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Week of October 1st, 2017

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

- Margaret & Ernie Francis, lovingly remembered by their sons Paul & John.
- Ken Jacobs, lovingly remembered by his wife Ewa and daughter Linda.

Order of Niagara

Today - Christ's Church Cathedral - 4 pm

Please join us at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton this afternoon at 4 pm as Tom Nicol is made a member of the Order of Niagara. Tom is currently our Treasurer but he wears many hats and has served in many roles over his years at St. Christopher's. You make us a better community Tom, and we are grateful. Congratulations!

Children's Education Day for All Saints'

There will be an education day at the church for kids to engage the Christian Feast of All Saints on Wed, Nov 1 from 10 am - 3 pm. School boards allow children to miss school for special education on religious holy days. Any parents interested in having their kids learn about the holiday and engage the stories of a variety of saints are welcome and invited to register. Please indicate your interest, including the # and ages of your children, to Allison: acourey@stcb.ca.

Open Doors Programming

Please note that our regular weekend Open Doors programs will not be running next (Thanksgiving) weekend. All regular programming will resume on Tuesday, October 9th,

Nametags

Sunday mornings can be busy and despite our best intentions to remember names when we're meeting someone new, it's hard work. Nametags really help particularly as we prepare to welcome our new Rector. We often hear that part of what went into a good first impression at St. Christopher's is that names were remembered. Filling in a blue member information sheet will get you your first nametag but if yours has been damaged or gone missing you can call the office or hit "reply" to the email blast to request a new one.

Servers Needed

We would like to add additional members to our team of those who assist the clergy in the sanctuary during our Sunday morning services. This is a way to serve that might appeal to people as young as twelve years of age. If you would like to talk more about this ministry, please talk to Rob Pawson.

The **September Messenger** is available. Be sure to pick up a copy to find out about everything that is coming up this fall. The online edition is on the homepage of our website, in living colour! stcb.ca.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Bridge

Join us for an evening of Bridge. We will be playing every second Friday in the Preschool Room at the church. Our next date is Friday, Oct 6th, at 7:30 pm.

Fall Clean-Up

Please mark your calendars now for clean-up day on October 14th from 9am - Noon. If you can help, please contact the office or speak with Paul Tomlinson.

Upcoming Jazz Vespers

We will celebrate Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, October 15th at 4pm when our guests will be Alison Young on sax; Maria Goudy on Trumpet; Stacie McGregor on piano; John Veretta on drums and our own Jim Sandilands on bass

Newcomer Family Celebration

Join us for a Pot Luck dinner in the Great Hall this coming Thursday, Oct 5th, from 5:30-8 pm as we celebrate the anniversary of the Masri family's arrival in Canada one year ago. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome.

Thank You

Ellen and I want to thank you, our Church Family at St Christopher's, for all the caring support that we have received during this past month. Losing a loved one is always tragic and can be devastating, but our faith, St Christopher's, and our family have supported us every step of the way. *Fred Grigsby*

Farewell Dan

Rev. Dan Cranley assumes his role as Rector at the Church of the Transfiguration today but we will have an opportunity to celebrate his ministry with us on the evening of Wednesday, October 25th. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, October 15th.

Tourtières

This Wednesday, October 4th, we will be preparing tourtières once again. If you would be willing to help shop for supplies, cook the filling, make the pastry, roll the pastry, fill the shells, crimp, bag, or stock the freezers, then we have a job for you! Please visit the sign-up table in the Narthex. The kitchen is a great place to meet new people. Come join us. For more information please contact the church office at 905.634.1809.

Fall Flung!

If you recall our Spring Flung fondly then you won't want to miss this upcoming parish social event. Mark your calendar for the evening of Saturday, Oct 21st. There will be food, music, skits, and lots of fun all around. Watch this space for more details as the date approaches!

Christmas Market Meeting

Nov 18 is this year's Market day. Our next preparation meeting is on October 16th at 7 pm in the Family Room. Plans are well underway but there are still opportunities if you would like to be involved. Please speak to Jayne Picott and watch the bulletin announcements for more news.

Funeral Hospitality

There will be a meeting of the Funeral Hospitality Committee this Wednesday, October 4th in the Family Room at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in joining this important ministry is welcome to attend. There will also be a sign-up table in the Narthex this morning. Please speak to Judy Jank (905.639.1257) or Beth Goodwin (905.631.1318) for more information or if you might be interested in assisting

Have you considered a flower memorial to remember loved ones gone? If you'd like more information, Maryann Lennox would be happy to explain how the memorials are handled. Call or email her at 905.335.6946 or lennoxmaryann3@gmail.com



Children at Play

Fall is here and we have several groups of youngsters accessing our building and yards during the week. On any given day there may be outdoor activities involving children. Please drive through our driveways and parking lot with caution to avoid accidents.

Good Reads!

Check out the book trolley in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you find a book you'd like to take home, drop a toonie in the coin box on the end of the trolley. Donations of current, popular books are also welcome.

Parish Centre Gardens & Clean-Up

We will be putting our Community Garden to bed for the winter on the morning of Saturday, October 14th. This is a family friendly activity and will be held in conjunction with a general clean-up day. Please call the office if you would like more information and speak to Paul Tomlinson or Rachel Courey.



Come and check out our performing arts program for children aged 6 and up. We meet on Mondays from 4:30 - 6pm. Speak with Andy or Allison for more information.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Anna Dyson	Murray Misener
Elizabeth Phillips	Connor Soutar
Kathleen Wall	David Brown
Ron Forbes	Carol Henley
Jordana Matsos	Peggy Cosgrove
Rose Love	Kathleen Matthews
Peter Schroeder	Madeline Fawcett
Pat Hulbert	Paul Shelton
Sharon Deacon	Katie Fisher
Catherine Brett	Tim Denike
Charles Olliviera	Bill Smith

Anniversaries this week

Linda Holland & Rob Robinson	(19)
Brooke & Libby Stratton	(47)
Andrew & Heather Soutar	(15)
Clayton & Alisa George	(11)
Kirk & Donna Smith	(16)

Services This Week

Thursday 11:00am Holy Eucharist

Services Next Sunday, October 8th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service

Church Office

The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Monday, October 8th.

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Cooking #1
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Afternoon Social
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
Wednesday	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:00am	Tourtières
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Thursday	10:00am	Active Tots
	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	5:30pm	Newcomer Family Pot Luck
Friday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	7:30pm	Bridge Group