

Announcements – September 13 - 19, 2026

1. Mon. Sept. 14 – Prayer Seminar (Heidi's group) -10 am
2. Mon. Sept. 14 – Belleville choral Society – 6:30 – 9:15pm
3. Tues. Sept. 15– Stitchers & Knitters – 9:30 – 12 noon
4. Tues. Sept. 15 – Parish Council Mtg – 9:30 am
5. Tues. Sept. 15 – Harmony Music Choir – 4:30 – 5:30
6. Tues. Sept. 15 – Youth Group – 5:30 – 7pm
7. Tues. Sept. 15 – Toastmasters Mtg – 6:30 – 8:30 pm
8. Tues. Sept. 15 – Concert Series Mtg – 6:30 pm
9. Wed. Sept. 16 – Christmas Sharing Mtg. - 9:30 am
10. Wed. Sept. 16 - Harmony Music Piano – 4:30 – 5:30
11. Wed. Sept. 16 – CFUW Mtg. - 6 – 9:15 pm
12. Wed. Sept. 16 – prayer Seminar (Heidi's Group) - 6:30 pm

Coming events/ Activities



Welcome Back – Today there will be a light luncheon (soup & scones) after the 10:30 service. Yes, we return to 2 services this Sunday (8 am & 10:30 am) and everyone from both services are welcome to come for lunch.

Also the children will have their backpacks blessed today with “**Blessing of the Backpacks**” at the 10:30 service.

2. Message from our Director of Music (Emanda Richards):

Interested in singing in the choir? Want to rejoin? Come meet Emanda after the service to find out more details!

Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 9:35a.m.

3. Music Series Team

Emanda Richards, Director of Music is inviting interested persons to a meeting September 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the church to brainstorm ideas on an up and coming music series.

4. Come on out for an opportunity to **learn a structure to write your own prayers**. As part of Heidi's course she is hosting a workshop on writing your own prayers similar to our weekly opening prayers (collect), at 10:00 on Monday 14 September or at 6:30 16 September. She is looking for some participants to come out for either a morning or evening class. There will be a sign up sheet in the hall to indicate your choice of timing. You can also contact Heidi directly by email at hjduttile@gmail.com.

5. **Bible study** will be starting up again in September. This year we will be studying the gospel of Mark. We will be using the Lifeguide study guide called Mark: Follow Me. For your copy of the study guide please contact Heidi. Bible study will be Mondays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30.

6. Please sign up for the **Antipasto Project 2026**. Wednesday September 30 will be chopping and measuring. Thursday Oct. 1 will be cooking and canning. Friday Oct 2 is for labelling.

Check the sign up sheets outside the kitchen for morning shifts or afternoon shifts. We love to recycle used jars and rings, but use only new lids. Questions or concerns? contact Lezlie Miller
We will be taking **pre paid, pre orders on September 20 and 27.**

7. Volunteers from St Thomas' are delivering **Meals on Wheels** each Wednesday during the month of September for Community Care of South Hastings. Please keep them and the clients they are delivering meals to, in your prayers for both safe travels and improved health.

8. The **Christmas Market** is just over 9 weeks away. It may seem far off but the Committee has already met, set things in motion and will update the Congregation regularly.

Here is an **early** request from the extremely popular Jewellery Table:

ALL jewellery is accepted; old, new, fine, costume, in good condition or with broken and missing pieces, e.g. single earrings, backs or necklace clasps etc. Sorting the jewellery is a large undertaking. The majority is sold at the Christmas Market, with some sold to a jewellery maker or locally for the gold content. Joanna Hoekstra would welcome your jewellery donations **now** to start this process. Please contact Joanna, if you have donations or questions.

9. A few of us from the St. Thomas unofficial book club are participating in **Ride for Refuge on October 3rd**, a fundraiser for All-Together Affordable Housing Corporation -- a non-profit and registered charity with a proven housing-first model that is making a difference in our community. We're pleased to walk in support of this organization built on years of firm conviction and a lot of hard work. Please contact Dawne Brown to ask how you can participate or donate.