



Trinity Connected

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Church Finances

Submitted by Don Coleman

Here are our church finances to date (March 24, 2022):

Local Expenses - Our income for this period was **\$11,496.09**.

Our expenses for the same period was **\$26,303.62** *leaving us with a shortfall of \$14,707.53*. Because the winter weather was colder this year than in previous years, with more snowfall, our expenses for heating and snow removal have increased significantly over previous years.

Mission & Service - Our givings to Mission and Service for the same period was **\$1,658.00**. Our projected **target for 2022 is \$12,000**.

Now that we are open for regular worship service and with our regular renters starting to return, we can look forward to an improvement to our financial situation.

We thank all those who have supported us over the past three months and look forward to your continuing support.

Just the Facts

The names listed below are members of staff, the Ministerial team, Stewards, and Session who served the church throughout the time of Covid. We thought you might like to know more about them and you will - by filling in the blank spaces below with one of their names in the apce provided. In April we will publish the answers to the quiz, so **do not discard this newsletter!!!!** There will be a prize for the person(s) who get all the correct answers (you will like the prize)!!



Andy Adamson, Sheila Anthony, Linda Brown, Joyce Casement, Jean Clair, Ian Mackay, Jane Mackay, John McDougall, Mary-Ann McNutt, Bea Moffitt, Darlene Nicol, Catherine Oxenford-Grant, Rebecca Peters, Diane Revill, Linda Shane, Marg Smith, Stan Stinchcombe

WHO.....

1. Climbed 3 mountains in the Adirondacks? _____
2. Was the writer/photographer for a small newspaper for 5 years? _____
3. Had their first paying job as a cashier at the age of eight? _____
4. Had lunch with Canadian author Margaret Laurence? _____
5. Played the Judge in a production of The Trial of Jesus? _____
6. Attended the same school and church as Andy Adamson? _____
7. Hitch-hiked to Cape Cod and back? _____
8. Was the model used for fitting Mila Mulroney's tailored outfits? _____
9. Sold 350 cc's of their blood for \$27 in Madrid? _____
10. Drove a limo for a summer job at a resort? _____
11. Had chicken pox at Christmas, followed by mumps at Easter? _____
12. Drank from a common dipper in her one-room school days? _____
13. Took their first date to a topless go-go joint (innocently)? _____
14. Had their Canadian citizenship presented to them by Lester Pearson? _____
15. Was born August 14, 1945 – VJ Day amid international celebrations? _____
16. Snorkelled around the shipwreck Conestoga in the St. Lawrence? _____
17. At age 9 cooked vegetables on a grill in a cut-down 45 gallon drum? _____

SFCS Foodbank Needs

Food donation items that we are in need of currently include:



- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Packaged Cookies
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Crackers
- Canned Flaked Meat
- Juice Boxes
- Apple Sauce
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Dish Soap
- Cleaning Supplies
- Deodorant (Men's and Ladies)
- Jams and Spreads

Bible Study for March

Submitted by Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant

Luke Chapter 15 “Lost and Found”

I have titled this bible study “Lost and Found” because I believe that this parable is about more than the return and redemption of a wastrel son, the bitterness of the older brother, and the rejoicing of a bereaved and broken-hearted Father. As we know, stories are rarely one-sided and this is no exception. And for the reader, disappointingly, there is not conclusion.



The 15th chapter of Luke begins with three parables – all about lost and found – Lost sheep, Lost Coin and Lost Son. In Luke's parallel parables of the lost sheep and lost coin, he addresses this same ‘less-than charitable attitude’ in the Pharisees and scribes who are miffed that Jesus would sully himself by keeping company with *‘tax collectors and sinners’* [v. 1].

The 3rd parable of the ‘lost son’ leaves two themes in tension. On the one hand, Jesus illustrates the love of God that is beyond human love as we understand and practice it, for no typical father would act as this father does in the parable, especially in the context of the time. On the other hand, Jesus addresses the parable against his critics, justifying his message and ministry, by which he hung around with the outcasts. His critics are illustrated by the behavior of the elder brother, who cannot join in the rejoicing over the lost being found, angrily refusing to join the party. For this reason the parable could also be known as ‘the lost sons’. Because of the behavior of the younger son, both are lost.

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Air Fryer Honey Mustard Pork Chops

Ingredients:

- 4 pork chops, boneless thick cut
- 2 tbsp yellow mustard
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup stone ground mustard
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley for garnish



Directions:

1. Remove the pork chops from the fridge and let come to room temperature, about 15 mins.
2. Preheat the air fryer to 400 degrees for 5 mins.
3. Brush a layer of yellow mustard onto the pork chops. Season both sides with salt, black pepper and paprika.
4. Place the pork chops into the air fryer basket, leaving room between each pork chop. Cook for 8 mins, flip, and cook for an additional 7 mins.
5. While the pork chops are cooking, prepare the honey mustard. In a small bowl, combine honey, stone ground mustard, mayonnaise, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic powder, and crushed garlic. Whisk to combine. Pour honey mustard mixture into a saucepan over high heat. Cook for 5 mins, stirring often.
6. Remove pork chops and let rest for 5 mins on a serving dish. Pour honey mustard over the pork chops and garnish with fresh chopped parsley. Enjoy!





Wishing **everyone** who celebrates in **March**
a very happy birthday!

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you.
May God's richest blessings fall upon you!

**We are back to in-person services.
We look forward to seeing you in church when you
feel comfortable! We are still wearing masks, so
please wear yours when you come.**

Planting Your Spring Garden



Plant 3 rows of peas:

1. *Peace of mind*
2. *Peace of heart*
3. *Peace of soul*

Plant 4 rows of squash:

1. *Squash gossip*
2. *Squash indifference*
3. *Squash grumbling*
4. *Squash selfishness*

Plant 4 rows of lettuce:

1. *Lettuce be faithful*
2. *Lettuce be kind*
3. *Lettuce be patient*
4. *Lettuce really love one another*

No garden is complete with turnip:

1. *Turnip for meetings*
2. *Turnip for service*
3. *Turnip to help one another*

To conclude, our garden must have thyme:

1. *Thyme for each other*
2. *Thyme for family*
3. *Thyme for friends*

**Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden because you reap
what you sow.**

Bible Study for March

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There are three distinct types of people illustrated in this parable and since the parable ends without a conclusion, it seems that the thrust of the message is directed toward those who fall under the category of the older son. The difficulty with that is that most people in the church who listen to this parable readily identify themselves with the younger son, the prodigal (*literally: recklessly extravagant; wasteful*)...I was lost in sin, but I came back to God and God took me in. But in truth, if we saw ourselves as the elder brother would we allow ourselves to love more than we judge and just join in the party with all the rest? We too are left, at the end of the

parable, not sure whether or not we will go into the banquet hall. All too often, in our lives as the church we have tended to side with one or the other of the sons..... it's a confusing state in which Jesus leaves the story. At the story's end, we are left wondering what will happen now. That's precisely where we enter the picture - how will we, prodigal or faithful, respond to God's love and mercy?

I think that these parables can be read as anecdotes about God in the sense that what they are essentially about the outlandishness of God who does impossible things with impossible people. Which of you, Jesus asks, would go to such lengths to search and find and then welcome back and celebrate? Truth be told, not many of us would. But God would. Something to ponder...does God grieve the loss of a loved one the way we do?

The Power of a Great Challenge

One of the most effective advertisements ever written appeared in a London newspaper early in the last century. It read: ***"Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful."*** The ad was written by Sir Ernest Shackleton, explorer of Antarctica. The response to the ad was overwhelming. Concerning it Shackleton said, ***"It seemed as though all the men in Great Britain were determined to accompany us!"***

