



## Thank You!

Thank you for your compassion and generosity to provide relief to those facing homelessness, hunger and



addiction in our community. As a member of the Mission's Grant Speicher Heritage Society and your generous donation, you have shown to be a faithful friend to those who have lost all hope.

Your support has provided nourishing meals to strengthen both bodies and minds. You've provided emergency services and counseling to help set their lives on new paths. You've given safe, healthy shelter to protect the weary and keep them off the streets. And most of all, you've shown God's love and helped them experience hope again.

Gratefully, Anna Valeria-Iseman, Executive Director

## School #33 Collection



Thank you for the sports items that you have contributed so far. If you have not had the opportunity to donate yet, you may still bring your items this Sunday, October 18. Jay will be distributing items to the students at School#33 next Wednesday.

## Cadets Geocaching Adventure

Elementary boys are welcome to join us at Ellison Park (Blossom Rd. entrance, by the playground) on **Sunday, October 18 from 11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Please contact [Jesse](#) with any questions or to RSVP.

## Remember to Sign Up!

Thank you for remembering to [RSVP for our Sunday morning service.](#)

## Sunday Worship

Worship with us in person at **10 AM on Sunday** or online on our [website](#), our [Facebook page](#), or on [YouTube](#). Pastor Anthony's sermon, *Under the Sun: "Worship,"* is based on Ecclesiastes 5:1-7.

**Singing during in-person worship:** While we love that people desire to sing enthusiastically during service, please remember that we have to limit our volume to speaking volume at this time.

## Sermon Snacks

In this [last edition of Sermon Snacks](#), Pastor Anthony examines a confusing portion of Ecclesiastes 4:7-16 which he entirely avoided in his sermon! This series was discontinued due to declining engagement.

## GEMS Event

The GEMS (elementary girls) will be going on a hike **Saturday, October 24th** at Mendon Ponds. Please meet at the Birdsong trail at 10:30am. We will break at some point for a lesson so we can earn our hiking badge. You'll need to bring along a camera or phone to take pictures for our digital scavenger hunt. Please remember this is an outdoor outing, so dress for the weather.

## Fall is Here!

The kids are back to school (sort of). Football is being played (occasionally), and we've even been able to worship together again (some of us, anyway). The world looks differently than it did a year ago, yet the Church Life Newsletter is still rolling along! What's new with you? What's happening in your ministry? How has your ministry adapted to still serve during these uncertain times? Start spreading the news; get those articles (and pictures, please don't forget the pictures!) in to your crack editorial staff at [amharris74@gmail.com](mailto:amharris74@gmail.com) by Sunday, October 25 for our November edition!

## Youth Group Events

(Please email [Julie Vande Brake](mailto:Julie.Vande.Brake) for more information about any of these events.)

### Sr. High Meeting at RCRC

Sun., October 18, 6-8 PM

### Jr High Meeting at RCRC

Wed., October 21, 6:30-8 PM

## November 1, World Hunger Sunday



Help fight against world hunger by collecting “spare change” and returning the Peter Fish Bank on Nov 1.

Also, please pray on behalf of the poor and hungry and consider what you can do.

**World Hunger Devotional Experience** - Join World Renew online for a NEW World Hunger Devotional Experience where we gather together at the table to journey through the World Hunger adult devotional. We will meet virtually every weekday for 15 minutes from October 19-30 at 12 EDT. Subscribe to the online Facebook event at [bit.ly/whdevo](https://bit.ly/whdevo). Download the adult devotional at [worldrenew.ca/worldhunger](https://worldrenew.ca/worldhunger).

## Thanksgiving Day Worship Service Plans

The Council has decided against holding a Thanksgiving Day worship service of any kind (virtual or in-person) this year. The main reasons for this decision are the obvious challenges presented by the regulations and protocols related to the pandemic. These regulations are challenging enough to manage for our weekly Lord's Day in-person worship services; and the introduction of another service in the middle of the week, during a time when family may be travelling in from out of state, adds additional challenges for our administrative, worship, cleaning, and ministerial staff. We decided against providing a virtual service on Thanksgiving Day in order to give all those who have given so much time to these services a well-deserved break. We will, however, be recognizing Thanksgiving on November 22nd during our Lord's Day worship service. The liturgy and preaching on that Lord's Day will be reflective of the Thanksgiving theme.

## Christmas Day Worship Service Plans

Christmas Day, which falls on a Friday this year, presents challenges similar to those noted above regarding Thanksgiving Day. Accordingly, Council has decided not to hold an in-person worship service on Christmas Day this year. Unlike with Thanksgiving Day, however, our worship, musical, pastoral, and tech staff and volunteers, have agreed to produce a virtual only, recorded, service to be released on Christmas Day which our community can enjoy in their homes. This service will feature more music (Christmas hymns) and a homily from Pastor Anthony suitable to this important liturgical day. We hope this service will help you and your family reflect upon the most precious gift of all.

## Budget Update

### 2020 Actual Offerings Received vs Offerings Budgeted

	1/01/20	through	9/30/20
	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Offering Receipts</b>	\$247,986.31	\$280,596.98	<b>-32,610.67</b>

## Congregational Meeting

Please join us in person or online on November 17 at 7 PM.

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