



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sept. 25, 2022 – Announcements for St. John the Evangelist

**Birthdays this week:** Belinda Yetman (was Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>), Dennis Franco – Sept. 26, Noreen Spicer – Oct. 1

*Please note – If you wish to have a birthday included, for privacy reasons please fill out one of the yellow Birthday Record forms for us.*

**TODAY is Orange Shirt Sunday** – marking Canada’s National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30. If you have an orange shirt, please wear it today. More information can be found at [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org).



**TODAY- Special Vestry Meeting** – after the 1030am service and before the BBQ: We will hold this meeting to approve a new User Group Agreement with Niagara Falls Christian Ministries, who will use our worship space Sunday afternoons. They will also use our Gym and have some storage, in order to operate a Food Pantry one night a week.



**Welcome Back Potluck & BBQ:**  
**TODAY**  
**after the 10:30am service.**  
**Bring a salad or dessert to share.**  
**Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided.**

**Order of Niagara** – We are pleased to announce that both Lil Booth and Judy Giberson have been appointed to the Order of Niagara. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 30 at 4pm at the Cathedral in Hamilton. Thank you both for your dedicated service!

**Prayer List update – due Sunday, Oct. 2:** We update our prayer list monthly. If you wish to have a name remain on or be added to the prayer list, please notify the church [office by email or phone by the above date](#), or use the prayer request form at the back of the church. If you are requesting prayers for someone else, please ensure and indicate that you have their permission to be on the list. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.



**Thanksgiving Food Drive** – Please bring in your non-perishable food donations over the next 3 Sundays (including Thanksgiving Sunday, Oct. 9), and we will get them distributed to those in need. Bee Montessori School will also be joining in this outreach to the community.

**Continuing this Wednesday:**

At 7pm, we will continue this seven week video series from The Work of the People:



**MATERIALITY AS RESISTANCE NEIGHBORLINESS AND THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH.** It features Walter Bruggemann and is based on his book by the same name. Here is a quote from the introduction:

Materiality as Resistance is a textured teaching about who we are called to be in the world through the lens of loving God, loving ourselves, and loving our neighbor. Throughout his new book and this film series, Walter opens a discussion with us about how Christianity (its beliefs and efforts) have evolved and shifted from a center of “we” or “us” cooperative body of people to a privatized, personal Jesus for “me” or “you”. We focus on our personal salvation, our personal work, our spirituality, which is not wrong, but only part of the maturation of faith. So here, Walter discusses faith and our responsibility to one another, and how churches can model collaborative social structure, and goes so far as to invite individual believers and church leadership to start considering making decisions with the neighbor and neighborhood in mind.



**Lug A Mug** – For the coffee drinkers in our midst, you are invited to bring your own coffee mug to use for coffee after the Sunday Service. While we use compostable coffee cups right now post-pandemic, this will be an additional way to care for our environment.

**Advance Notice – first week of January 2023:** During the first week of January, **the school and church building will be closed.** All floors are being re-done (hallways, gym floor,...), so no one will be allowed in the building. The office will be ‘open’ as Mark and Val will work from home.



**Rename the Bazaar** - As we plan for the return of an in-person bazaar this year, we are looking to give the bazaar a new name. Can you think of a catchy, creative name for the yearly bazaar? Forward your suggestions to

the church email, church office, drop them in the suggestion box at the back of the church or share them on a Sunday. Can't wait to hear your ideas!

**Preparing for the Christmas Bazaar- Saturday,**

**Nov. 12!** All donations will be gratefully accepted, as usual!



**Best Foot Forward Fundraising Campaign.**

Rev. Mark and the Wardens sent parishioners a letter in

early April, speaking of the special fundraising campaign just begun. It is aimed at providing funds for kitchen and nursery renovations, repairs to 2 windows at the front of the Church (Sanctuary), and the roof flashing over the Chapel and offices. The total expense for these projects is \$25,000.00. Thanks to those who have contributed in big and small ways already. **So far, we have raised \$11,784.00.** All future donations greatly appreciated!

**Masks Memo:** Ontario removed the mandatory masking requirement for most settings. However, at this time **masks will continue** to be an essential part of our suite of protections in place for indoor ministry activities, in order to care for those who are most vulnerable in our midst.

**Moon Time Sisters Menstrual Period Products needed again!** This campaign continues through to October *(after which northern roads and waterways can become*

*impassable).* Moon Time Sisters Ontario has been partnering for the last 5 years with over 30 northern Indigenous communities in Ontario, Quebec, Nunavut, and Northwest Territories to supply people who menstruate with free period products. They are looking for donations of pads, tampons, cloth pads, and menstrual cups. All other hygiene items that are not sent north are given to an Indigenous based family shelter and a women's healing lodge in Toronto. More detailed information can be found at their website:

<https://truenorthaid.ca/mts-on/>

**Breakfast Club Need** – from Eleanor

Frost. During this pandemic, the breakfast program at St. Georges (St. Cath.) has been soldiering on, providing a take-out meal for sixty to ninety guests every day. Not surprisingly, the cost of providing this service has **DOUBLED**. One of the more expensive items is jam. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has already contributed red jam. The need continues, so please remember to grab some extra jam to donate when you get your groceries. We are now their unofficial 'red jam' donor!



**E-Transfers Directly to Church Bank Account!**

You are now able to send deposits directly into our bank account.



A password for the church is not required, but you need our email address: [stjohn@cogeco.net](mailto:stjohn@cogeco.net). For more complete instructions, please contact the office.

These announcements are emailed to the parish on the Thursday before the Sunday Service. They are also available on our website. Check out <http://www.stjohnsniagarafalls.ca/>. Web-links in these Announcements can be easily clicked through from our website. Email the office if you would like these emailed to you.

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**Priest-In-Charge:** The Rev. Mark Gladding  
**Wardens:** Judy Giberson, Karen James, Lil Booth

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