

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

Are you new? Get connected!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Shirley Allan Administrator	Joey McNitt Worship Leader
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, there are many ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.
- 3) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 4) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

Financial Update at September 30:

Target Offering: \$222,679

Actual Offering: \$199,764

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS YOUNG WITH "NEWCOMERS"

Dear friends,

One great thing about celebrating being 150 years young is that everyone is a "newcomer"! Even the person who has been part of Messiah the longest does not come even close to being with us for 150 years. Puts things in perspective.

I must confess that I hesitated about marking 150 years of congregational life and witness. Part of the reason is that most people who attend Messiah today have attended for a fairly brief time. Why would they - why would we - be interested in celebrating being 150 years young? My previous churches in The Parish of Eganville were radically different from Messiah. Most people who attended on a Sunday morning were part of "old Anglican" families who had first settled the region and then founded the churches and built the buildings. At Messiah, there is only one person who worships with us whose family can be traced back to the early days of Messiah (back when we were called St Alban's).

It is humbling, better it should be humbling, to remember that the church predates you and the church will outlast you (unless Jesus comes back soon). It is humbling to realize that people began worshiping as a congregation 150 years ago and everyone of these people have died and yet the congregation still exists today. Being part of a church community is like being part of a really big relay team. Someone started the race a long, long time ago (150 years ago in our case), then they handed off the baton to someone else, who handed it off to someone else, down the ages and now the baton has been handed to you and me. We are to run the race well to the glory of God knowing that, unless Jesus returns before we die, we will not only have to run well, but we will have to hand off the baton well for the next person to run.

This analogy is true of us as members of Messiah and true of us as "mere Christians". The first disciples handed off the baton to others - on down a long line - until it was handed to you and me. Brothers and sisters, we are in a race - not a private sprint - but a long-distance relay race . Run well to the glory of God.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12: 1-2

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I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) I will live for God's glory, not my glory.
- 2) I will boast in the Lord, not myself.
- 3) Only the Gospel can heal and renew my conscience.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading:

Dear Lord, I thank You and praise You for the riches of Your kindness and forbearance and patience. Please forgive me for my presumption - for presuming on Your kindness. Thank You for giving me time to repent and turn to Jesus in obedient faith. Once again I turn to You. Please make me a disciple of Jesus who lives for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

For God shows no partiality. Romans 2: 11

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me.

Have you ever had a surprise party? If so, did you like it or not?

Getting into the Bible.

Remember to pray for God to lead and guide you into all truth. Ask the Lord to renew your mind by His word.

- 1. Read: Romans 1: 28-2:5. Then read 2 Samuel 12: 1-10
- 2. Read: Romans 2: 4. Then read 2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:25

Getting real.

Has God convicted you in some way? Can you share this with others so they can pray for you?

TUE / OCT 6 **Moms and Tots Drop-in**
10am-noon@ 119 Rochester St
Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / OCT 7 **Church on Wednesday**
7pm @ uOttawa UCU
Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / OCT 8 **Prayer Meeting**
7pm @ The Bible House - 315 Lisgar St
King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave

Please contact the office to add the name of a loved one to the **In Memory List** we will publish on Thanksgiving Sunday.
info@messiahchurch.ca

Would you be interested in hosting a Church on Wednesday student for dinner at Thanksgiving? What a great way to reach out to a student who is not able to go home for Thanksgiving. If you'd like to help, please contact the office. info@messiahchurch.ca

Each year we collect items of non-perishable food, gently used / new clothing or financial donations (tax receipt-able) as a **Thanksgiving gift to St Joe's Grocery and Clothing Program.** Please bring your donations to church next Sunday.

Save the date! Join us at **Dig & Delve on November 13-14** as we investigate some of the deepest questions people ask about *Being Human*. What does scientific evidence reveal about the origin of life on earth? Are humans unique? How do we decide when a life begins and when it should end? Are we moral free-agents? What is the uniquely Christian response to our identity and purpose as humans? Come and find out! Tickets (\$30 (students) / \$45 (non-students) are available at diganddelve.ca