

The Challenge – Summer 2024

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Slowing Down

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28



During the

pandemic, many of us, confined to home and limited to group gatherings on Zoom, took the time to read, to discover new skills and hobbies, and to explore outdoors. In essence, we were given the gift of time to slow down and rest.

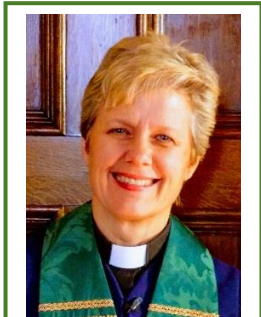
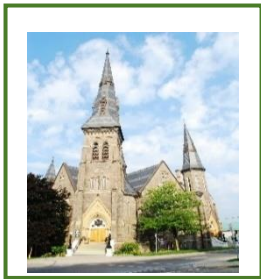
But post-pandemic, it seems that we have picked up right where we left off before the pandemic – and then some! Just within First Church, there have been more church activities and more groups using the building!

Not to mention our outreach work, such as the Sunday Suppers and Saturday lunches, the Lenten Pancake Supper, the Big Give, and PA Day Camps. We are busier than ever before, and in many ways, that is good! We are serving people in need in our community with the love of God.

But we also ought to again start putting those skills learned during COVID-19 to use. We need to take the time to slow down and rest. Allowing ourselves to slow down permits us to experience God in the “now”, to realize that life is too precious to miss. The faster we go, the more likely we are to miss what really matters - to miss seeing and hearing God’s still, small voice. Rest allows us to “recharge” both physically and mentally. We know from the Gospels that Jesus took the time to rest, to pray and seek God’s guidance.

We are now entering the summer season, when most of us have a bit less “on the go”. I encourage you to take time to “slow down” and rest – to look for God in the large and small around you. Read that book on your nightstand that you have been meaning to read “forever”. Intentionally eat your meals more slowly. Wake up in the morning and don’t make plans. Go for a walk without any destination in mind. And while you are doing so, keep your eyes, ears and heart open for God’s movement around you. Jesus has given us permission to slow down and rest!

In Christ, Rev. Marianne

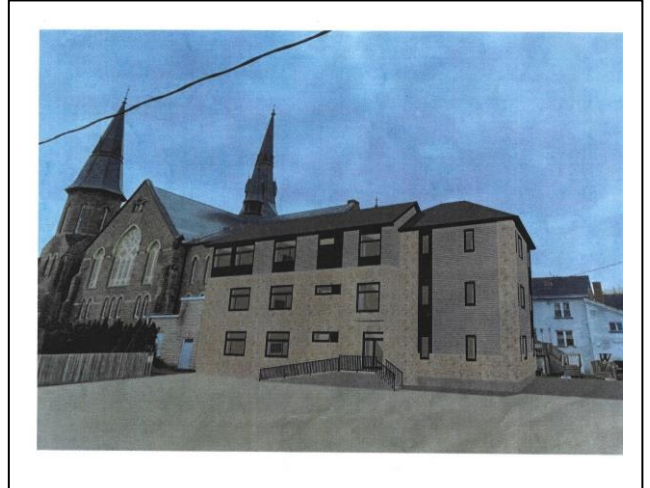


The Reverend
Marianne Emig Carr

Future Capital Project Gets Approval!!

By: Quentin Robinson

At a meeting of the congregation on June 2nd, the Future Capital Project was approved. The project will renovate the Sunday School wing and build an addition, which will provide 12 new apartments. This project will add much needed housing in the historic downtown Brockville area while generating over \$78,000/year of additional revenue for the church. It is hoped that the renovations can be started either in October of this year or early 2025 and that the new tenants can start moving in during the Fall/Winter of 2025/26.



Many volunteers will be needed to help this happen. There will need to be a task force working on tenant application procedures and another task force on fund-raising. Dave Duncan will work closely with the Project/Construction management. Brenda Fisk will supervise the financial management of the project.

Quentin Robinson is looking for people to work with him on coordination with Rob Thompson and the various Task Forces and volunteers.

Please see the list of volunteer opportunities. This is a great chance for you to make a difference in the future of our congregation!! Your help is needed to make this initiative a success!!

The Capital Project Volunteer Opportunities

- **Tenant Lease Application & Procedures Task Force**
Deadline to complete - February 28th, 2025
- **Fund-raising Task Force**
September 2024 - February 2025
- **Project Coordination with Quentin Robinson**
Starts a.s.a.p. & continues to March 2026

If you are interested, please contact Quentin at 613-301-4159 or thesession@truespeed.ca

Summer Worship with First Baptist Church!

SERVICES of WORSHIP
in the Summer Months

Sundays, July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Minister: **The Reverend John Wilderspin**
First Baptist Church
at **First Baptist Church - 10 am.**

Sundays, August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**
First Presbyterian Church
at **First Presbyterian Church - 11 am.**

Sunday, September 1st
Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**
First Presbyterian Church
at **First Presbyterian Church - 11 am.**

Sunday, September 8th
at **St. Lawrence Park - 11 am.**

As in previous years, we will be sharing summer worship with the good people at First Baptist Church. During the month of July, the congregations will come together to worship at **First Baptist Church** at 10 am.

First Baptist will produce the order of service each Sunday morning, as well as provide music and musical guests, readers and greeters. The services at First Baptist will **not** be recorded, but pre-recorded First Presbyterian services will be broadcast on both YouTube and Cogeco Channels 10/700 on Sundays at 7 am and 5:30 pm. This gives the many

volunteers from First Church, who support worship services each Sunday morning during the year, a break and a chance to worship with their families.

In August, the congregations will worship together at **First Presbyterian Church at 11 am**, led by Rev. Marianne. First Presbyterian will provide the volunteers and produce the bulletin, outreach mailings (or deliveries), and the Prayer Calendar. During July, you are encouraged to pray for the health and safety of friends and family and for the care and well-being of all those in need in our community and around the world.

A note about offerings: During July, envelopes from First Presbyterian folks should be placed on the offering plates each Sunday morning. The envelopes will be collected at the end of each service and brought back to First Church for banking. The loose collection at services in July will remain with First Baptist Church, and the loose collection in August will remain with First Presbyterian Church. E-transfer will be available as usual, and envelopes can be left at the church office during the week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST CHURCH!

CHURCH SCHOOL



The Church School will continue to be held on Sundays until the end of June. Denise Kent is back leading the lessons each Sunday and will give families packets of resources to enjoy during the summer.

The children will also be holding a Church School Challenge to raise money

for Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS & D) "Gifts of Change" during Coffee Hour on June 16th and 30th, with a goal of \$200. They will be selling handmade fridge magnets for a donation. Thanks for your support!!



PA DAY CAMP - May 31, 2024

First Presbyterian Church hosted its final PA Day Camp of the 2023-24 school year, with 12 campers enjoying crafts, games, and outdoor play time. The Mission Project was in support of the FPC Breakfast Bag program.



Thank you to all our amazing volunteers and to everyone who donated items for the Breakfast Bags! PA Day Camps will resume in the new school year. Come join the fun - be a volunteer!!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Summer 2024

The Big Give 2024

First Presbyterian Church again participated in the Big Give on June 1, 2024, together with C*Road Church. As in previous years, the Church hosted a rummage "sale" in the Church Hall and gave out snack bags of homemade cookies. With a total of seven churches and groups taking part, this is the largest Big Give in Brockville since before COVID. Thank you to everyone who donated, set up, volunteered during the day and baked cookies!



A NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF GENEROSITY

The First Saturday in June
June 1, 2024

Participating Brockville Churches

- First Presbyterian & C*Road Churches, 10 Church Street:
Rummage "sale" & cookies - 9:30 am to noon.
- First Baptist Church, 5 Pine Street:
BBQ and household rummage "sale"- 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- Bethel Christian Reformed Church and Christ Church, Lyn,
117 Windsor Drive:
Yard "sale" & light breakfast - 8 am to noon.
- St. Paul's Anglican Church, 12 Pine Street:
Children's crafts & fun, cookies & lemonade - 9:30 am to noon.
- St. John's United Church, YOA and Scouts, 32 Park Street:
Rummage "sale", plants, popcorn and freezies - 9:30 am to 11:30 am

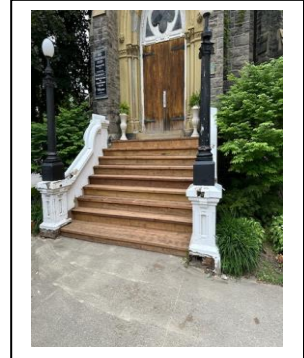
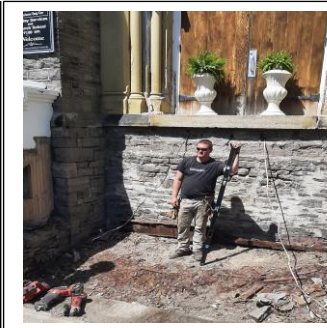
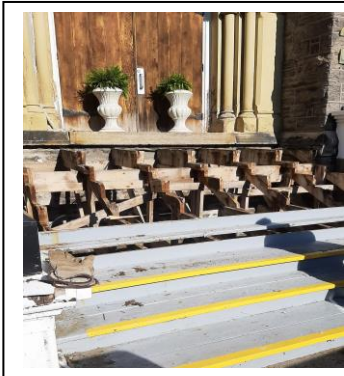
EVERYONE WELCOME, and EVERYTHING IS FREE!!
thebiggive.ca

Replacing the Sanctuary Stairs

By: Quentin Robinson

Work on replacing the staircase to the south doors of the sanctuary has begun. Andrew Duncan, Dave Ducan, Tony Ierullo, Quentin Robinson and Daniel Johnston are the volunteers that have been working on the project.

After the stairs are done, the decorative walls will be rebuilt, and the lamp standards restored or replaced depending on safety considerations. After that is done, the process will start over on the stairs to the north doors. By having volunteers do the work there will be a considerable cost saving to the church. Thank you so much to everyone for your hard work – the new stairs look great and are so much safer!



First Church at the Brockville Community Cleanup!

First Presbyterian Church again participated in the Brockville Community Cleanup on April 27th. Volunteers tidied, raked and beautified George Street Park, then came back to the church for hot chocolate and cookies. A wonderful way to make a difference for our community! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped - you did a great job!



Community Lunches and Suppers Continue in 2024



First Presbyterian Church, in partnership with First Baptist Church and St. Paul's Anglican Church, are continuing to provide community lunches at the Brockville Public Library on the second Saturday of each month. The lunches are free to everyone and are another way of reaching out to the unhoused and vulnerable members of our community who do not otherwise have access to a free or low-cost meal on Saturdays.

Volunteers from each of the churches make loaves of sandwiches

and homemade muffins. Pre-packaged cookies, granola bars, cheese, fruit snacks, juice and water are also served. Frequently, Saturday lunches are also supplemented with donations of sandwiches from Starbucks and fresh fruit, vegetables and snack items from the Food Bank. Please contact **Rev. Marianne** if you would like to help!



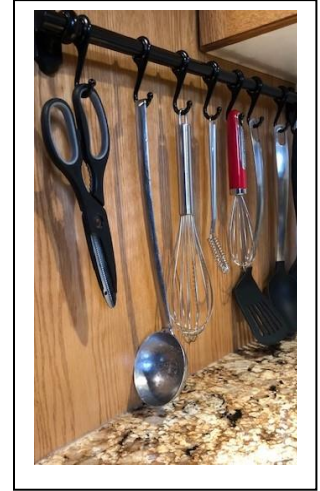
The partnership with First Baptist and St. Paul's Anglican also continues with delicious community suppers being served on the 4th Sunday of each month. The three churches have been working together since January 2022 to provide food, warmth and fellowship to isolated and marginalized members of the Brockville community. Supper is served in both eat-in and take-out format, with approximately 150 meals being served at each Supper. Leftovers are donated to the LLGAMH Drop-In Centre or the Cooperative Care Centre. Meals are always free of charge, with donations gratefully accepted. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact **Robert Walroth** or **Bonnie Burke**. To make a financial donation, please contact the Church Office.

Ladling For a Lifetime

By: Margriet Westendorp

I can tick off on three fingers of one hand the items I have inherited from my family that survived the six-week voyage across the great water from our original home in Holland to our first home in Canada. Each has its own story but today I would like to introduce you to my ladle.

Now, a ladle is an everyday kitchen tool. Everyone has at least one, sometimes several different sizes for specific functions.....but we only had one. I never gave that a thought until the day dad spirited ours to his shop for repairs which mother feared might not be successful.



"Second time it's needed repair", she said sadly. The earlier one must have happened before we came to Canada. Perhaps I was too young to remember fix-it #1. Seems they had it since their marriage in the late 1920s. Hmmm! Was it a wedding gift someone made for them? Did mother have it in her hope chest? Did they purchase it? I didn't think to ask, and she never said.

After it came to me, I gave that some thought. I wondered how many blessings were asked over it. How many servings of 'stone soup' it ladled up during WWII when our home became a 'safe house', especially as food became increasingly scarce while the war dragged on into 1945. Mother wouldn't have a clue how many extra mouths might appear, and every arrival would be hungry. I just remember it serving up all kinds of soup, some tasty, some not so much, occasionally a bit burned and sticking to the bottom of the pan, sometimes too hot or barely warm. Occasionally it treated us to a delicate vanilla-flavoured pudding the consistency of a sauce that we called 'vla'.

Once it came into my possession, we quickly became friends. It often served up Opa's favourite noodle and meatball soup and five mornings a week we gathered energy from a hearty helping of oatmeal porridge: six full ladles for Opa, three for me. Just right!

These days my ladle, like me, doesn't work very hard anymore but it's the only one hanging on the rack and I treasure it. It's not fancy, not a valuable antique, not very large, a little 'laid back' probably due to those repairs. It's older than I am and that's no small feat. If we are blessed to spend a few more years together, one of us will be a hundred years old. Who knows, maybe one day it will move from my home into my children's home to serve a third generation. Wouldn't that be cool!

Love, Margriet

General Assembly 2024 – An Apology to Indigenous Peoples

In 2023, the Presbyterian Church in Canada's National Indigenous Ministries Council (NIMC) put forward a recommendation to the General Assembly that The Presbyterian Church in Canada draft a renewed apology for its role in colonization and in the operation of residential schools. The recommendation was approved, and a special committee was constituted to take on the task of drafting the apology. This apology is in addition to the 1994 Confession to God and Aboriginal Peoples.

The Special Committee consisted of the representatives of the **National Indigenous Ministries Council** (NIMC) of the PCC (the NIMC includes all the Indigenous Ministries of the PCC), the **Life and Mission Agency**, and the **Assembly Council** (which provides guidance to the Church between General Assemblies).

The committee discussed the ongoing, traumatic impacts of residential schools on Survivors and intergenerational Survivors. It acknowledged that **neither** the words “apology” nor “sorry” appeared in the 1994 Confession the church made regarding colonization and residential schools and so agreed that this was not so much a renewed Confession as it is an apology.

The Committee noted that when the Confession was approved by the General Assembly in 1994, many people within the church were not ready to hear it and the church has been slow to embody the sorrow and work for change it confessed then.

The 1994 Confession did set the Church on a path of reconciliation, but in learning to walk that path, the Church has learned much about, and understands more deeply now, the harm it caused. This apology comes out of the Church's learning and is a response to that learning. This work is needed, not just for future generations, but especially for Indigenous members of the Committee and the NIMC, for whom this work came with a heavy personal cost.

The Special Committee will need more time to do the important work of giving guidance for the denomination toward reconciliation efforts, which the 2023 General Assembly requested, including guidance on how best to ensure the apology is delivered in the places it needs to be.

The Apology may be found at this link on the PCC website: [The-Apology-Of-The-Presbyterian-Church-In-Canada-For-Its-Complicity-In-Colonization-And-The-Residential-School-System.pdf](#) and paper copies are available through the Church Office and in the Sanctuary.

An Afghan made with Love

By: Brenda Fisk

My family moved to the St. Lambert area from Westmount in Montreal when I was about 3. Mom went around the neighbourhood to see if there as another little girl I could play with. She found one and I've been friends with Marjorie (Topham) McKeown ever since. In due course, we graduated from high school, went on to university, found ourselves husbands and married. Marjorie and her husband David raised three boys.

In February 2019, the middle boy (Jesse) married a lovely lady named Mary Anne and soon moved to Georgia to live. Then on July 1st, 2020, a little girl appeared, and they named her Marjorie Doris after her great grandmothers on both sides of the family. And (lucky her!) Marjorie and I share a birthday! So, in October 2023, I decided I would make her an afghan. I found a kit afghan with a pink elephant pattern. I thought it was perfect, but I wanted to personalize it with little Marjorie's name. The kit didn't come with directions for that, but using an Excel spreadsheet, I figured out how to centre the lettering at the bottom of the afghan and make it unique for Marjorie Doris. Over the fall and winter, I worked at it steadily a few rows most evenings.



On April 1st (no fooling!), Marjorie McKeown called to say that the family was travelling up from Georgia for a week's holiday and would I be interested in joining them for lunch at the Sucrerie de la Montagne in Rigaud, Quebec on April 28th. I said "yes", but now the pressure was on to finish the afghan in time. With hard work, I managed to get it done in the nick of time by April 25th. I was pleased with how it turned out!



Here is a picture of the family, Marjorie and David McKeown (proud grandparents) Jesse and Mary Ann McKeown and nearly 4-year-old Marjorie Doris. Little Marjorie was thrilled to receive it! It was fun to make, and I am sure she will enjoy it for many years to come.

COOKING CLASSES AT FIRST CHURCH

Many community groups use our Church facilities, and we are so grateful that they are among us! One of the newest initiatives is the cooking lessons being co-hosted by Development Services of Leeds & Grenville (DSL) and the Brockville and Area Food Bank. These cooking classes, held in the First Presbyterian Church kitchen, assist DSL clients, together with their caregivers, to learn how to prepare simple, nutritious, and affordable meals. Here is a recipe that the class participants recently prepared (and Marianne Bimm can confirm that the resulting dish is **yummy!**):

Crustless Quiche or "Egg Pie"

Ingredients

5 large eggs
½ cup milk
Dash of salt
½ tsp black pepper
½ cup diced ham
1 cup shredded cheese
¼ cup chopped onion



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease with butter or spray a 9" pie plate
2. Whisk eggs, milk, salt and pepper
3. Scatter most of the ham, cheese and onion in the pie plate
4. Pour in egg mixture. Top with remaining ham, cheese and onion
5. Bake for 35 minutes or until golden on top and centre barely wiggles. Don't overcook!!
6. Remove from oven, let rest for 5 minutes and watch it deflate!
7. Cut and serve with a simple side salad.

A NEW DAY

Submitted by Rev. Ian Johnston

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me
this day to use as I will.

I can waste it or grow in its light and be of service to
others.

But what I do with this day is important, because I
will have exchanged a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever.

I pray that I will use it wisely, this precious gift from
God.

From the Archives: Digitizing and Microfilming Records

By: Bonnie Burke

As outlined in Appendix G of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (“PCC”) **Book of Forms**, The General Assembly has recommended that congregations digitize or microfilm their records as a way of preserving and extending the lifespan of records, as well as ensuring ease of access if anything happens to the original records.

The First Church Archive Committee has been working with the National Archives and Records Management staff of the PCC and they have been very helpful with this work. We learned that the most essential records to be digitized are Church Registries (Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registries) and Session minutes. Other important records, such as Annual Reports, Congregational Meeting minutes, Rolls of Members and Adherents, Trustees and Property documents, and Board of Managers/Finance Committee minutes should also be considered for digitizing or microfilming.

Once digitized or microfilmed, the original records and a digital copy are returned to the congregation, while a digital/microfilmed copy remains with the National Archives for backup/records retention purposes.

The First Church Archive Committee has been diligently prioritizing the records in question, ensuring that we record the object name, classification, archive number location and date of the object (the Archives Committee has already collected items in specific boxes, and they are stored in the Archives cupboards in the Christian Education Room). The Archives Committee has also developed a form to record the date the object is forwarded to the National Archives, the date it is returned to our church, and the cost of digitizing.

Each congregation is responsible for sending their records to the National Archives, with the PCC covering the costs of returning the records. The turnaround time is approximately five weeks from the day the records are received until they are returned to the relevant congregation. The National Staff prepare the records, transfer them to the imaging company, and perform quality checks prior to returning material to the church.

The costs for digitizing depend on the number of “exposures” in a particular order. An order of 4 books (baptism and marriage registers, book of Session minutes, and Communion Roll) contained a total of 220 exposures, which cost \$140.

As the Archive Committee reviews the First Church collection, we discover all kinds of new and interesting items detailing the early history of First Church and of Brockville. For example, there is a ledger entitled “Book Regarding Church Formation”. A few entries from this ledger include:

February 27, 1856 – a congregational meeting was held in which it was agreed that in order to secure the services of an active and zealous minister, the sum of \$200 per year should be paid as a stipend. A vote was taken in which results in giving an unanimous call to the Rev. Smith to become the pastor of this church.

January 28, 1858 – the Annual Congregational Meeting was held. A. Sherwood, Esq. in the chair. Mr. Wylie read the following report: During the past year, the church has been thoroughly put in order by the erection of a gallery and a Steeple as had been agreed upon. The call made for funds for these improvements was liberally responded to by members subscribing. The committee also called attention to the necessity for prompt payment of seat and pew rents. This is the only source from which the minister's stipend is drawn.

Just this week, you may have heard about the beautiful St. Anne's Anglican Church in Toronto having been destroyed by fire. Hopefully their records were preserved electronically. Having the First Church collection prioritized and digitized may be a long and somewhat costly process, but the history of our wonderful church is worth it!



Gardeners can be found everywhere! FPC's Mary Carswell is helping to beautify the patio at Sherwood Park Manor 😊

Photo courtesy of Mary Carswell and Sherwood Park Manor

Summer Birthdays and Anniversaries!!!

Birthdays:

In June: Marrik C. (1st), Mallic C. (1st), Jacquie K. (4th), June J. (7th), Keria C. (8th), Ross B. (8th), Liam V. (9th), Barbara B. (19th), Scarlett D. (20th), Jessica C. (24th), Peter O. (27th), Lea Wassink (28th)

In July: Brenda F. (1st), Jim B. (9th), Tamara C. (14th), Finley V. (17th), Betty M. (19th), Marianne E - C (21st), Annis M. (24th), Andrew D. (31st).

In August: Roger B. (1st), Frankie C. (3rd); Brian B. (3rd); Barry C. (5th); Kathleen H. (6th); Isabel M. (10th); Nellie L. (10th), Elizabeth R. (10th); Kim D. (15th); Kaye B. (25th).

Anniversaries:

In June: David & Tamara C. (7th), David & Janice P. (8th), Quentin R. & Kathleen H. (14th), Andrew & Laura V. (16th), Nathan & Laura W. (19th), Cliff & Dorothy L. (19th), Andrew & Kim D. (21st).

In July: Ian & Mary Ellen S. (1st); Hugh & Gloria B. (9th).

In August: Michel & Debbie L. (14th); Barry & Marianne C. (27th)

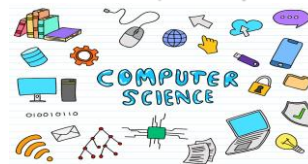
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!

Congratulations to our spring graduates!

Kimberly Amanda Duncan graduated on May 11th from Willis College in Ottawa with a diploma as a Dental Assistant.



Horst Kachau graduates from TISS with his Ontario Secondary School Diploma. He will be going to Seneca College in Toronto in September to study computer science.



Jasmine Jasani completed an intensive program in software development through the University of Toronto Continuing Studies Program.



HONOURING THOSE WHO SERVED

By: Pam Dewar and Joan Davison

On June 4, 2024, Pam Dewar and her daughter, Joan Davison, attended the grand opening of the new Homes for Heroes “tiny home” development in Kingston, Ontario. Homes for Heroes is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help veterans who are struggling to heal from their experiences and who often end up living on the streets. The Homes for Heroes community in Kingston is the third village built in Canada and the hope is to have these communities built across the country.

Each home is dedicated to a fallen Canadian hero, and Pam and her family were honoured to have her maternal grandfather, Lt-Col Elmer W. Jones, DSO chosen as one of the heroes to which a home was dedicated. Lt. Col. Jones was born in Brockville on March 23, 1874, and attended high school at BCI. He was one of 80 members of the Brockville Rowing Club who volunteered to serve in WWI. From 1905, he was on active duty with the 41st Regiment (Rifles) in Brockville and then with the Regiment as a reserve officer.

At the outbreak of WWI, Lt. Col. Jones was practicing law in Vancouver, but returned home and applied for an appointment with the 21st Battalion of the Brockville Rifles, where he became the commanding officer of “A” Company. Lt. Col. Jones was second-in-command from January 1916 until his death on August 8, 1918, at the attack on Marcelcave, east of Amiens, France, where he advanced with his men and was mortally wounded. Lt. Col. Jones left behind his wife, Isobel, and his daughter, Valerie.

The following is an extract from Capt. R.J. Renison’s “Story of Battle Amiens, in Canada”:

“The late Lt. Col Elmer W. Jones, DSO, was one of the most brilliant and beloved officers in the Canadian Army, a man of wide culture, born in Brockville. At the beginning of the war, he came over with the Battalion early in 1915. A veteran of St. Eloi, the Somme, and Vimy, he was a father to every man in the Battalion. His influence over his officers was quite extraordinary. He called them all by their Christian names, and his humourous badinage touched the spot with unerring instinct. His last conference with his company officers was a lesson in personality. He sat on a couch in the dug-out, with hand and leg bandaged, for he not recovered from a painful accident of a week before. In his quiet tone he gave each his final instructions. His confidence in them and their affectionate respect for him were beautiful to behold.”



Naming a new “Home for Heroes” in honour of Lt. Col. Jones is a fitting tribute to his service and his care and empathy for so many.

Lt.-Col Elmer W. Jones

Craft and Chat winds up for the summer!

By: Brenda Fisk

The Craft & Chat group meets at the church on Tuesday afternoons throughout the fall, winter and early spring, concluding for the summer in mid-June. The summer wind-up luncheon was held at Brenda Fisk's home with 19 ladies in attendance. The luncheon was potluck, with a delicious array of food and snacks, concluding with a birthday cake to celebrate those who have summer birthdays. We missed our fearless coordinator, Moira Gilmer, who was still recovering from hip replacement surgery. Get well soon, Moira!

Everyone who comes to Craft & Chat has a great time, with stories and jokes being shared, along with the fun of seeing socks, hats, mittens, prayer shawls, afghans, sweaters and jigsaw puzzles being put together. You just can't find a happier and more helpful group than the one you'll find at the First Presbyterian Church. Think about joining us in September, when we start Craft and Chat up again. Have a wonderful summer, everyone!





SUMMER



WORD SEARCH

Search for the twelve Summer themed words below.

W	L	E	L	L	R	J	M	L	B	K	N	G	F	C
C	A	I	Z	G	E	A	D	S	F	B	S	N	L	I
L	U	T	U	Z	E	D	U	A	P	E	V	I	I	N
W	I	G	E	R	Q	N	A	P	K	A	B	M	P	Z
L	F	H	C	R	S	C	O	N	Y	C	F	M	F	X
L	M	E	A	C	M	O	N	W	O	H	R	I	L	H
I	C	V	R	Z	L	E	G	Z	L	M	R	W	O	Q
I	Q	E	S	U	N	G	L	A	S	S	E	S	P	G
E	E	V	M	V	L	I	G	O	S	Y	X	L	S	M
N	E	U	C	E	B	R	A	B	N	U	F	Z	K	M
E	J	J	L	D	N	L	Y	N	U	H	M	S	O	Y
L	P	Z	Q	T	T	R	I	S	C	F	C	M	L	Y
V	A	C	A	T	I	O	N	X	T	M	F	Q	E	B
H	Z	P	V	M	A	P	K	X	N	I	D	J	J	R
D	W	D	N	P	V	G	G	F	S	N	Y	E	A	G

- | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|
| BARBECUE | LEMONADE | SUNSCREEN |
| BEACH | POOL | SWIMMING |
| FLIP FLOPS | SUMMER | VACATION |
| ICE CREAM | SUNGLASSES | WATERMELON |

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer 2024

First Presbyterian Church

10 Church Street, P.O. Box 885
Brockville, Ontario, K6V 5W1
Phone: 613-345-5014
E-mail: firstkirk@truespeed.ca
Custodian: Brian Barnes Cell 613-340-2724

Minister

The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr
Cell 613-449-5042 Office 613-345-3708
Email: rev.marianne@myhighspeed.ca

Director of Music

Kathleen Howard
Email: kmaryhoward@live.ca

Children's Ministry

Denise Kent
Email: denisekent1957@gmail.com

Clerk of Session: Quentin Robison

Email: thesession@truespeed.ca

* **Website:** pccweb.ca/firstchurch-Brockville

* **Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Firstkirk>

* **Twitter:** [Twitter.com@first_kirk](https://twitter.com/first_kirk)

* **Instagram:**

www.instagram.com/firstpresbrockville/

* **YouTube Channel:**

<http://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurc>
hbro482

*

Cogeco/Channel 10/700 Services every Sunday 7 am. and 5:30 pm.

First Presbyterian Church is a dynamic, inclusive and historic church in the heart of downtown Brockville. The congregation, which has been praising God for over 212 years, is committed to creating a vibrant family in Christ and sharing the Good News of God's love with all.

First Presbyterian Church acknowledges and remembers that it is situated on land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from time immemorial. As settlers, non-Indigenous people, we're grateful for the opportunity to meet here. Long before today, Indigenous peoples have been the stewards of this place. We especially acknowledge the Huron-Wendat, Anishnaabe, Haudenosaunee, and St. Lawrence Iroquoian people. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

To everyone who contributed to this edition of The Challenge!! It would not happen without you!

You can give.....

- By **e-transfer** to firstkirk@truespeed.ca
- by pre-authorized remittance (**P.A.R.**) (<https://presbyterian.ca/plannedgiving/pre-authorized-remittance-par-program/>). Contact the Church Office.
- by **mail** to First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 885, 10 Church Street, Brockville, Ontario, K6V 5W1
- by delivering your offering envelope through the mail slot in the Church Street door. The envelopes will be collected regularly.

**Have a wonderful
summer!!**

