is a great, meaningful service for many. You are invited to attend! Also, spread the word... it is a fantastic way to welcome some new folks into the church. I **have attached JPEG** "posters" that you can share with friends. (There will also be a printed one in this weeks bulletin!).

Do you have an extra cell phone?

Sometimes we update our phones when our older ones still have a little life in them. There is a woman I know who recently damaged her cellphone and doesn't have the financial ability to get a new one right now. I said I would see if anyone had one they no longer need. She gets her service through Eastlink so either an Eastlink phone or an unlocked one would work great. The simpler the better ? Thanks all!

Blessings, Rev. Shannon

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