



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 6, 2022 ENews

SOMETHING TO PONDER BY REV BRITT

Thank you! Let me say it again. THANK YOU!

I deeply appreciate the honour of celebrating my 25th ordination anniversary with you and of the thoughtful cards, small gifts, and well wishes you have given me. Thank you to the food preparers, servers, setter-uppers and everyone for attending. How lovely!!

In light of the celebration, which my family attended (yay!), and with the approach of thanksgiving, I have been reflecting lately on the meaning of gratitude. It is often said that gratitude is what can restore us to a sense of joy and faith in something other than ourselves. Yet gratitude is something that cannot be commanded. I remember being told once by someone who found the Great Thanksgiving prayer during communion to be awkward, "I don't like being told that I have to be thankful." I understood what he meant. Forced gratitude tends to become grumpy gratitude, which is more objectionable than helpful.

I try to remember that gratitude is more a way of living than it is a feeling. Gratitude is the way you live among others in the world, recognizing that your life exists because other lives contribute to yours and because the Creator of Life has given you breath to sustain your heart, mind, and soul. It is therefore possible to be grateful as an act of the will rather than as an impulse of feeling. And when somebody is grateful as an act of will you know that they are making an effort to really be grateful rather than just falling into it as a matter of the moment. That is why the dying tradition of sending thank you cards is so touching. It requires intentional effort and time for the card to be made or purchased and then sent.

As we approach thanksgiving as an event, may we also approach it as a way of living life, recognizing that intentional words and actions of thanks, appreciation, and consideration are a way of giving each other our blessing and receiving blessing in return.

May we all have a blessed thanksgiving this year, and once again thank you for blessing my 25th year of ministry and my 12 years up-to-now with you in ministry!



UPCOMING DATES:

- Oct. 11: Worship Committee Meeting at 2pm
- Oct. 12: Vision Support Team Meeting at 2pm
- Oct. 14 & 15: Bottle Drive
- Oct. 16: Save the Turkey and Buy a Pie Fundraiser Begins
- Oct. 17-21: Rev. Britt will be away attending a family funeral
- Oct. 26: Board Meeting at 7pm



BOTTLE DRIVE, OCT 14 & 15, 9AM - 1PM

Save your bottles!! You can drop them off during our next bottle drive.

50% of the money earned from your donations remains with the church and the other 50% will go to the Beaverhills Biosphere Reserve in Strathcona County. For more information about this association go to <https://www.beaverhills.ca/>

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!!!**

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.

KAMMERCHOR CAPELLA QUIRINA NEUSS CONCERT

Robertson-Wesley United Church, Edmonton

Do you love music? Then plan to attend, with your family and friends, this upcoming concert presented by the Robertson-Wesley Music Society! On **Tuesday, October 11, 2022**, at 7:30 pm, an exceptional chamber choir from Neuss, Germany, will be performing. The RW-Music Society is thrilled to be hosting this wonderful choir of 25 members and their Music Director, Joachim Neugart, as they perform pieces by Bach, Bevan, Dubra, Esenwalds, Hammerschmidt, Poulenc and others. Tickets are available from the church office in groups of 10 tickets for a discount (which allows you to bring your family and friends). To purchase less than 10 tickets, please purchase your tickets from TIX on the Square, using the discount code, RWMS2022. Tickets are \$23.50 each or 10 for \$200.00.





FORTY DAYS OF ENGAGEMENT ON ANTI-RACISM

Hello Companions for the 40 Days,
We are almost ready to start the [40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#)! Everything begins on October 11, with brand-new content and opportunities to engage.
The start date is still a few weeks away—but to get ready, here are five things that you can do right now!

Register for the 40 Days Live Events!

These live online events run every Tuesday between October 11 and November 22, starting at either 12:00 noon ET or at 7:00 p.m. ET. The series starts off with Desmond Cole—an award-winning author and anti-racist activist, and that event will offer interpretation between English and French. [Register for the weekly online live events](#)—and feel free to invite family, friends, and people from your communities of faith to also join in.

Sign Up for a Study Group

If you'd like an opportunity to talk with other people across the church about what you are reading and exploring each day, you may want to [sign up for a 40 Days study group](#)! These small groups will meet weekly and each group will have facilitators who will foster conversations about anti-racism. The dates for the study groups will be determined by consensus, so please register soon so that group dates can be finalized.

Share the Newsletter

This weekly newsletter will preview content for the upcoming week, and will be an excellent way to stay connected with all that is happening around the 40 Days. You are welcome to share this newsletter widely; or, [encourage people to sign up](#) so they will also receive the latest developments directly into their own email inboxes.

Explore these Anti-Racism Videos!

Dive into this new United Church video series, called “Becoming an Anti-Racist Church”. The video series features four United Church leaders. One video considers [theology and faith](#), another examines how [the church is rooted in racism](#), and one reflects on [dismantling White supremacist culture](#). These videos are free for use in worship and across social media! Explore the series and share with people you know.

Connect on Social Media

If you are connected on social media, why not join the [United Church Anti-Racism](#) Facebook group to keep the conversation going?

You are welcome to also widely share any of the content from the 40 Days widely on your own personal or church social media accounts! When sharing, please use the hashtag **#UCCan**. In addition, please use any or all of the following:

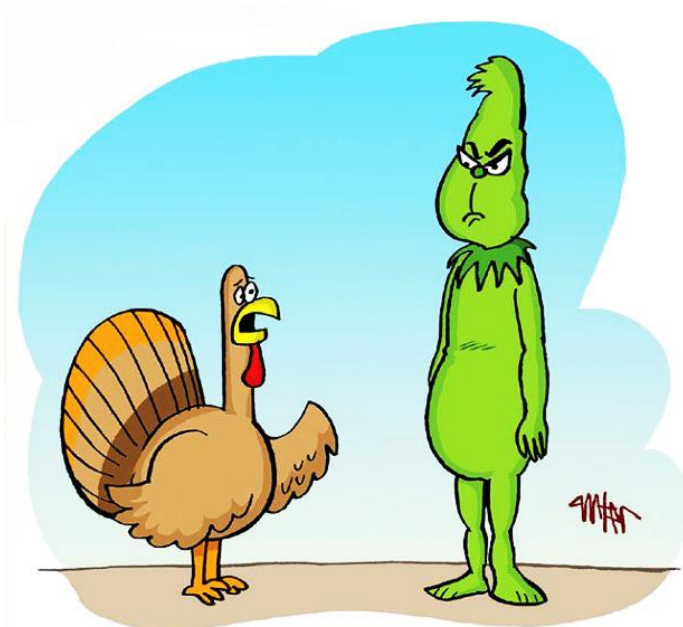
#40DaysAntiRacism #UCCanAntiRacism #RacialJustice #AntiRacism. If there are additional ways that you plan to share or engage with the content, we'd love to know! Please email anti-racism@united-church.ca with your ideas and insights.

We are keen to continue to journey together!

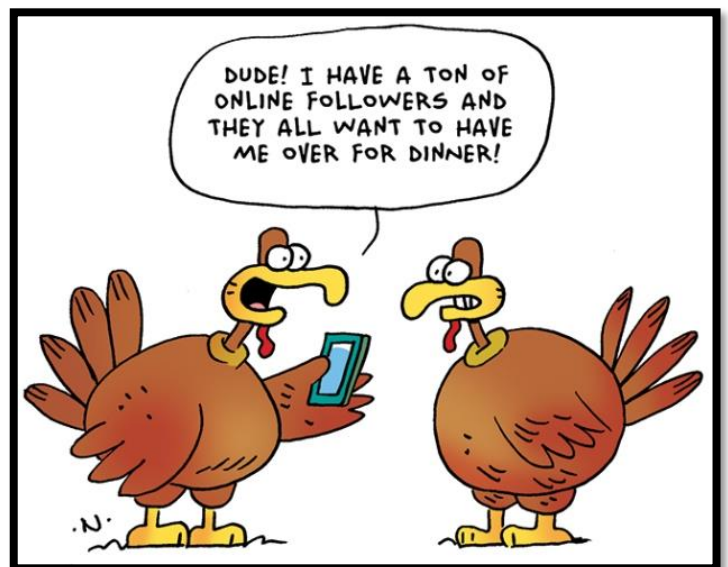
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Adele Halliday and the Creation Team for the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

TODAY'S FUNNIES



"We'd like to hire you to steal Thanksgiving."



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

salisburyminister@telus.net – Rev. Britt's church email

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Mondays – Thursdays

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Church Office Administrator: Roxanne Prytula