

### **Oromocto Food Bank:**

If you wish to contribute food items for the Food Bank they would appreciate any food items that you are able to give. Thank you for all your contributions during this year. They would especially appreciate financial gifts and items to help refill their cupboards: pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, lunch and school snack items

Thank you to all who contributed to the special Christmas campaign of books and others items for the Oromocto Foodbank. Our toonies for turkeys raised over \$300 for our foodbank.

### **Activity in the Church over the next week:**

Monday Back to Basics 8 PM (Hall)  
Wednesday Foot Care 8-4 (MPR)  
Wednesday Choir On Hiatus Until March  
Sunday After Church Session Meeting (MPR)

**If you are interested in having a baptism, becoming a member or transferring your membership from another church please speak to Rev. Lori Beth.**

### **Annual Report**

**Please note that annual reports are now due. Please submit them to Maxine Campbell.**

### **Church Maintenance**

**Do you have some extra time? Do you like to sprinkle salt outside or check mouse traps etc? We are looking to have a list of folks who would like to take a day every so often to do a 15-minute building/grounds check. This would help our Stewards and Building Committee when members are unavailable. Please speak to a member of Stewards or Rev. Lori Beth**

**Thank you to all who have given financially and have given time to our church.**

### **Announcements January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Please have any announcements into the church office by Wednesday at 9am.*

Our Offering Plate, guest envelopes and Preauthorized Remittance aka PAR cards (Green & White) are available on the table in the Narthex. **If you are interested in learning more about Preauthorized Remittance (Par) or would like to change your giving's please talk to our Treasurer Bruce Parks.**

The Oromocto United Church is a SCENT-FREE space.

### **How to Contact Us:**

Minister's Office Phone: (506) 357-3423  
Church Administration Office phone: (506) 357-9957  
Email: officemanager@nb.aibn.com  
Our Church Website: <http://oromoctopastoralcharge.ca>

**Bulletin Covers:** Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday Bulletin cover may do so by signing your name by the appropriate date on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please add the name of the person(s) if you wish to donate the bulletin in memory of someone.

The cost of a bulletin cover is \$10.00, you may enclose the money in your donation envelope, marking it as a payment for the bulletin cover. The 2024 Sheet is up in the Narthex.

### **Scripture Readers**

There is a new sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex if you are able to read Scripture on a Sunday in 2024.

## Prayer of Concern Thanks and Concern

Loving God, there are opportunities for us to work and advocate for

cleaner air and cleaner water. (*Time of silent reflection*)

As those who believe the environment matters way beyond our lifetime,

**we will dare to get involved.**

Loving God, the never-ending procession of refugees fills us with horror (*Time of silent reflection*).

As those who believe that every family has the right to a safe home,

**we will dare to get involved.**

Loving God, we are among those who are ignored and looked down on because of an addiction. (*Time of silent reflection*)

As those who have a difficult story to tell,

**we will dare to get involved.**

Loving God, we know those who are going through hard times with sickness, in relationships, and because dreams will not become reality. (*Time of silent reflection*)

As those who are ready to listen and act compassionately,

**we will dare to get involved.**

Loving God, we rejoice in this faith community, our work in this neighbourhood, and our outreach through the Mission and Service. (*Time of silent reflection*)

As those who, in community, are ready to renew and commit time, talents, and gifts,

**we will dare to get involved**

Loving God, we give thanks for our Christian faith.

Our faith has been a rock, is a source of strength, and will be a beacon of hope in all the years that lie ahead (*Time of silent reflection*)

As individuals we acknowledge all that is ours in Jesus the Christ.

**We dare to witness, “Yes, I am faithfully involved!”  
Amen.**

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