



## Salisbury United Church

*"Connecting hearts, minds and lives  
in community with God"*

*"Day by day...  
they received  
their food with  
glad & generous  
hearts."*

*Acts 2:46*

**November 18, 2022 ENews**

### *SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV BRITT*

1st is it possible to remember something that hasn't happened yet?

Memory being what it is, it is of course possible for any one of us to remember something that happened in the past but that did not take place. It is equally likely you might forget something that happened and insist it never did. Many relationship conversations or arguments have been based on the difference between people's memories of what did or did not happen!

But what I am asking about has to do with the future and not the past. Is it possible to remember something that has not happened yet? To remember it as tangibly as you remember the events that you are so sure did or did not happen at some point in your life? One aspect of the faith journey that we undertake as people of faith is that we remember forward to things not yet evident in time and space.

Jesus remembered forward all the time. He spoke of the "kingdom of God" and taught his followers to pray, "thy kingdom come, they will be done." What Jesus referred to as God's kingdom has been referred to elsewhere as the "reign of God", the "new Jerusalem", the "peaceable kingdom", the "kingdom" of God, and so forth. And although it goes by many names, it all points to a tangible, remembered future in which the world and our lives are healed, sins are forgiven, and creation comes into balance again with the Creator. Jesus was fond of saying that the "kingdom of God is near you" or "the Kingdom of God is in you." He knew the power of a remembered future to the life of faith. We carry within us the power of the memory of a blessed future time of restoration and peace.

I think this kind of remembering is not something many of us are used to practising. Yet the remembered future, one that is close to God's heart and ours, is the ultimate goal of our walking with Jesus along the route of our own faith journey. We don't walk with Jesus so that we can wander in circles. We walk toward a future that we pray will come, even while we carry it now in our forward remembering. We long for it and live it at the same time.

Think about it and sleep on it. May the remembered future of God's Kingdom spark new life in your journey of faith in these difficult and troubled times.

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – Worship Committee Meeting 2pm
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Tea and Bake Sale
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Advent Begins
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Communion
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Adult Baptisms, Christmas Potluck & Carol Sing
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup> – Memorial Tree Lighting
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve



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## *Pie Sale Thank You!!*

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our “Save a Turkey Buy a Pie” sale. We retained 23% or \$574.00. Special thanks to Joan Souster and the H&F Committee for all their help organizing this event.

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## *Congregational Meeting This Sunday*

Our Annual congregational meeting to approve the coming year’s (2023) budget will be held this Sunday immediately after worship. If you cannot attend in person you are welcome to join via Zoom using the regular Zoom link for Sunday worship.

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## **TEA AND BAKE SALE!!!**

**Salisbury United Church**

**2 Mission Street**

**TEA and BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, November 26**

**10 am – 2 pm**

**Delicious Baking**

**Door Prizes!**

**Admission \$5 (children 6 and under free)**

**Tea and Light Lunch included**



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## **ADVENT SEASON DEVOTIONAL**

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and the Worship Committee will be providing devotional material to use at home. These can be picked up along with advent candles for home use after worship on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The devotional will also be made available by email for you to print out for yourself at home.

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## MEDITATION CIRCLE AT 10AM ONLINE

Join us on Wednesday mornings online at 10:00 am for morning meditation led by Rev. Britt Aerhart. Everyone is welcome to attend. The link to join is posted on our website.

## CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE

We are sad to announce that our long time Office Administrator, Roxanne Prytula, has taken a position elsewhere. Cherry Frampton has agreed to be our temporary office administrator until a replacement is hired. Due to the change in operations, we are asking for your patience if things are completed slower than we are used to. Also note that due to Youtube processing delays we will have the Sunday Services edited and put on Youtube on each Tuesday following the service. Thank you for your understanding and consideration during this time.

## TRUEARTH ONGOING FUNDRAISER

We are having an ongoing fundraiser with TruEarth, a Canadian company which sells environmentally friendly cleaning products for your laundry, kitchen, and bathroom.



By purchasing any of "TruEarth's products, not only are you helping the environment, but also Salisbury UC as we will receive 20% of the profits from any online purchase made through our link provided on our website or you by selecting the following link:

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/salisburyuc>

### UPDATE

For those of you who are not comfortable making purchases online we have a new option for you! Salisbury United Church will make an online order on the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. Just send your order and money to Salisbury United Church by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month and we will place an order on your behalf.

## FINANCE CORNER

Update for January 1 to September 30, 2022



	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Income:	\$162,039.34	\$177,966.53
Expense:	<u>\$183,973.17</u>	<u>\$177,586.22</u>
	<b>\$ 21,933.83</b>	<u>\$398.31</u>

As of the end of September, we've posted a year-to-date operating loss of \$22,000. We're counting on a significant upsurge in giving leading up to Christmas in order to break even by the end of 2022. Thank you for doing what you can to help!

If you need any help with giving envelopes (new supply, pick-up, etc.) or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, E-Transfers or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact Roxanne at the Church Office. Phone: 780-467-7310 E-Mail: [salisburyuc@telus.net](mailto:salisburyuc@telus.net)

Thank you for your support of Salisbury United Church and congratulations for helping your church to meet ongoing ministry obligations.

[Click Here](#)

TO DONATE ON-LINE WITH CANADA HELPS



We are now set up to accept Interac ETransfers. If you are familiar with Etransfers, just use our email address [salisburyuc@telus.net](mailto:salisburyuc@telus.net) to send your donation.

## NORTHERN SPIRIT REGION NEWS & EVENTS



### NORTHERN SPIRIT WEBSITE

Northern Spirit has a website!

Go to [www.northernspiritr.ca](http://www.northernspiritr.ca) for more information.



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS



# What are we waiting for?

Advent meditations with the leaders of Canada's Anglican, Evangelical Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Churches

**The Rev. Susan C. Johnson**

**The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne**

**The Rev. Dr. Robert Faris**

**The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls**



For information on how to attend this Ecumenical Event online please following the link below.

<https://united-church.ca/events/ecumenical-advent-series-what-are-we-waiting>



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## First Full Meeting of GC44 Executive



On November 18–19, 2022, the 44th General Council Executive will have its first full meeting virtually. The Executive will be considering some items referred to them from GC44 related to ministry personnel and essential agreement, ending a pastoral relationship, and a way forward for designated lay ministry. Other items include the strategic and operational plan (2023–2025), operating budget principles for 2023, and a proposal on a Covenant of Reconciliation related to Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action 46.

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## TODAY'S FUNNIES



## RECOGNITION OF LAND



We worship with respect on land where people have lived, prayed, and held ceremonies since long before Canada was a nation. This is Treaty Six Territory, and we affirm the traditional relationship of the Cree, Blackfoot, Déne, Assiniboine, Nakota and later the Métis people with this land, along with our ongoing treaty relationship with each other.

### **Following are the email addresses that are from Salisbury United Church:**

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Tuesday – Fridays

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Music Coordinator: Lucienne Holzman

Church Office Administrator: Cherry Frampton