



Between Friends

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE:

[Luke 18:15-17](#)

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called to them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Welcome to our church family, full of love, God's grace, and new life. And welcome to our Fall "Between Friends" Newsletter. The above message from the gospel of Luke invites us to embrace a child-like faith and trust in God which will inspire Martin Grove United to blossom with care and creativity.

Over the past two years, Martin Grove has worked diligently on surviving through a COVID pandemic that involved social isolation, restricted communication, and a desire to reconnect in church.

We have developed a hybrid model of worship that reaches out to our on-line community, as our ministry teams continue to further the work of our church. Our hope is to develop and build programs that will meet the current evolving needs of the church and the community.

We look forward with great anticipation to the beginning of an exciting time for our church – a time when tradition is valued and sustained, a time when innovation is welcomed and explored.

Further, as we reflect on the message of Luke 18, we are called to continue to build our faith – a faith that will inspire our congregation in the weeks and months ahead; a faith that is filled with wonder, enthusiasm and determination, a faith that is filled with hope and love. For as Jesus reminds us, "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." May the child of God within us continue to grow that we may become the church that God requires us to be.

Blessings in Christ,
Rev Dr Rick

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CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL UPDATES

The energy and passion for MGUC to emerge from the pandemic is becoming palpable! Fundraising is a necessary part of how our programs and supports become stronger. We have a number of different projects in the planning stages to meet these objectives. Take a look and see if there is something you might want to help in implementing.

- Tina Klein, Acting Chair, Co-ordinating Council

1. **Souper Sundays** – the first Sunday of each month will provide with a warm cup of homemade soup and bread after the service. A freewill offering for this time of fellowship and nourishment is hugely appreciated.
2. **Maple Syrup** – who doesn't love some truly Canadian maple syrup on their ice cream, pancakes or waffles? This may be purchased at the church office whenever you run out. We offer the best prices in town!
3. **Concert Series** – Rev Rick and Friends are offering up a concert on Sunday Nov 13th. Plan to attend and sing along! A concert of Christmas tunes is also in the works for Sunday Dec 4th. Set aside those dates and plan to bring along a friend or two!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MGUC

SOUPER SUNDAYS LUNCHEON

Let's have Lunch together!! Join us for Souper Sunday (Soup & Bread) after the service on November 6th and December 4th. Don't hesitate to bring your own sandwich if you wish. A free will offering is gratefully accepted!

Let's Eat!



We will be continuing our fundraising projects through the fall and winter. The objective of these events is to provide opportunities for us to reconnect and to support our church. We look forward to having as many people participate in as many events as possible. Tell your friends and family to join with us as we enjoy our times together again!

FINANCE COMMITTEE INITIATIVES – Liz Gosse-Davidson

The Finance Committee is sponsoring a **Euchre Party on Saturday, November 19, at 1 PM** in the Friendship Hall. We'll have games, prizes, as well as a lucky draw and of course, "goodies". So mark your calendar now and tell your friends and family. We'd love to have as many tables as possible to enjoy this tradition again, all for \$10 a person! Ticket info will be available soon, so stay tuned!

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our September fundraisers:

Our **Red Cup Challenge** was a no-work project where people were invited to collect loose change over the summer. Over 25 members participated, and as of the end of September, we had raised \$2450 from all donations. There are still a few contributions to be included, so stay tuned for the final total!



Our fall **VISTA gift card order** raised \$155. We will be doing another order towards the end of November for our Christmas gifts. These are great as gifts for others, as well as for yourself, especially for groceries, restaurants and gas. Start making your list now! Orders of \$5000 or more save the delivery charges too!

Please keep in mind that we have two programs that members can use to make their offerings to the church. The **Pre-Approved Remittance (PAR) program** allows for regular monthly withdrawals from your bank account on the 20th of the month. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can still make additional donations for special offerings or to top up any donation at any time by submitting an **envelope** to the church with your cheque or cash.

E-Transfer is also a very simple way to provide your donation to the church through your banking program. Send your e-transfer to finance@mguc.ca. Further information is available from Liz Gosse Davidson on either program.

MGUC OUTREACH TO INDIA

We report that we have closed the South India Outreach Program which has been sponsored by Martin Grove United Church. The remaining money was sent to our agent in India and has been forwarded to St. Luke's Community College, supporting the education of orphans studying in the institution in the academic year 2021-22.

This support by our congregation for the project over many years has been a wonderful outreach to disadvantaged people in South India. A huge thank you goes to Robert Koil for his vision and administration of this project.

Robert has decided to continue fundraising on his own behalf for the people in South India. If you wish to continue to contribute to this effort, please speak to Robert. Note that MGUC will no longer be accepting any contributions for India nor will any tax receipts be issued by the church for this initiative.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct 9	10:30 am	Thanksgiving Sunday Service – “Give Thanks”
Sunday, Oct 16	10:30 am	Sunday Worship - “Persistent Prayer”
Wed Oct 19	1:00 pm	United Church Women’s Meeting
Thursday, Oct 20	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday, Oct 23	10:30 am	Anniversary Sunday - “Celebrate!”
	12:00 pm	Betty Bea Reception & Refreshment
	1:00 pm	Betty Bea Memorial Service
Sunday, Oct 30	10:30 am	Sunday Worship - “Friends for Supper”
Sunday, Nov 6	10:30 am	Sunday Worship - “One Body, One Love”
	12:00 pm	Souper Sunday Luncheon
Sunday, Nov 13	10:30 am	Remembrance Day Service
	3:00 pm	Rev. Rick and Friends Concert Fundraiser
Wed Nov 16	1:00pm	United Church Women’s Meeting
Thursday, Nov 17	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, Nov 19	1:00 pm	Euchre Card Party
Sunday, Nov 20	10:30 am	Reign of Christ Sunday
Sunday, Nov 27	10:30 am	Advent 1 “Hope” - Lessons and Anthems
Sunday, Dec 4	10:30 am	Advent 2 “Peace” - White Gift Sunday
	12:00 pm	Souper Sunday Luncheon
	3:00 pm	Christmas Concert
Sunday, Dec 11	10:30 am	Advent 3 “Joy” HVUC Hand Bell Choir
Thursday, Dec 15	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday, Dec 18	10:30 am	Advent 4 “Love”
Saturday, Dec 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service - “A Gift Forever”
Sunday, Dec 25	10:30 am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday, Jan 1/23	10:30 am	New Year’s Day Service

Note: UCW Meeting in December is TBD.

Keep up to date on the Goings-on at MGUC

Please note that the schedules on the previous pages may be subject to change, and for that reason we encourage you to regularly check for the most current info possible. Our weekly on-line Services can be found on YouTube (search for "Martin Grove United Church"), and join our Facebook page for info on upcoming activities.
