



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

October 20, 2022 ENews

SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV BRITT

We so often closely associate the 23rd Psalm with a funeral service and comfort for the family during the time of death. But in all reality these verses can provide comfort for our everyday living and support for our daily faith journey. David, a shepherd boy, the author of this psalm and later to be known as the Shepherd King of Israel, writes as a sheep would think and feel about his/her/their shepherd.

"The Lord is my Shepherd" implies a profound yet practical working relationship between a person and the Creator and Savior. "I belong to my Shepherd because he created me, he cares for me, he brought me through when I was stuck, and he settles me to feed in safety."

"He makes me lie down in green pastures" gives us a picture of rest and assurance. Sheep will not lie down if they are afraid, if there is conflict among other sheep, if bothered by insects or parasites, or if they are hungry. Even though we are not literally sheep, we too will not settle down, stay in one place or feel at home if we experience fear, tension between and among each other, or the aggravation of things that "bug" us. To become free to "lie down in green pastures" we need to be able to trust that there is a loving power beyond ourselves that sees us and anticipates our need for comfort and consolation. The words *"He restores my soul"* indicate that even in the wonderful care of our Shepherd, the still water and the green pastures, there are times when we will need to be restored, repaired and renewed.

There is an excellent parallel found in the world of sheep. Sometimes a sheep, because of its center of gravity, will turn over on its back and be unable to get up by itself. In England the shepherd's term for this condition is "casting." A "cast" sheep will lie for days and even sometimes die on its back if it doesn't get help. We can get in that condition also. This reminds of us of the word "downcast", which describes what happens to us when we get upended in life.

It is the work of God in our lives to turn us upright, to put on back on our feet again. And it is the path of Jesus for us as people of faith which leads us toward what is lifegiving and sustaining of us, body and soul. It is our responsibility to follow. We will starve to death spiritually if we stay upended, unable to right ourselves.



There is more that could be said about the 23rd Psalm but for now, let us ponder the way that faith can put us on a better footing with ourselves, other people and our life in the world.

Adapted from an article by the Rev. Time McConnell, at <https://www.citizen-times.com/story/life/2016/04/22/devotional-closer-look-what-psalm-23-tells-us/83201672/>

UPCOMING DATES:

- Oct. 17-21: Rev. Britt will be away attending a family funeral
- Oct. 26: Board Meeting at 7pm
- Oct. 30: Final day to submit your Meat Street Pies order



OCTOBER 23 GUEST SPEAKER

Please join us in welcoming Ary Vreeken, Alberta Representative, Canadian Foodgrains Bank on Sunday, October 23. The United Church of Canada is a founding member of the Foodgrains Bank, which unites many Canadian church denominations with farmers and other supporters in providing food in situations of hunger and famine around the world. While Ary will speak

about his experiences with overseas work, his understanding of the issue of human hunger in this time of global instability, along with the hopeful connection our faith makes for us for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Reminder

Rev. Britt has been away this week and will be back in time for Sunday morning service on the 23rd.



THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to all who helped and/or donated to our bottle drive last week!!!

SAVE THE TURKEY & BUY A PIE!!!

Salisbury United Church invites you to save a turkey this fall and instead buy a delicious chicken pot pie or tourtiere!

Due to popular demand, **we are selling tourtiere and chicken pot pies** from Meat Street Pies. Meat Street Pies is a family business that began in 2014 selling scrumptious meat pies that were created by combining recipes from parts of Canada, Britain, and the former colonies. For more information on this business and their various pies go to: <https://www.meatstreetpies.com/>



Order forms are available via email and print copies will be in the Narthex. Payment is to be made to Salisbury UC and orders must be submitted by October 30. The church will receive 23% of the proceeds.

Your order can be picked up at the church on Nov. 12 between 10am - 12 pm.
(If you are unable to pick up your order, we can arrange delivery.)



9" Family Size Chicken Pot Pie for \$30
4 Individual Size Chicken Pot Pies for \$40
9" Family Size Tourtiere Pie for \$30
Order forms are available on our website.



**Salisbury United Church and all
the turkeys thank you very much!!!**

INVITATION FOR OUR CONGREGATION

We share our Sanctuary space with the congregation from Jesus the Anointed One (JA1) church which is based in Edmonton and has expanded to the Sherwood Park area.

This Sunday evening, October 23, the JA1 church invites the Salisbury UC congregation to join them in celebrating their 1-year anniversary of worshiping in our Sanctuary.

Sunday Worship service will be at 6 pm followed by a dinner in the Lower Hall and they would love for you to come and join them in this celebration!

Their service includes:

- Welcome
- Live Music
- Word of God, Thanksgiving of God's Goodness
- Communion
- Offering
- Closing Prayer
- A short video of how JA1 Sherwood Park started.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING



With the shifts and changes in worship life which have been accelerated by these pandemic years, the Church Board recently discussed plans to welcome children and their parents to the church and rebuild our children's programming. While these discussions are underway, we recognize that expressing hospitality for families in our worship space is an important step we can take now. For the time being, children and parents will continue to worship together in the Sanctuary. We will continue to have pew kits available for kids who would like them, but we will also try creating a "busy pew" at the back so that families know they have a place they are welcome to sit together with mobile young children. We will try this for a season while we develop other plans for including children and their families back into our church life.



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.

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 30th of each month. Just send your order and money to Salisbury United Church by the 25th of each month and we will place an order on your behalf.

FINANCE CORNER

Update for January 1 to August 30, 2022

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Income:	\$146,813.92	\$139,842.86
Expense:	<u>\$167,637.70</u>	<u>\$161,706.99</u>
Net Income:	(\$ 20,823.78)	(\$ 21,864.13)



For the eight months ended August 31, 2022, overall net income was \$1000 more than budgeted. After taking into account M&S donations of \$2400 received but yet to be paid out, net income was actually short \$1400. Notable variances from budget are as follows:

Income was \$7000 over budget (Offerings +\$3800, Fundraisers +\$4000, M&S -\$1900).

Expenses were \$6000 over budget (M&S Remittance -\$5200, Repairs & Maintenance +\$4100, Fundraiser Expense +\$2700). Fundraiser Expense was higher than planned because 50% of bottle drive income was donated to charities outside the church.

In summary, with four months left to go in the year, we're more or less on target. Still, our net loss to date totals \$20,800. We're depending on a steady increase in offerings leading up to Christmas in order to break even or better.

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

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 to send your donation. As our church is set up for automatic deposits no password will be needed.

NORTHERN SPIRIT REGION NEWS & EVENTS



NORTHERN SPIRIT WEBSITE

Northern Spirit has a website!

Go to www.northernspirित्रc.ca for more information.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS



COME AND SEE PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

March 2023 (10-14 days) | Program fee plus airfare and insurance.



Rev. Marianna Harris and George Bartlett (former Ecumenical Accompanier) invite you to come on a pilgrimage to see for yourself what is happening in Palestine and Israel.

Visit key holy places while reflecting on God's vision of peace and shalom.

The program will be facilitated by the Sabeel Center in Jerusalem, a Mission & Service partner.

Cost: Program fee, plus flight and insurance. Exact amount to be determined.

This is a self-organized Come and See pilgrimage. It is not organized, subsidized, or facilitated by the General Council Office. Please direct all inquiries or expressions of interest to Rev. Marianna Harris and George Bartlett. Pilgrimage spots will be filled as registrations received.

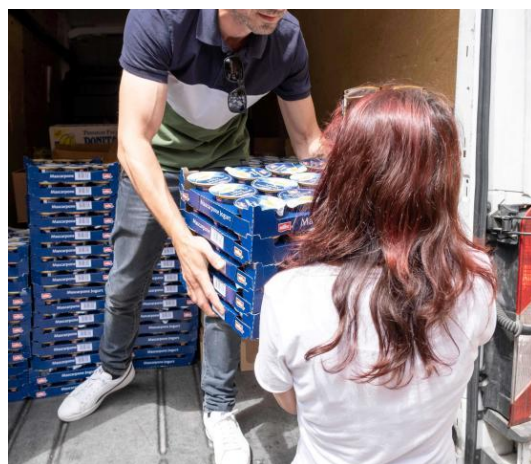
To Express Interest

Please contact: Rev. Marianna Harris, holymom1@shaw.ca or George Bartlett, g.bartlett@sympatico.ca

UPDATE: YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK IN UKRAINE

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, Mission & Service partners have been responding to the needs of those impacted by the war. Here's an update about some of the ways your generosity is helping to provide life-saving support through our global partnerships:

With the freezing cold of winter looming, ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) is working hard to ensure that those affected by the conflict have safe, warm, and dignified accommodation. As schools are being used to shelter refugees and internally displaced people, ACT is making certain children can continue to access education.



In the earliest days of the crisis, one of our partners—Hungarian Interchurch Aid—opened welcome points at borders for those driving and walking across the border and transitioned to support those arriving by train. They have now opened a centralized refugee hub.

In Poland, our partner the Lutheran World Federation is hosting cash support centres, providing refugee families with money to meet their basic needs.

Throughout affected regions, Mission & Service partners are helping people access essentials like food, water, and hygiene.

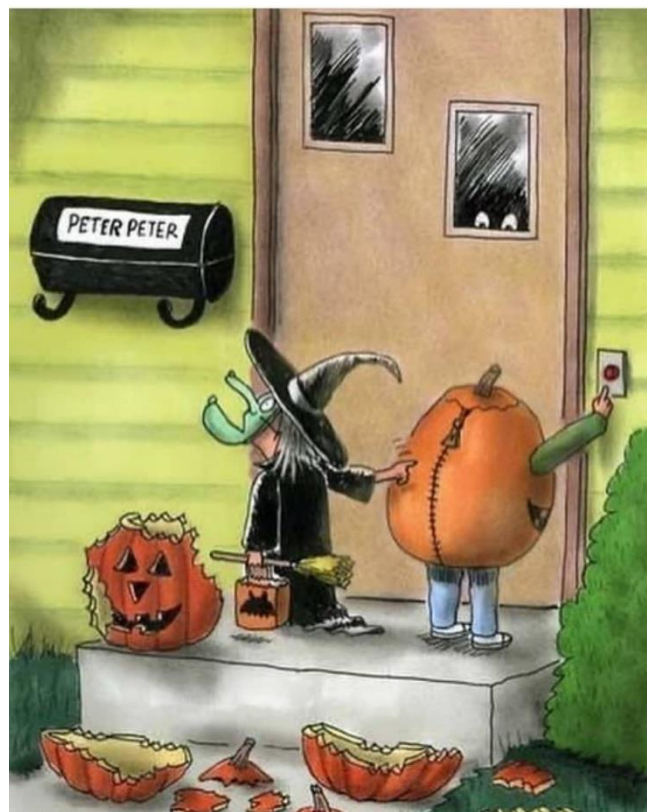
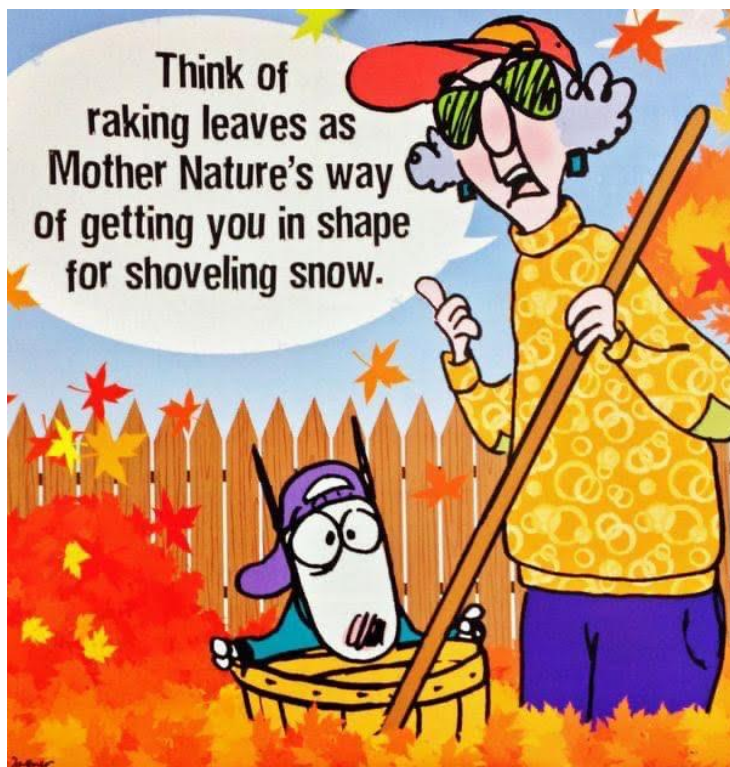
Church leaders are also on the ground providing spiritual comfort. Father Eugen Omu is a Romanian Orthodox priest who is staffing a refugee welcome centre in Sculeni, Romania. “It is important to have priests here,” he says. “When someone sees a priest, it reminds them of God and gives them courage to face what is to come.”

Our church partners are at the forefront of the emergency response in Ukraine with help from faithful supporters like you.

Your generosity serves as a reminder of the loving spirit of God, providing care and encouragement when and where it is most needed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.





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, D ne, Assiniboine, Nakota and later the M tis people with this land, along with our ongoing treaty relationship with each other.

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

salisburyuc@telus.net – from Roxanne, our Church Office Administrator

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revvedtoo@gmail.com – Rev. Britt's personal email

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Church Office Hours: Noon to 5pm
Mondays – Thursdays



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