



**CALVARY**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Fall 2024

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## Thanksgiving at Ganaraska

Thanksgiving Weekend  
**October 11-14.** A Potluck dinner will be hosted  
**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**@5 p.m.** If you can't make it for the dinner, just come for a hike or a visit on the weekend, doors will be open Friday evening at 6p.m. until Monday dinner. E-mail [Ganaraska@calvary-baptist-church.ca](mailto:Ganaraska@calvary-baptist-church.ca) if you want to attend.

# Spotlight



## Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

As we've started up a new ministry year, there is so much to be grateful for!

There's an expansion to the Communications Team (*tasked with providing church information within and outside our congregation through our website, e-mails, Instagram, Facebook and outdoor signage*), working to do some refreshing of the church's website.

We continue to enjoy one another's company at one another's homes through the "Getting to Know You Lunches" each month, and weekly enjoying coffee and tea in the foyer thanks to some new furniture, and Carol and Shirley taking on preparing our hot beverages for us!

Though we've enjoyed one another's company online for our mid-week gatherings, we are excited to finally be offering Provision Time (our Bible Study) and Morning Prayer both in-person and online.

We're excited and grateful to be holding baptism and membership classes this fall – if you are interested and haven't made it out to the classes, please speak to Pastor Ruth! Baptism Sunday will be November 24<sup>th</sup> and Membership Sunday will be December 1<sup>st</sup>!

As the leadership teams have restarted the fall meetings, it's exciting to see the wheels turning as we resume meeting together with the Mission Team (*representatives from all church teams, chaired by the Moderator*), Worship Team (*facilitation of all aspects of worship at Calvary based on the church year*), Ministry Strategy Committee (*team to clarify Calvary's core ministry foci and to explore partnerships within the community*), Pastoral Care Team (*leadership of the church community to share Christ's light to one another in thoughts, prayers, words and deeds*), Ganaraska Woods Commission (*operates an 84-acre rural Retreat Centre*), Grace Pascoe Care Centre (GPCC) Stewardship Group (*ensuring responsible use of funds & property including future potential*), while also coordinating with our staff members and those individuals in our congregation focusing on our finances and facilities.

As I think on these things, I think of these words of Paul to the Thessalonians:

*'We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.'*

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

I am grateful for each of you, and grateful to be part of this church family. I pray that throughout this year, we will view one another and one another's efforts in gratitude, knowing full well that God has placed us together as a church family to work in faith and labour in love for His glory for such a time as this.

*Love & Blessings, Pastor Ruth*

**Calvary lives to seek, know & worship God representing the redeeming love of Jesus**



**October Birthdays**

- 9 Heather Mains
- 15 Andrea Cambridge & Shelley Faulkner
- 27 Sandra Farrant
- 30 Barry Tisdall



**Anniversaries**

- 2 Paul & Barbara Sneyd
- 23 Jack & Marita Vitto
- 30 Rob & Sandra Farrant

**November Birthdays**

- 1 Shelton Deverell
- 19 Domenico Vitto
- 23 Nancy Moore
- 24 Alexander Kelley



**If you're new and we've missed your special day, let Victoria, Tina or Ruth know so we can celebrate with you!**

**Upcoming Events**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** – 131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Sunday  
 Speaker: Toronto Baptist Ministries  
 Director Rev. Johnny Dalisy.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Communion. (October Birthday Sunday Celebration cupcakes)

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Service

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Huddle TBC

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Baptism Sunday  
 "Christ the King"

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Membership Sunday  
 welcoming newly baptised into our Church. Communion.

*Start of Advent* (November Birthday Sunday Celebration cupcakes )

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Star Tree Service

**December 15 @ 7:30 p.m.** – Candlelight Carol Service

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve Service @2:30 p.m.

**New Year's Eve** – Ganaraska Watchnight Service. Dec. 30-Jan 2.

**Ongoing**

**Thursdays:** 6-9 p.m. Food Bank

**Tuesdays – Mid-Week Small Groups**

**Morning Prayer** @10 a.m. in Harris Hall (under sanctuary)& virtual Oct.8/22

Nov. 5, Dec. 3/17

**Provision Time** @7 p.m. October 1/29, Nov. 12/26, Dec. 10 (location

announced Sunday prior - see Shawn for details)

**Sundays** – Choir Practice @12 noon

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need, practice hospitality." *Romans 12: 10-13*

Joyful, Patient and Faithful in Prayer...

As we are approaching the season of Thanksgiving, I am most thankful that our family is connected by prayers, phone calls, and visits. For our seniors at home there are regular phone calls and I am pleased that many phone each other for encouragement and prayer. Pastor Ruth and I have made two pastoral visits recently and joyfully celebrated Communion.

For the family who gather in the Sanctuary on Sunday, our many thanks to Carol Carney who is providing the gift of coffee/tea and treats and the opportunity to chat with each other and welcome newcomers. Thanks to all who magically make the treats appear.

Our "Getting to Know You" lunches are back in swing with thanks to all who host. For our family who join online or by phone there is our "Fellowship Time" hosted by the Greeter.

It does take all of us to ensure that we follow those words written by the apostle Paul. Let's continue to pray and uplift each other as brothers and sisters in this family of Christ at Calvary.

*Tina Timmermans, Chair of Christian Nurture*

Connect with Christian Nurture Team [pastoralcare@calvary-baptist-church.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@calvary-baptist-church.ca) which goes to the inbox of Andrea, Rex, Ruth, Shelley and Tina. Or call: the church office **416-691-4721** and Kelley will redirect you to whoever is available.

**More from FAQs  
 What's Calvary About?**

Calvary Baptist Church Toronto on Main Street lives to seek, know and worship God, as we represent the redeeming love of Jesus. We do that through worshipping together throughout each week and in our life together as a church. Although our purpose as a church of loving God and loving others stays the same through the ages, this looks different in different seasons. Currently, Calvary is focused on fulfilling our purpose through ministering to Seniors, caring for our neighbours at the Food Bank (Grace Pascoe Care Centre), sharing in worship together on Sunday mornings, gathering for discipleship through our mid-week studies and prayer meetings, and developing/strengthening a hub of partnerships with different churches and organizations in and around our church home here at 72 Main Street.

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I am pleased to report that in July, Calvary was blessed to be able to hire Kelley Maloney as our new Office Administrator. Kelley has been a vital part of Calvary's Food Bank, acting as the volunteer coordinator for the Grace Pascoe Care Centre, since it's reopening in May 2022. We have welcomed Kelley to our finance and facilities team, which is comprised of volunteers and Calvary employees, with much gratitude.

Our finances are holding steady, and although we continue to spend more than we receive, our operating fund and ministries (Ganaraska Woods and our Food Bank) have been receiving more income than expected and spending less than budgeted. This past June, our Food Bank was awarded a one-time, one-year grant of \$15k by the Daily Bread Food Bank. The funds will be used to support food purchases to supplement the weekly food donations, as well as support our volunteers. Our net operating deficit across all ministries was \$23k for the first nine months of the year, vs an expected deficit of \$61k. Calvary has recently received notice that we are to receive a bequest from the estate of Beryl Isaac, who attended Calvary as a child. The bequest will exceed \$300k, to be distributed in two parts in the coming weeks and months. We are most grateful that the bequest will provide some much needed financial breathing room.

The Facilities Team, which has been under-resourced for the rental activities, has been experimenting with adding capacity. This is a work-in-progress which we will report on at the upcoming Huddle scheduled for November 17, 2024.

We are most grateful for your ongoing financial support, which can be made to the collection plate, by mail to the church office, or online through our website. *Heather Mains, Treasurer*



**October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
10:30 a.m.

**Help us Celebrate  
Calvary's 131<sup>st</sup>  
Anniversary**

Special Speaker:  
Rev. Johnny Dalisy  
Toronto Baptist  
Ministries Director

*There will be Cake!!*

## Calvary's New Administrator Kelley Maloney

As noted above, we are pleased to introduce Kelley, who has worked as our Food Bank Coordinator since its reopening after Covid.

Kelley is in the church office Monday through Friday from 10a.m. until 2p.m.



## Welcome Newcomers!

Calvary is grateful for the opportunity to welcome new members of the community to our worship services. We invite new worshippers to explore the different church ministries and to prayerfully consider getting involved. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ruth [[rbartlett@calvary-baptist-church.ca](mailto:rbartlett@calvary-baptist-church.ca)] or the church office [[calvaryonmain@calvary-baptist-church.ca](mailto:calvaryonmain@calvary-baptist-church.ca) 416-691-4721].

**Don't forget to fill out the welcome cards located at the entryway tables to help us connect with you better.**

## Land Acknowledgement

God, our Creator, made all people of every land. We acknowledge with respect that our church rests on the traditional land of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the first people of this land. We strive to be of good mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and those who have been displaced.



## Calvary Baptist Church

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