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Dear Friends in Christ,

Can you believe it? It is already nearing the end of September as I write this letter. It seems that we were in the fullness of summer just recently - and what a lovely summer it was! Not too hot, some moisture to keep the fire season at bay and far less intense than the previous few years. It has been a blessed season and now, transitioning to autumn, our focus as a church leads us into a busy time.

Beginning with Thanksgiving, we celebrate together the gifts that God has bestowed upon us, gifts that grace us with God's generosity and abundance. For Joan and me at our home, this has been revealed to us in the little garden we planted at the side of our home. We've never seen before such an abundance of tomatoes from something we planted.



Still on the theme of Thanksgiving and celebrating God's gracious gifts, it is so important to acknowledge these gifts as a church. I would like to illustrate a picture of doing this as an act of corporate (community) Thanksgiving. Here are three suggestions on how to do this.

The first is in **decorating the church on Saturday, October 12, beginning at 9 am**. We invite your gifts of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and other items to assist those challenged in issues of food security. Let us decorate the church in such a way showing forth God's abundance. Then, further to this, we will donate these offerings to Shelbourne Community Kitchen.

As a second act of expressing Thanksgiving, **we invite you to attend either our 8:30 or 10:30 am Thanksgiving Sunday service on October 13**, as we offer our thanksgiving to God for the many gifts we have received. We are thankful most importantly for the gift of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ, whose ongoing presence journeys with us in our daily walk.

A third way to express our Thanksgiving would be to invite a friend or friends to join you as **we celebrate our Patronal Festival (St. Luke the Evangelist Day) on Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 pm**. Invite your friend, a family member, or a neighbor and bring your favourite prepared entrée, salad, or dessert as we enjoy a great evening sharing a potluck meal together.

Finally, as it has been customary in the past, please find included with this letter an envelope to assist you in making your Thanksgiving offering this year.

Autumn blessings and peace be with you,

The Rev. Daniel Fournier+