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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 - 3:00 pm

St. Mark's United
Church
237 Cannifton
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Morning Worship
Sunday @ 10:30

NOSH
Monday - Friday
Before/After School

Every Thursday
Happy Harmony
@ 7 p.m.

Every Friday
AA @ 7 p.m.

Every Sunday
Grafted Church
@ 3 p.m.

UCW - First
Tuesday of each
month at 1:00PM.
All women are
welcome!

1st Saturday of
each month :
Indian Orthodox
Church



Darren's Thanksgiving Message

In Alice Walker's book, *The Colour Purple*, two women, Shug and Celie, are out talking in a field one day. They are talking about giving thanks. Celie, who was abused by her father and then by her husband, did not have a lot to be thankful about. She was treated like a slave in her own home, her mother had died while Celie was a young girl, and the only one who had ever loved her, her sister, Nettie, had been torn from her life and she had not heard from her.

Shug knows Celie's pain. As they walked out in the field though she reminds Celie that she should give thanks for all that God has given us. She says that it must anger God when we walk by a field of purple flowers and do not give thanks. Celie says does that mean that God is vain. Shug says no, it just means that God is wanting to share a good thing.

Giving thanks. It really is quite easy. I know that I have friends and family who love me. I know that I have the best job in the world and I get to work with lovely people. I know that I am very lucky to live in Canada despite the days of snow and ice to come. I have my health. I have so many things to be thankful for.

But it is easy to dwell on the negative. We complain about the cold and snow. We complain about certain politicians. We wonder how some people act out the way that they do. We wonder why we don't have as much as the Joneses. So inspite of all of God's generous gifts, we do complain.

Then there are those things which I just forget to thank God for. I forget to thank God for blessing the world with people who have skills in various things. I know I would be useless in rebuilding an engine or as a surgeon. Luckily there are others who have such gifts. I forget to thank God for the natural beauty that surrounds us in this part of the world. Yes there are times when I give thanks for the coloured leaves and the crisp days of fall, but too many times it is just noise in the background. I sometimes forget to thank God for the rich harvest and the work of the farmers. I forget to thank God for the gifts of others who enrich my life.

So it is important to have a day like Thanksgiving. A day when we can spend some time and actively giving thanks. We all have been blessed. Together may we share these blessings. Amen.

Darren



Dear Friends,

Here is a brief update on our **Safe Access Project** and the progress we're making together.

Congregational Fundraising Goal: \$30,000

Current Congregational Total: \$11,290

Our Safe Access Project continues to move forward with gratitude and momentum. With our congregational goal set at \$30,000, we are pleased to share that we have now reached \$11,290 in congregational giving. Every gift brings us closer to ensuring safe, welcoming access for all who come to St. Mark's.

Alongside congregational support, we are also pursuing several grants to help meet the overall project cost of \$140,000. We are thankful to report that the Parrott Foundation has awarded us \$35,000, a significant contribution that strengthens our progress and affirms the importance of this project.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to making St. Mark's a place where love truly has a home.

Roger West,
Board Chair

Carry It Forward!
St. Mark's
PURSE AUCTION

November 28th • 6:30 PM
Love Has A Home: Safe Access Project.



Cash & E-Transfers Accepted

BID • WIN • GIVE!
Join Us for a Fun Evening!
Prizes, Treats • Great Purses!

E-transfer (EFT): treasurer@stmarkscannifton.ca

**By mail: St. Mark's United Church, P.O. Box 104, Cannifton, ON
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**By marking the "Other" space on your envelope as Paving and
indicating the amount of your donation**

**By adjusting your PAR giving to include this project(contact
treasurer@stmarkscannifton.ca)**





We are looking for a few friendly hands to help with our after-service fellowship time each Sunday. This includes light preparation, assisting with coffee and tea, and helping keep our conversation space welcoming and tidy.

If you would be willing to lend a hand once a month or whenever you're able, please reach out to Alfeda Rupert or Elaine West. Your help makes a meaningful difference in the warm hospitality we offer each week.

Thank you for considering this small but important ministry.

Warmly,
Roger





Mission of the Month

We will continue supporting Gleaner's Food Bank for the month of October.

It is not too late to give! If you do give toward this important work please label your gift clearly so we can make sure it gets to the right place.





Dates to Note

October 11	Thanksgiving Sunday Service	10:30 AM
October 12-17	Rev. Darren on vacation	
October 15	Happy Harmony Choir	7:00 PM
October 16	A.A.	7:00 PM
October 18	Sunday Worship and Fellowship	10:30 AM
October 20	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
October 22	Happy Harmony Choir	7:00 PM
October 23	A.A.	7:00 PM
October 25	Sunday Worship and Fellowship	10:30 AM
October 29	Happy Harmony Choir	7:00 PM
October 30	A.A.	7:00 PM
October 31	Indian Orthodox	





UCW News

Our pre-sale orders are in! We needed a lot of pies and crisps for thanksgiving. Many people helped with purchasing, peeling, slicing and freezing. Then came the rolling, filling and freezing or baking first. We thank you for all your support – 56 Apple, 17 Pumpkins pies and 16 apple crisps!

As we bake some more in October, we will be preparing for our Country Market on **Friday, November 6th from 1:00 – 5:00** and **Saturday November 7th 9:00 – 12:00** with a Bake Sale too.

The theme for November is Gingerbread!

There will be many Gingerbread items at the Market followed by a Gingerbread House decorating fun on **Saturday November 21 at 10:00 am**.

Sign up, come as a family or individual, to have fun! You may make you house at home and decide to enter the contest at 1:00 on November 21st. There will be several categories available.

Come out and meet your Community Neighbours!

Alfreda Rupert,
President, UCW



PAR

I'd like to introduce you to my friend PAR. PAR stands for pre-authorized remittance and it is the easiest way to support St. Mark's United Church. Here are some things that PAR allows me to do.

One: often times I come to church with little foldable money in my wallet. I probably am not carrying any coins either. These days when everything is paid with a tap or a swipe, lots of us carry little cash. Then I come to the church and I want to put money into the collection plate and my wallet is bare. What do I do? With PAR, that is a thing of the past. I fill out my forms, give them to the PAR secretary and voila, once a month, my donation is made to the church.

Two, I don't know about you, but I know I have more money just after pay day then I do before. PAR solves that problem. I know that on a set day, my PAR payment comes out of my bank account. There is no worry and I just make it part of my monthly budget. Like other payments like my phone bill and my power bill, my PAR payment comes out on the set date.

Three, my gifts through PAR are easy to change. Let's say I have been giving X dollars a month through PAR. Then I get a big raise at work. I want to support St. Mark's more. To change my gift amount I just reach out to the local PAR secretary and inform them that I wish to change my PAR donations and within a month or so, my PAR gift changes. It also works when I have to reduce my PAR donation in the same way.

Four, PAR gifts really help the church to make its yearly budget. Each month, the church knows that it will receive so much from PAR donations. Also, it doesn't matter if I am away or on vocation, I can rest assured in the knowledge that St. Mark's is supported.

Fifth, another thing about giving by PAR means is that we don't have to worry where we put our envelopes each Sunday. I know I have spent time looking for my envelopes that I am sure was in this cupboard, only to find out that somebody has moved them. I just have to fill out the PAR forms once, and the work is all done for me.



Sixth, giving by PAR ensures one thing. We all love St. Mark's and appreciate the community here. We know that we are a faith group that supports our members and the wider community. Giving by PAR is an easy way to support those things that mean so much to us.

Seventh, PAR makes it easy to support the various ministries of St. Mark's. Right now one could give to the St. Mark's local fund, or the Mission and Service Fund, or to the Love Has a Home Here Safe Access (the parking lot re-paving project). With PAR I could decide that 50% of my gift would go to the General fund, 25% of my gift would go to Mission and Service, and 25% of my gift would go to Love Has A Home). With PAR I can support the projects that I wish to support.

And so my friends, please get to know my friend PAR. If you have any questions about giving, please speak to members of the board or to myself. Thank you for supporting the on-going work of St. Mark's.

Darren

