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# Connections

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Lutheran Anglican Church



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## From the Pastor's Study

Dear Members and Friends of All Saints:

A new year is upon us! And, no, I am not talking about 2026. Rather, I am talking about Advent I on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

As you may be aware, the Christian liturgical calendar begins the new year on the first Sunday of Advent and cycles through time, not on weekly or monthly cycles based on the movement of the sun across the sky, but instead through cycles of biblical stories, often following the lunar cycle.

Though we don't often think about it, our secular calendar was created by the Roman Empire. It was called the Julian Calendar and was only updated in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII to become the Gregorian Calendar we use today. July is named for Julius Ceasar. August for Augustus. March for the Roman god Mars. September, October, November, and December for the Roman numbering system (the seventh to tenth months according to an old Roman system of marking the months).

The author Diana Butler Bass, whom I often reference, has recently written a new book called "A Beautiful Year" in which she invites us to

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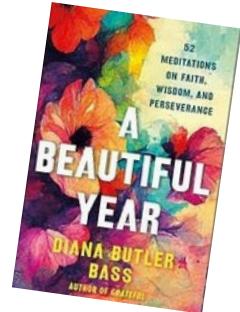
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reflect on how the ways we measure time influences how we live our faith in this world.

For example, the Roman calendar was created to support business, war, and honour emperors. The Christian calendar, in contrast, structures time around the anticipation of the fulfillment of God's reign, Jesus' birth, his teachings, passion, death, resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

Bass shares this from her book: *"The Christian calendar eschews our notions of wealth, privilege, violence, and achievement.*

*Instead, through its cycles, it tells a strangely compelling story of anticipation, peace and justice, enlightenment, failure and death, rebirth, and living in love. It celebrates a God born in a stable to impoverished parents who became a refugee, who dwells with us and shares our fears and tears, and who was executed by a brutal empire. It insists that endings and death are the beginning of new life. It reveals a God who loves everyone and dreams with us of wholeness, healing, friendship, and liberation. And the heroes that calendar honors were mostly idealists and losers, who often died while pursuing improbable things like hospitality, solidarity, and nonviolence.*



*The Christian year extols empathy, vulnerability, gratitude, and compassion. It praises no nation-state, and it is cosmic in its vision."*

Living more fully into the Christian calendar is one of the counter-cultural ways that we can witness to our faith while opening ourselves up to the impact of the gospel in our lives.

For these four weeks of Advent try surrounding yourself with blue, the colour of hope and anticipation. Embrace Advent hymnody (such as at the Advent Lessons and Carols service on December 7, 7 PM). Carve out time for quiet prayer or scripture reading. Create an Advent wreath in your home and take some time each evening to light the candles (one during the week of Advent I, two during the week of Advent II, and so on). While Christmas decorating is fine, show some restraint – start simple and add gradually right up until Christmas.

The Christian calendar can be a wonderful, counter-cultural way to live more fully into our faith and the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Maybe this year will be a good year to embrace it, not just at church on Sunday mornings, but in our very lives everyday!

Peace,  
Pastor Brian

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## Treasurer's Report by Suzanne Worthen as at October 31, 2025

	As at	October 2025	Year to Date
<b>Offerings</b> .....	\$17,695.00	\$176,000.68	
<b>Other Income</b> .....	\$3,920.40	\$23,540.05	
<b>Transfers -Housing Fund</b> .....	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	
<b>-Dowry Fund</b> .....	\$625.00	\$6,250.00	
<b>Total Income</b> .....	\$23,240.40	\$215,790.73	
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<u>\$25,310.18</u>	<u>\$229,968.43</u>	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b> .....	<u><b>(\$2,069.78)</b></u>	<u><b>(\$14,177.70)</b></u>	

## Message from Rev. Canon William Thomas

In Pastor Brian's sermon on All Soul's day, he talked about Saints and Sinners, and how most folks outside the mainline church see them as polar opposites. However, Martin Luther saw every person as being both saint and sinner. Then he asked, "how can you keep two contradictory thoughts in your head at the same time?". As someone who constantly sees both sides of a problem, and is familiar with familiar with both the scientific and reasoned approach, in contrast to the spiritual and religious approach, Brian's question immediately transported me back to my teaching days.

During my Gr 13 classes, we were examining the relationship between culture and landscape

in Canada. And how they produced different responses in Indigenous and European cultures, all the way from how we perceived the environment, and how we behaved in it. One of those ways was to investigate the written records of European explorers, and to listen to the tales told by indigenous elders to their children. One indigenous tale that sprung to mind from that time in my life, was about how to think about two contrasting elements.

One woodland elder, teaching a group of children, said: "Each of us is born with two totem animals fighting for leadership in our minds. Depending on



your clan, they often take the form of your clan, so in my case, it's two wolves. One is violent, spontaneous, and leads by inspiring fear: The other is peaceful, patient, and leads by inspiring co-operation. Both kinds of leadership are necessary in dealing with neighboring tribes."

Just then one of the children asked the leader: "You said the two wolves were fighting in your mind for leadership. Which one wins?"

The elder replied, "which ever one I feed."

## Electronic Church Sign

Our electronic church sign on the Silvercreek boulevard is a wonderful way to speak to the community about the activities and vision of our congregation. We often receive comments from members of the community about the uplifting messages found there. At a recent community event held here at All Saints both our local member of parliament and member of provincial parliament told me how much they appreciate the messages on



our sign when they pass by the church.

Currently, our office administrator, Michele, creates the messages on the sign. Michele regularly seeks input about what should be put on the sign but receives little feedback.

Is there a message you would like to see put on the sign? Is your committee our group planning an activity you would like to promote there? Please reach out to Michele in the office with any of your suggestions. Keep in mind that the sign can only accommodate so many words and letters – Michele will help you with that

– but it is able to cycle through many messages. If she receives a suggestion that she is uncertain about, she will seek out my counsel, and a final decision will be made.

Our electronic sign is a small window into our faith community for the public. Please help us make it a useful tool for ministry.

Peace,  
Pastor Brian



## Market Update



Cooking oil is one of those essential ingredients that we often take for granted. But it is one of the least available items found at Food Banks or in hampers. We try to give every Market family a bottle three

times a year, not much, but they are always so happy when it's on offer that month.

We usually manage to collect enough in the between months to give out 160 bottles. But we will be short this December, we only have half of what we need. That means for the December 18 Market we need 65 to 70 1 L bottles.



It sounds like a lot, but if everyone who attends over the next two Sundays brought one bottle each time, that should be enough!

I realize there are many demands on our resources at this time of year, so thank you again for all the support you give our Market guests now and throughout the year!

Respectfully submitted  
Michele Altermann (she/her)

## All Saints Library Book Review

On September 29, the day before the National Day of Reconciliation, or Orange Shirt Day, a group of us met in the Parlour to discuss this book. Everyone had different reactions to the content, but I think everyone indicated that there was a range of things they learned from reading it. Personally, I think this a book everyone should read. There are several copies available in the church library. I wrote this book review for the Eastern Synod mailer as part of the Circle for Reconciliation and Justice's Indigenous History Month outreach.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Altermann (she/her)

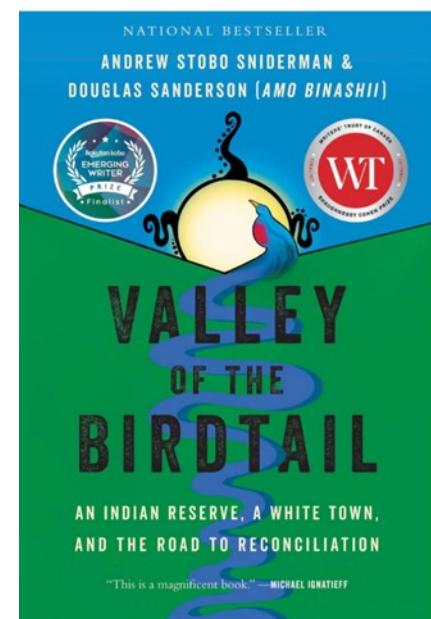
### ***Valley of the Birdtail***

By Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii)

For most Canadians, until very recently, the history of Canada's relationships and interactions with Indigenous peoples has been obscured. Collectively, we need to remove the barriers to learning and hopefully understanding our combined but often not shared histories. I think the authors of this book have done a masterful job of making this history accessible by weaving into it the stories of two adjacent but very separated communities, families and individuals.

This is not a typical historical textbook. As historical events are described they are given context because we learn of the effects on the lives of individual and families in both communities – Waywaseecappo and Rossburn, one located on either side of the Birdtail River in Manitoba. While the authors share the story of these two adjacent communities, they in many ways are telling the story of Canada.

We learn of government practices that were put in place to prevent Indigenous self sufficiency and economic success – not just in the past but continuing even today. The story of racism not just between the Indigenous and settler communities but also with new immigrants who were brought to Canada by the government. The impact of residential schools over generations is balanced with a story of success when new approaches to education for both communities were put in place. We hear individual stories of people who have overcome barriers and worked towards building a stronger future for both communities. There are stories that sadden but there are also stories of hope and resilience, and suggestions on how to continue this work into the future, making it better for everyone.



I would highly recommend that everyone reads this book. We owe it to ourselves to learn more about the past because until we do, how can we go forward or change the future? I have confidence that future generations of Canadians will have that understanding because these stories are being told.

## Kairos Korner



The Cop 30 event is being held from Nov. 10-21 in Brazil. Leading up to the official date representatives will be attending the People's Summit. I thought it would be interesting to let you know about the Canadian delegation for Cop 30 and the People's Summit. You can check

out the delegation on the link below.

“We aim to build bridges between movements, regions and generations to demand a livable future for all and share solutions to make that happen,” says Beth Lorimer, KAIROS Canada’s Ecological Justice Program

Coordinator and delegation lead.

“It really starts by prioritizing the wellbeing of people and planet over corporate profit.”

2025-10-29 – Press Release –

[Women, Indigenous and youth leaders unite for climate justice at COP30](#)

**Fawkes Conibear** attended the People’s Forum in Alberta this summer representing our local Kairos group. He wrote up a very informative report on the event. That event took place before the G 7 meetings. Fawkes recently presented his report during the worship service at Dublin United Church. You can view his presentation at the link below. If you don’t want to watch the whole service, you can tune into Fawkes presentation starting at about 49 minutes.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=DUBLIN+ST.+UNITED+CHURCH+-+SUNDAY+WORSHIP+SERVICE+-+OCTOBER+26TH%2025&view=detail&mid=FE72D4843A0476E25D1AFE72D4843A0476E25D1A&ru=>

**Get Involved Guelph** is a chance to connect with other like-minded people about issues you care about in our community. I recently heard them do a Q&A talk at the Bookshelf after attending the movie *The Last Class*. Various people spoke about groups they are involved with to create a more fair and just community and beyond. Check out the link below for more information.

[Get Involved! Guelph](#)

**Kairos Canada has a lengthy write-up on concerns about the federal budget released on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. See the link below for the full article.**

<https://kairoscanada.org/kairos-responds-to-budget-2025>

**Kairos Canada urges Canada to act with courage and moral**

**leadership on Gaza.** See the full article at the link below.

<https://kairoscanada.org/canada-must-act-with-moral-leadership-and-courage-on-gaza>

Kairos Rep,  
Jan Nielsen



The Order of Niagara service took place at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton.

Two of our members, Deborah Szymanski-Potts and Sandra Christe were presented with the Order of Niagara from Bishop Susan Bell in honour of their faithful service to our parish, the diocese and the Church.

Photo Credit: Lucy Reid

## Parish Care

### Chi Rho Fellowship: Christmas Dinner and Carol Sing

Join us for a catered Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, by Einsteins Restaurant on Thursday December 11 in Rose Hall.

Please arrive about 12:30 pm with dinner served at 1pm. Contact Marilyn BS at [mar4bleach@yahoo.ca](mailto:mar4bleach@yahoo.ca) to reserve your place. Cost is \$30.

**The Associates**  
December's meeting will take place a week early on the 13th at 2:00 pm in the Narthex.

## Life at All Saints



Choir Director has help for the high notes.



All Saints members having fun with our two thespians, John and Deborah Szymanski-Potts, who appeared in the "Cabaret 2025" at Village by the Arboretum.

**ADVENT LESSONS  
AND CAROLS**

**Sunday December 7, 2025  
7:00 p.m.**

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church  
210 Silvercreek Parkway N, Guelph ON  
Please join us for refreshments afterwards!



October flowers for altar dedicated for a loved one.

Submitted by Connie Shaw

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## Annual Chili After Church and Talent Show



Ann and Carolyn's outstanding performance on the ukulele brought joy to the audience

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Laura B and her team for their exceptional organization of the lunch event. We also appreciate everyone who contributed their unique talents, making the gathering a memorable experience for all.



Ann showcased two stunning quilting projects

Sue shared her talent as a pastel artist and told the stories behind her beautiful landscapes



Huxley along with his fellow band members entertained us with two songs, and a third when the crowd requested an encore! "Hacked" truly showcased their talent and passion for music





## All Saints Affirming People



### What's in a name, or do we really need labels?

If you research the terms Bisexual and Pansexual you will find some confusion and tension between groups on if these mean the same thing, or if two terms are needed etc. Some people feel one term is too broad while others feel it is too narrow. Given that people's understandings can change over time and the queer community is still evolving now that they have safe(r) spaces to do so, I think it is best to let people define who they are, rather than worry about 'correct labels.' So, I thought it would be helpful to read the following article by Sue Cardenas-Soto (they/them) written for The Trevor Project.

*[The Trevor Project, the leading suicide prevention and mental health organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning (LGBTQ+) young people in the United States.*

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/blog/pansexuality-what-it-is-what-it-isnt/> ]

As allies, what is important is for us to continue to educate ourselves. Happy reading!  
Michele Altermann (she/her)



### What is Pansexuality?

Though pansexuality has become much more commonly discussed, there is still a lot of confusion around what it actually is, leaving pansexual young people feeling invalidated. I can assure you — pansexuality is real and perfectly normal. Pansexuality is defined as an attraction to people of any gender or to people regardless of their gender, with the prefix "pan" coming from the Greek prefix for "all." Pansexuality isn't a more evolved or "politically correct" form of bisexuality; it isn't more or less trans/nonbinary inclusive; it's just a word to describe one kind of sexual orientation.

Basically, if you're attracted to people of more than one gender, or all genders, you may be pansexual. Some people may use the words bisexual (attraction to more than one gender) and pansexual interchangeably, and others use only one word exclusively to describe themselves. For some people, gender is not a defining characteristic of the attraction they feel to others; I know pansexual folks who don't really care about their partner's gender but other aspects of attraction like physical appearance or personality. And for other pansexual people, gender is a significant part of their experience of attraction; liking masculine and feminine qualities for different reasons.

I've always known myself to be, for lack of a better word, not heterosexual. Growing up, I held candles for my classmates of all genders. In my adult life, I've had a few major romantic relationships, each with someone of a different gender. I like all kinds — so by all means, pansexual is a perfectly accurate label for me. However,

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when I first came out as bisexual in middle school, I experienced some difficulty explaining the concept to my parents. The idea that a person could be attracted to and want to be with not just one gender baffled and offended them. It took effort, and breaking down of cultural and religious barriers, to help them understand me. Over time, both of my parents came to accept that this is who I am. These days, I don't really worry too much about my label. What matters to me is that I feel free to be myself and like who I like, and I luckily do.

To quote our guide to understanding bisexuality, "Identity definitions are not just literal. They are a part of our ever-evolving language that reflects the diversity of the people using these words." There is no "better" identity term, there is only the best identity term for you as it fits, and you should feel free to try different terms out. Identity shifts from person to person, situation to situation. And finding your identity is a journey. For a long time, I used the label bisexual because I didn't yet understand my own gender or the complexities of the gender binary. I still like the word for myself, but calling me pansexual wouldn't be wrong either, so I don't reject that word. It's all to say — to know yourself is a constantly evolving process, and it can take time to find what feels best.

As for me, I just like people. I haven't ever found that my attraction to someone is solely based on or a result of their gender identity, but a combination of things; how they dress, what they do, how they move in space, what they're passionate about. When I fall in love with someone, I don't fall in love with their gender — I fall in love with the unique and wonderful person I see. That's what I wish for all pansexual and LGBTQ+ young people in general: the opportunity to just love who they love, and be who they are, without pressure or judgment.

**Written by Sue Cardenas-Soto (they/them)**



**December 8th is National Pansexual Pride Day** which recognizes the strides taken by the pansexual and panromantic community to be accepted and understood. This annual celebration of the pansexual community, recognises, celebrates and brings visibility to those who identify as pansexual. It is celebrated in December each year and is an important opportunity for pansexual people to come together, celebrate their identities, and advocate for a more inclusive society. This celebration helps bring visibility to this often-overlooked part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. On this day, many people choose to wear something in the colors of the pansexual flag (pink, yellow & blue) as a way to show their pride and solidarity with the community.

The pansexual flag created by Jasper V in 2010 was designed as a symbol for the pansexual community to increase its visibility and recognition and distinguish itself from bisexuality. The pansexual pride flag is used to indicate that pansexuals have sexual attractions and relationships with people of different genders and sexualities.

### Design and symbolism

The pansexual flag consists of three equally-sized colored horizontal bars, which are—from top to bottom—

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magenta, yellow, and cyan. Some sources state that the cyan represents attraction to men, magenta represents attraction to women, and yellow represents attraction to non-binary people such as those who are agender, bigender and genderfluid. Other sources state that the colours cyan, magenta, and yellow stand for those who identify as men, women and non-binary people, respectively.

### Pansexual celebrities

Over the past few years, some well-known celebrities have openly discussed their pansexuality. These include:

- Miley Cyrus
- Janelle Monae
- Angel Haze
- Jazz Jennings
- Caldwell Tidicue (AKA Bob the Drag Queen)



- JoJo Siwa
- Bella Thorne
- Cara Delevingne
- Brandon Urie
- Demi Lovato

### Pansexual characters

Pansexual characters appear more often in TV shows, movies, and books. One of the most notable is David Rose from *Schitt's Creek* (played by Dan Levy). In the Emmy-winning series, David uses a wine analogy to explain pansexuality, saying he drinks all types. "I like wine, not the label," he says. This memorable scene has been praised for bringing sexual fluidity into the mainstream with humor and clarity. Other notable fictional pansexual characters include:

- Ola, from *Sex Education*
- Rick Sanchez, from *Rick and Morty*
- Klaus Hargreeves, from *The Umbrella Academy*
- Deadpool, from *Deadpool*
- Sadie Miller, from *Steven Universe*
- Jadzia Dax, from *Star Trek*

***“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.”***

***- Matthew 1:21***



## December 6 is The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

It has been over 30 years since the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal (December 6, 1989). This act of violent misogyny shook our country and led Parliament to designate December 6 as The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

On December 6, we remember:

- Geneviève Bergeron
- Maud Haviernick
- Michèle Richard
- Hélène Colgan
- Maryse Laganière
- Annie St-Arneault
- Nathalie Croteau
- Maryse Leclair
- Annie Turcotte
- Barbara Daigneault
- Anne-Marie Lemay
- Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz
- Anne-Marie Edward
- Sonia Pelletier

As we mourn their loss and remember their lives, we reaffirm our commitment to fight the hatred that led to this tragedy, and the misogyny that still exists today. In Canada and around the world, women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals face unacceptable violence and discrimination.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is about remembering those who have experienced gender-based violence and those who we have lost to it. It is also a time to take action. Achieving a Canada free from gender-based violence requires everyone living in this country to educate themselves and their families and communities on gender-based violence, centre the voices of survivors in our actions and speak up against harmful behaviours.

On this day, we wear a white ribbon to honour the victims and call for an end to gender-based violence. The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement of men and boys in more than 60 countries working to end male violence against women and girls. It began in Toronto in 1991 in response to the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre.

**Taken from the government website:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/commemorations-celebrations/16-days/national-day-remembrance.html>

*I remember this day as I was just starting my teaching career in the nontraditional fields of Science and Computer Science. I even selected Computer Science because I hoped that being female might give me an edge in getting a teaching job in a field that was mostly filled by men.*

*In the thirty years that I taught high school we always gave out white ribbons to the students to wear when it fell on a school day – or the Friday*

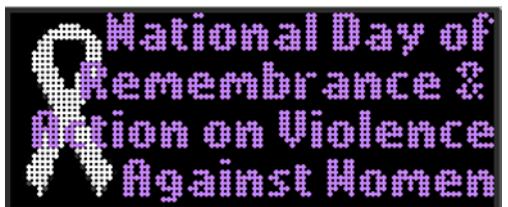
*before a weekend date. There would be a brief ceremony over the PA, and the names listed above were read aloud.*

*You would hope that hearing about this for 30 years would have a positive impact, but the reality is that gender-based violence is still a part of our society, indeed, around the world.*

*One small thing we will be doing to honour this day is using the church sign to remind people of this day. We will also have white ribbons to wear in*

*church on Sunday, December 7.*

*I was very surprised when the current issue of the Canada Lutheran arrived, and the feature story was about the **Thursdays in Black** movement which is a decades old campaign by the Word Council of Churches. I*





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couldn't believe that I had never heard of it before. You can read more in this issue of the magazine and/or check out the WCC website (the link is included

below). The information that follows is taken from the WCC website. I could be wrong, but I don't think it's a co-incidence that the magazine chose to feature this campaign in the issue

closest to December 6.

Respectfully submitted  
Michele Altermann (she/her)

## Thursdays in Black – Towards a world without rape and



In every country, gender-based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma and further violence.

We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies.



The campaign is simple but profound. **Wear black on Thursdays.** Wear a pin to declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence. Encourage others to join you.

Often black has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign Black is used as a color of resistance and resilience.

Thursdays in Black grew out of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998), in which the stories of rape as a weapon of war, gender injustice, abuse, violence, and many tragedies that grow outward from such violence became all the more

visible. But what also became visible was women's resilience, agency and personal efforts to resist such violations.

The campaign was inspired by:

- The Mothers of the Disappeared in Buenos Aires, Argentina who on Thursdays protested at the Plaza de Mayo, against the disappearance of their children during the violent dictatorship.
- The Women in Black in Israel and Palestine, who up to now protest against war and violence.
- Women in Rwanda and Bosnia who were protesting against the use of rape as a weapon of war during the genocide.
- Black Sash movement in South Africa protesting against apartheid and its use of violence against black people.

Join this movement of people and organizations that can make a difference to individuals, communities, and national and international policy forums. For more information go to:  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black>

## National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

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### “Fourteen Remembered” – December 6, 7:00 PM

In the wake of the killing of fourteen women at L’Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989, many people, both women and men, advocated for women’s rights and gun control in Canada. For many years after, vigils were held on the anniversary to remember the fourteen women and commit to making changes in our society so that all people could live their authentic lives and pursue their goals without the fear of gender-based violence.

In recent years, attendance at those vigils have become

smaller, and many have been discontinued. Yet, little has changed towards violence against women in our society since that terrible day in 1989.

In 1997 an amazing piece of music called “Fourteen Remembered” was created and recorded by Ahmed Hassen to commemorate the women who were killed and to help us all remember that day.

From the liner notes of the CD: *“14 Remembered is a contemplative journey through shock, anger, sorrow and grief, to a call for change, healing, and, ultimately, to a celebration of the women’s lives and their ability to teach us all...”*

*We hear the individual women’s names several times: in a funereal annunciation and invocation, in prayer, and sung to the melody of the 13th century Agnus Dei heard throughout. Finally, after calling out to them as though still amongst the living, their names are spoken through the didgeridoo, the sound which frames the work as a whole. In Indigenous Australian tradition, the didgeridoo serves as a vehicle through which to carry the souls of cherished ones into the next world.”*

At 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 6, Pastor Brian will be playing this recording in the church and lighting 14 candles in remembrance of the women and of this event. You are invited to join him.

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**“Your savior is born today in  
David’s city.  
He is Christ the Lord.”**  
**– Luke 2:11**

# Thank You for Making Socktober a Huge Success!



On behalf of the Helper Bees, thank you for being part of **Socktober 2025** and helping make it an incredible success!

Together, our community collected **4,650 pairs of socks** — a tremendous show of generosity that will help keep many of our neighbours warm and comfortable through the winter months. Your participation, whether as a collection site or through donations, made a real difference.

We are so grateful to have had the support of:

Organization	Bags of socks	Socks Collected	Comments
All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church	4	300	
Church of the Apostles	8	600	
Dillon Consulting	2	150	
Dublin Street United Church	6	450	actually 475
GCVI	18	1350	actually 1371
Guelph Tool Library	6	450	
Lane Logistics	2	150	actually 141
Mike Schreiner's Office	2	150	
OPIRG Guelph	2	150	
River Mills Condominiums	4	300	actually 328
River of Life Church	6	450	actually 462
Three Willows United Church	2	150	
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4650</b>	

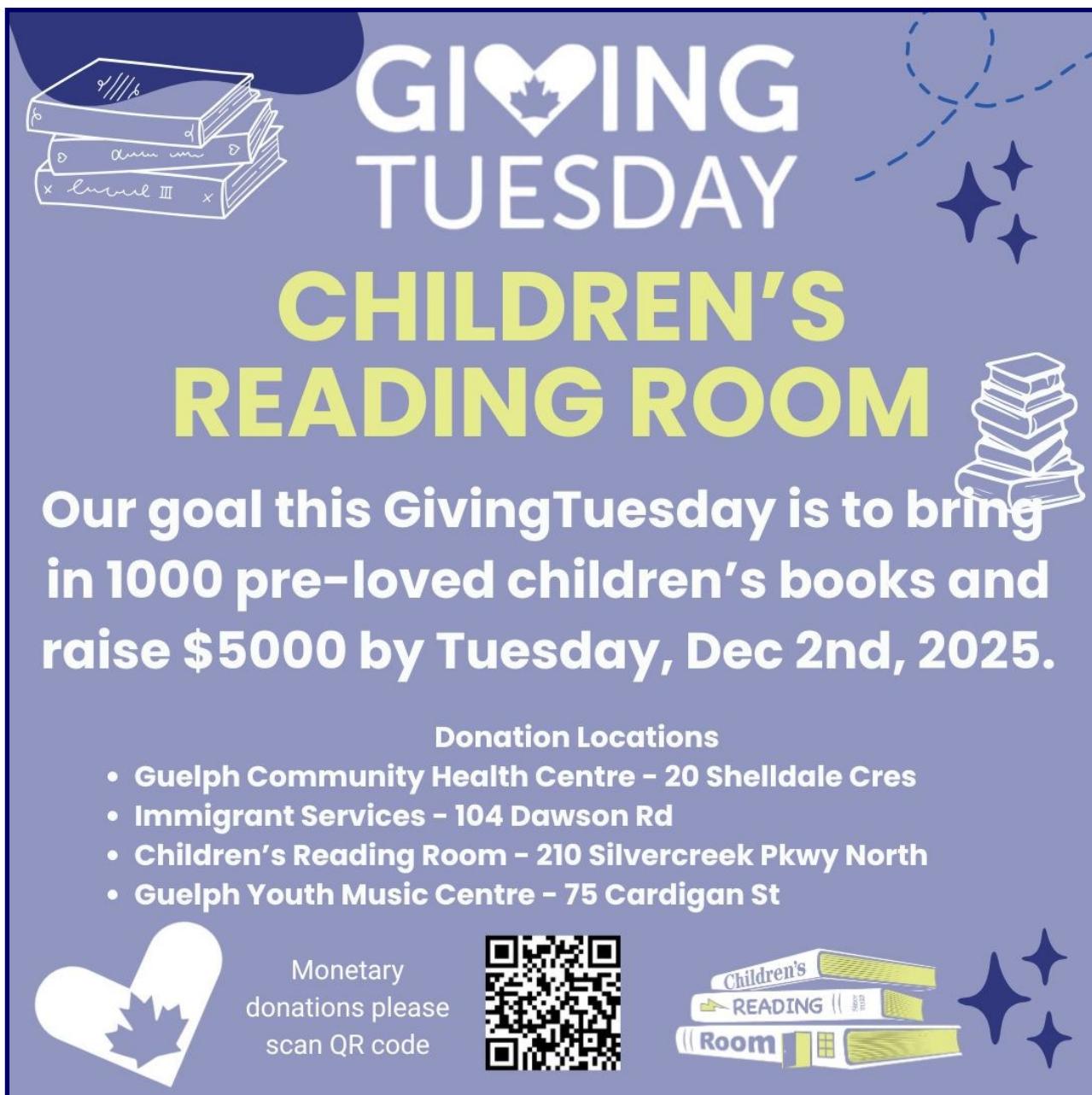
Please note, we do our best with the counts but sometimes we might miss a couple of socks here and there. Let me know if you had a different count and I will update my chart.

Thank you again for your generosity and partnership. We look forward to working with you on future community initiatives!



**John Dennis**  
Helper Bees Coordinator  
Church of the Apostles

**“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace, good will toward men.”**  
– Luke 2:14



The poster features a blue background with white text. At the top, there is a white line drawing of three books. To the right of the books, the word "GIVING" is written in large white letters, with a white heart shape containing a Canadian maple leaf in the center of the letter "I". Below "GIVING" is the word "TUESDAY" in a smaller white font. In the center, the words "CHILDREN'S" and "READING ROOM" are stacked vertically in large, bold, yellow letters. To the right of "READING ROOM" is a white line drawing of a stack of five books. In the bottom right corner, there is a white line drawing of three stars. In the bottom left corner, there is a white line drawing of a heart shape containing a Canadian maple leaf.

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

**CHILDREN'S  
READING ROOM**

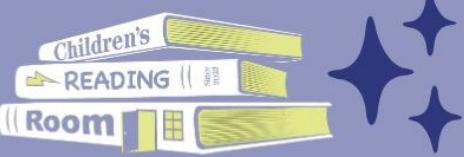
Our goal this Giving Tuesday is to bring in 1000 pre-loved children's books and raise \$5000 by Tuesday, Dec 2nd, 2025.

**Donation Locations**

- Guelph Community Health Centre – 20 Shelldale Cres
- Immigrant Services – 104 Dawson Rd
- Children's Reading Room – 210 Silvercreek Pkwy North
- Guelph Youth Music Centre – 75 Cardigan St

Monetary donations please scan QR code





December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Below are the regularly scheduled room uses that repeat weekly all year long (unless otherwise noted). Please check here <i>first</i> when looking for available space.						
6:30-8:30 pm — Rose Head Hall, NA Never Alone	9:00 am — Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi (Sept-Jun) 6:00-8:00 pm — Rose Head Hall, AA (Flying Blind), 8:00 – 9:00 pm – District Meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> week 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Choir Rm, Gambler's Anonymous	6:00 – 8:30 pm – Choir Rm, Gamblers Anonymous study group 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 4:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, Order of the Eastern Star 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 10:00 – 11:00 am – Good Morning Al Anon, Choir Rm 6:00-8:00 pm – Nave, Guelph Male Choir 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room, Guelph Al-Anon Family Group 7:30-9:30 pm – RRH, AA Helping Hands	9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 5:45- 8:00 pm – Rose Head Hall, TOPS 7:00 – 8:00 pm – Choir Room, Tri-County Recovery	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Rooms A&B, Children Reading Room 9:00 am – Rose Head Hall, Tai Chi (Sept-Jun)	
RHH – Rose Head Hall	1 1:00 p.m., Parlour Outreach meeting 7:00 p.m. – All Saints Affirming People via Zoom	2	3	4 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice, Nave	5	6 9:00 a.m. Decorating the Church 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – RHH, Rental
<b>7 Advent 2</b> 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. – Nave Lessons and Carols	8 7:00 p.m., Parlour Worship & Music meeting	9	10	11 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – RHH, Chi Rho Fellowship 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice, Nave	12	13 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Nave, Recital 3:00 – 8:00 p.m., RHH rental
<b>14 Advent 3</b> 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	15	16 2:00 p.m. – Parlour, The Associates 5:00 p.m. – RHH, Men's Fellowship	17	18 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RHH, Silvercreek Community Market 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice, Nave	19	20
<b>21 Advent 4</b> 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion Deadline for <i>Connections</i>	22 Office open today	23 Office closes at 1 p.m. until January 2, 2026	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 5:00 p.m. German Service 7:00 p.m. Family Service 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 10:00 a.m. – Nave Lessons and Carols	26	27
<b>28 Christmas 1</b> 8:30 am – Nave Holy Communion 10:00 am – Nave Holy Communion	29	30	31			