

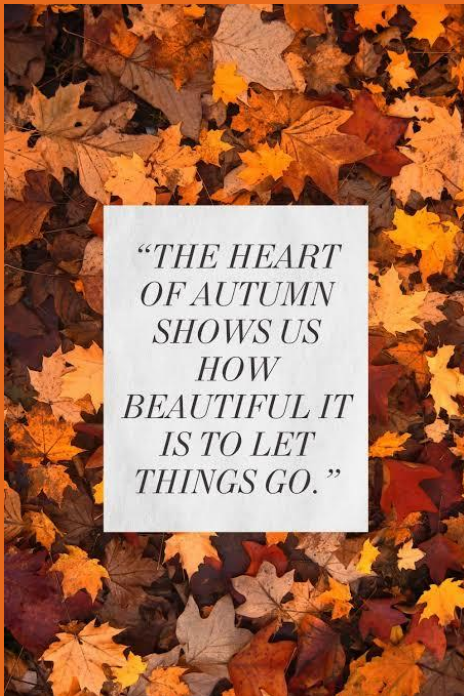
STAMFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Let us not become weary
in doing good, for at the
proper time we will reap
a harvest if we do not
give up.*

- Galatians 6:9



Hi Stamford Church friends and family,

As we arrive in the fall season, we have much to be grateful for. I have heard that fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year in this part of the country, and I look forward to experiencing the changing colours, cooler days, and beauty of creation together with you. I hope you had a wonderful summer—whether it was a season of travelling and meeting people and discovering places near and far, a time when you were finally able to slow down and rest, or simply a busy season filled with everything life brought your way.

I also recognize that summer may not have been what everyone hoped it would be. Perhaps you experienced loneliness, sadness, disappointment, or grief. Some of you may have said goodbye to someone dear to your heart whom God called home before or during the summer. Whatever this season has held for you, please know that you are not alone. My prayer is that God continues to surround you with His comfort, peace, and presence, especially in the moments when the journey feels difficult.

Here at the church, I am deeply grateful for the many ways we have been able to share life and faith together. From Sunday worship and Bible study to jam-making, craft-making, plant, book, and puzzle sales, and all the other occasions in between, each gathering has been an opportunity to celebrate Christ's love and strengthen our community. This summer, we were especially blessed to welcome three new members into our congregation. We also tried something new by opening our sanctuary for prayer and worship on Saturday. I am grateful for everyone who participated, and I hope this can become something we continue to offer more regularly.

As we enter the fall, there are many exciting plans and opportunities ahead in the life of our church. I encourage you to participate whenever you are able. If there is one thing I hope you remember from our recent *Fruit of the Spirit* sermon series, it is that the fruit of the Spirit is something God plants within each person who believes and places their faith in Jesus Christ. Like any seed, it needs time, care, and intentional effort to grow.

The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—is a beautiful picture of what it means to become more like Jesus. And God invites us to let that beautiful picture become visible in our lives through intentional relationships with one another, with our church family, and with the wider world.

May this fall be a season of growth, connection, and renewed faith as we continue to grow together in Christ.

Blessings,

Rev. Nehemia Neuhisa

Let Us Give Thanks

When hopes are high, and skies are bright,
When everything is going right,
When you have love enough to share,
With friends who show you that they care,
When you can count your days as wealth,
When you are in the best of health,
Do you thank God when life is good?
You should!

When troubles come, and life seems vain,
When worries cause no end of pain,
When cash is scarce, and cupboards bare,
And no one seems to really care,
When you are feeling very ill,
And little joy your hours fill,
Don't you thank God, who makes you strong?
You're wrong!

When you look out your door and see,
The crimson-gold of every tree,
The vivid shades of flowers in fall,
The harvest bounty, most of all,
When of these blessings you partake,
Your heart-felt "thank-yous" do you make?
For all that God has done for you?
You do?

We should give thanks, and often pray,
Not only on Thanksgiving Day,
But keep God near us all the year;
He gives us strength for every fear.
His blessings dwell in sun and rain.
He makes our crooked pathways plain.
He loves to hear our thankful prayers,
He cares!

Celia Wallace

Where did this summer go?

Before we know it, we will be back in all the familiar routines: Session meetings the first Thursday of the month, Tuesday Tea – 3rd Tuesday of the month (2-4)& Board of Managers meetings – 3rd Tuesday (7pm), Crafty Ladies – Wednesdays 9am, Niagara Men's Chorus – Monday evenings...

To be sure, the Jam People have been busy for a while making their jams, jellies, and pumpkin butter!

The Meat Pie group just completed our 2nd lot of those delicious all-meat pies. We made 161 the first round and there's about 20 of those left after selling to the congregation. This week we did another 140. These are available for the congregation until September 1st.

I'm tired just thinking about all these activities!

The Essentrics group, headed by Judy Herdner, has classes at different times and days. Be sure to check them out! Information in the link entrance.

God has so richly blessed us at Stamford with so many opportunities to meet new friends, re-connect with friends (and even family) and continue God's work.

There is so much to do in our community and in the world.

We were recently at IKEA and I saw a wonderful sign:

"We know that when you do nothing, nothing happens. But when you do something, something happens. And little by little, day by day, something by something, we might just change everything.

Do something.
Change everything."

We have lots to do – let's do something! TOGETHER!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY



Every winter, we collect and donate hats, mitts, scarves, and socks for the unhoused. We want to get a head start on the season by starting now and being ready when the cold hits! The plan is to "grow" a tree of love for the less fortunate in our community.

Bring in your donations of "cozies" and leave them in the boxes provided in the upper hall and in the vestibule, and watch the tree grow!



Warrens Thoughts

Gentleness Makes You Attractive

Do you want to be attractive? Attractiveness goes much deeper than just being good looking. An attractive person often appeals to others more for who they are on the inside than how they look on the outside. The Bible says if we want to be more attractive, we need to be gentle. 1 Timothy 6:11 says, "Pursue what God approves of: a godly life, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness." Gentleness is strength under control. It's one of the marks of someone who follows Jesus. Gentleness makes us more attractive to the people around us.

The Bible tells the story of Ruth and Boaz, two gentle people who were attracted to each other and ended up changing the world together. Boaz was a successful farmer. One day he saw strangers in his field taking what was left after his workers had harvested. This wasn't unusual. It was common for the poor to find food that way.

He particularly noticed a woman named Ruth. She was poor because her husband had died, leaving her very little. Her mother-in-law, Naomi, was also a widow, and Ruth had decided to stay with her to provide care.

When Boaz saw Ruth in his field, he allowed her to continue picking and even commended her for caring for her mother-in-law. Ruth responded by saying, "You are very kind to me, sir. You have made me feel better by speaking gently to me." Ruth 2:13-14.

Eventually, Boaz invited Ruth to share a meal with him. Then he gave her more food to take home. He was kind; he was gentle. He was a powerful man and chose to keep that strength under control and use it to care for others.

Eventually, Boaz and Ruth married, and their great-grandson was King David. It was through King David's line that Jesus eventually was born.

Do we have a gentleness like Ruth and Boaz, that makes other people want to be around us? If not, we can change that today by intentionally pursuing the things God approves of, including gentleness!

.....Warren
Ref. Richard Warren

***"A lantern does not remove the entire darkness.
It simply gives enough light for the next step.
Maybe that is all we need sometimes.***

***We don't always need to know the whole journey ahead.
Sometimes we just need enough courage for today, enough hope for tomorrow, and
enough faith to keep walking.
Small steps still move us forward.
A little light is still a beginning."***

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

– 2 Samuel 7:28

BIBLE WORD SEARCH PUZZLE - THANKSGIVING



Psalm 50:14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 95:2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalm 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Psalm 107:22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Psalm 116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalm 147:7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God,

Find the words in the verses and add the missing letters

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Find the words. They're hidden in all directions.

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God is amazing, although I do sometimes question His timing.

Picture this: We are done making our meat pies and everyone is tired. It starts to rain and Katie says "I will bring the car up to the door so YOU don't get as wet." As she goes out to her van, which of course is at the back of the parking lot, it starts to POUR and as she struggles to get her things in her car, there is a gentleman in a vehicle beside her. He is nice and dry and watching her get soaked. She looks over and he smiles and nods.

Katie shakes the wet off, and starts driving toward the back door just as the rain starts to slow down. Next thing we know, it has not only stopped raining, but the sun is out, shining for all its worth! You can almost hear God laughing. I know WE did!

We are our way to Carol's for the final push of moving, and the kids were wanting to check out a specific store that was "on the way" (out of the way) and it was now or never for this shopping excursion. I had no interest in going there so it was decided that I would go to a nearby Tim's, with my book and a coffee (and donut) and enjoy some time to myself. I've been trying to find the time all summer for this.

I was dropped off, waved goodbye and got my treats, and as I sat down, I realized that I had left my book in my suitcase in the car....

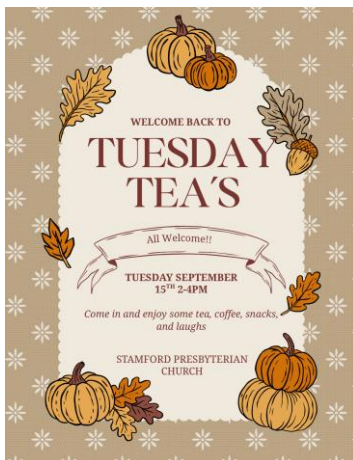
I sat for a minute and thought to myself, "maybe God is telling you to smile. Laugh at yourself, and life's little bumps." Take the opportunity to stop and appreciate HIS sense of humor. And timing.

Now I'm sending this to the office so Catherine can appreciate my timing, and sense of humor.

It's a gift from God.

Rita

Upcoming Events



Tuesday Teas Return!!

PumpkinFest – October 3rd – 10am-1pm

Annual Artists Market – November 7th – 10am-1pm

Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe – November 28th – 10am-1pm



****If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in our Annual Winter Artists Market, please contact Paula Vachon at purpleorchid028@gmail.com***

We're Back!!!!



We walked off into the summer after our beach themed tea – full of bright colours, bubbles, and beach toys – back in June. It's hard to believe we're at the end of summer already, but every new season brings its own blessings – like seeing all of your lovely smiling faces the third Tuesday of each month!

The sounds of friendly chatting and laughter fill our hearts with more joy than we can ever express, and we can't wait to welcome each and every one of you back.



On September 15th we will have our 1st Tuesday Tea in the upper hall.

**Lots of tea (and coffee!)
Lots of tasty treats.
Lots of laughter.**

EVERY ONE WELCOME – Bring a friend or two! There is NO charge, just come and enjoy the feeling of community.

Ps. We found some new recipes! 😊



Mark your calendars and prepare your themed outfits and accessories!

**September 15th - Welcome Back! – (Fall)
October 20th - Halloween**

ZUCCHINI CHOCOLATE CAKE

3 cups flour chocolate chips (opt)

1 cup white sugar 1 ½ c milk

1 cup brown sugar ¾ cup vegetable oil

1 cup cocoa 2 tsp. vanilla

2 tsp baking soda 2 cups shredded zucchini

In a medium bowl, combine flour, sugars, baking soda and cocoa. Combine well.

In a separate bowl, combine milk, oil, vanilla. Stir in zucchini. Pour liquid into dry ingredients. Stir well. Add chocolate chips if desired.

Pour into 9"x13" lightly greased pan. Bake at 350* 45 minutes. Careful not to overbake. This is a very moist cake, almost like a brownie.

BBQ BEEF ON A BUN

3-4lb beef chuck roast

1 ½ c ketchup

1 (1 ¼ oz) package onion soup mix

1 tbsp chili powder

3 tbsp vinegar

2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

2 tsp prepared mustard

1 tsp finely chopped garlic

18 small sandwich buns

Heat oven to 350* F. Trim fat from meat; place in Dutch oven or roasting pan. In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients (except buns). Pour over meat. Cook 2 ½ - 3 ½ hours, turning once or twice until fork tender. Shred meat, return to sauce. Serve on buns.

AROUND & ABOUT STAMFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER, 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Session 7p	4	5
6	7 Fundraising Mtg – 10am	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Tuesday Tea – 2pm Board Meeting – 7pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

AROUND & ABOUT STAMFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OCTOBER, 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Session 7p	2	3 Pumpkinfest 
4	5 Fundraising Mtg – 10am	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Tuesday Tea – 2pm Board Meeting – 7pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

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