

St. Brice's Anglican Church Newsletter November 2, 2024.

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Something To Make Us Smile

Early one morning the husband and wife were arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!" The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!" Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to one of the New Testament books and declared, "It says right here — **HEBREWS!**"



St. Brice's Visioning Scripture

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3: 14, 17 (NLT)



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



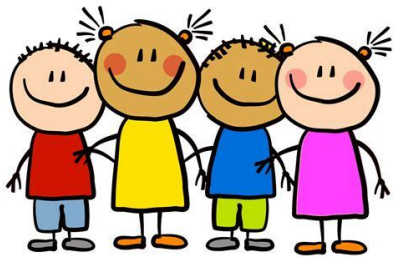
St. Brice's supports a number of mission initiatives. These are financed through individual donations, and from activities such as the "Falling Leaves Soup Lunch and Bake Sale" which was held earlier today, and was a great success. (Thank you to all the volunteers.)

On Sunday morning, November 3, Andrew White will be speaking near the end of the service about the location Christian Radio Station.

On Sunday, November 24, Pam Stickney of Madagascar Missions and AMSC, will be speaking at the 10:30am service.

Child Care during Events

We've become aware that, when parents are responsible for small children, this can impede both parents from participating in some parish events, even if both parents



want to attend. We talked about this at the Board meeting at the end of October. We've decided to consult with parents about how frequently child care might be helpful. Then, we will aim to provide responsible volunteers to look after the children.

If you are the parent of a young child or children, we would be very pleased to hear from you: How can the parish community help support you and your children, for *your* spiritual development? Please contact the parish office [705 474-4005 stbrices.northbay@yahoo.ca].

If you are interested in helping look after children occasionally, please contact the parish office. (Please note, there will be a screening process. Not all volunteers may be able to be accepted.)



Armour of God Picture

The Sunday School had some lessons in the month of October about "putting on the armour of God" (see Ephesians 6). The photo (left) shows some of the "armour" the children made, to reinforce the message.

Alkhazraji Family Sponsorship

As many parishioners are aware, St. Brice's was approached by another congregation, to help sponsor a refugee family, the Alkhazrajis, to come to Canada. This application is proceeding, although we expect it will be months before we learn if this application is successful.

Christmas Dinner

St. Brice's will be hosting its annual Christmas dinner for parishioners, on Saturday, December 7, at noon.



There will be a service of Holy Communion before the dinner, starting at 11am. Attendance is free, but we appreciate if people let us know in advance if they plan to attend. There will likely be a sign-up sheet near the entrance to St. Brice's, or people can leave a message at the parish office [705 474-4005; stbrices.northbay@yahoo.ca].

Food Bank

Use of the St. Brice's Food Bank has increased substantially in recent months, and more money is being spent on food than current income. The Board is planning



to offer a community dinner in early January 2025, to support the St. Brice's Food Bank. Further details are forthcoming. Non-perishable food items for the Food Bank are gratefully received.

PROPERTY

Furnace

Overall, St. Brice's property is in very good repair, thanks to the good stewardship of the Property Committee and other parishioners.

We are aware that the furnace for the parish hall is getting near the end of its working life. We are in the midst of looking at options for its replacement. The Board will be reviewing these options, and communicating with all parishioners, likely in late November or December (depending on how easily we can make appointments with tradespeople).

FINANCES



During the first part of the year, St. Brice's finances were in good shape. However, offerings dropped sharply over the summer, and have not yet recovered. The rector and wardens circulated a letter to parishioners on October 25, updating parishioners about our present status. There is some early indication that some parishioners are responding as they are able, for which we are very grateful. For those who are not currently in a position to be able to support the parish's ministry financially, please be assured that everyone is welcome here, regardless of our resources.

As well, for those who are able to make a financial contribution –preferably, a steady, regular contribution, although we certainly accept one-time donations as well – that is gratefully received.

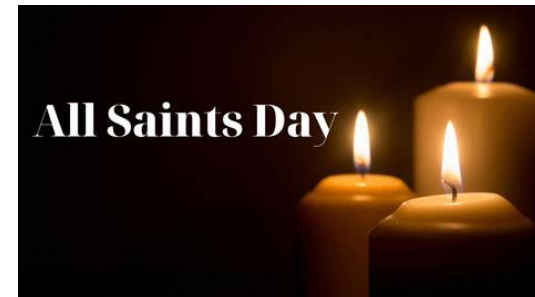
A summary of our financial position to the end of October follows.

Income	\$136,358
Expenses	<u>\$146,362</u>
Deficit	\$10,004

Our treasurer reminds us that we can donate by various means, including an e-transfer at:

deposits@stbriceschurch.com .

St. Brice's will be observing All Saints' Day (transferred), on Sunday, 3 November.



For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 Who thee by faith before the world confessed;
 Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!