

DAYSRING DAYBOOK

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STEWARDSHIP

Section 7.3 of *Living Faith* tells us about worship.

7.3.1 The church lives to praise God.

*We have no higher calling
than to offer the worship that belongs to God
day by day, Sunday by Sunday.*

*7.3.2 Through the preaching of the Word
and the celebration of the Sacraments,
in praise, prayer, teaching and fellowship,
God sustains the life of the church.*

*We worship God as Lord
offering ourselves in the service of Christ,
rejoicing that we have been brought from darkness to light.*

7.3.3 Worship draws us into the work of Christ.

*Even now he intercedes for the world
to which he came and for which he died.*

*In union with him, the church prays
for the healing and the salvation of the world.*

*7.3.4 Blessing and honour and glory and power
be to our God for ever and ever!*

It might seem strange to begin an issue focused on stewardship with this quote from *Living Faith* (which is a summary of what we Presbyterians believe).

Usually, conversations about stewardship are about the way we use our time, talent, and treasure. Moreover, they mostly focus on how we use our money, and more particularly on how much we will contribute to the budgets of our congregation, of presbytery and synod, and of the General Assembly - as well as various projects that we undertake individually and as a congregation..

This issue of the **DayBook** does provide some information about those matters - comments and statements about what we do. However, the underlying theme is that there is a vital connection between our worship and our stewardship. In fact

STEWARDSHIP = WORSHIP

When we give our Time, Talent, and Treasure
in service to God,
we are worshipping God in very tangible and concrete ways.
We are worshipping God 24/7.

Marilyn & John Carr



Quote of the Month

Mission is service, a call to help people in need and to permeate all of life with the compassion of God.

Living Faith 9.1.3

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FROM OUR MINISTER

This column will return next month



TIME

So how do we worship God with the use of our time? Here is what some of us wrote.

Adrian (Treasurer): Stewardship is putting Dayspring first. Stewardship is doing what we can to allow Dayspring to function and perform its mission and achieve its vision. I contribute my time to Dayspring in many ways. The easiest is performing usher, coffee and Sunday School teaching duties on Sundays. I volunteer on the Board and at many of the events the church hosts by helping set up, cook and clean. ... Do I struggle keeping a faithful attitude while teaching Sunday School, absolutely. Some months I curse the fact that I have yet another meeting with the Board. What keeps me going is watching others in the congregation share their time, talent and treasures. Striving to emulate how they give. So know this, when you give your time, talent and treasures you are helping at least one person trying to be a better Christian.

Nesta (for the Pastoral Care Team): Our ministry provides health information and pastoral care for those who are hurting. We are involved in making phone calls, sending cards and emails and visiting when possible. We welcome newcomers and children into our congregation. As an expansion to our mission we are working towards having a Stephen Ministry team next year. "Love one another as I have loved you" John 15 :12.

Darlene (for the Mission & Outreach Team): The vision for the Dayspring Mission & Outreach Ministry is to respond to God's Call by leading our congregation in reaching out to neighbourhoods, our country and the world. Many things have changed in our world due to COVID-19 but the "Mission & Outreach" opportunities at Dayspring continue with many volunteers still making a difference—through giving of our time, talent or treasure



Audrey (Food Bank Depot Pioneer): After many years of working at the food bank at Dayspring, and being Seniors now, COVID-19 put a stop to that! Fortunately, thanks to our youth leadership, we were able to keep it running! The need is great in our area and so appreciated! Jumping in to help to keep this going, the younger folks (than us) stepped up and have continued this much needed service!

The Neighborhood Care Network has met the need for added groceries during this time by supplying PC gift cards. We contacted families we thought this might help and the food bank clients also benefited! What a gratifying time for all of us on the committee!

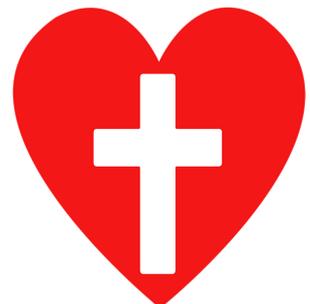
Hygiene products such as soaps & shampoos (small containers preferred), feminine products, socks and underwear, laundry soap and dryer sheets, cloth masks, tinned coffee and creamer, tea, canned milk, sugar packets. These products are still needed and can be dropped off at DPC; we will deliver them.

Kristin: Here are a few testimonials from people who have received gift cards over the last few weeks.

A mother of two and a newcomer to Canada felt very grateful to receive a gift card for groceries. After falling on a hard time this year she heard about the NCN through the food bank at Dayspring. This was just what her family needed to make it to the end of the month financially.

A father with young children commented this gift card was a blessing to his family after losing his job during the pandemic. He hopes that once this season passes he can give back to others who are in need.

A couple unexpectedly needed to leave their home for repairs to be done. Receiving a gift card from the NCN freed up their income to be able to afford a motel while waiting to return to their home. They were very appreciative of the support of the NCN.



TALENT

Adrian: I contribute my talent to the church by being the treasurer. I also try to make myself available for the more physical duties like our yard beautification project. It is easy to give our time, talents and treasures when they mesh with your abilities. I often struggle giving my time, talent and treasures freely and willingly. Sometimes it is a struggle to perform these with God foremost in mind.

Gina (Session Clerk): As a group of elders who are elected by the congregation, we use our time and talent in many ways. For example, every elder is assigned to a group of people called an Anchor Group. We continually work and discuss how we are connecting with our people. As elders we also lead or volunteer on the various ministries of the church to ensure we use our treasures in the best way possible. Time at our monthly Session meetings are spent talking about how we use our time, talent and treasures to best support the congregation, our community and the Presbyterian Church of Canada.



Recently, we celebrated the lives of two long time members of Dayspring who gave of their Time & Talent for countless years by communicating with, and caring for, so many Dayspringers and adding some love & care to their lives: Marlene and Chris, the epitome of giving.

Peter (for the Christian Education Team): Our Church School Coordinator, Lynn, sends out an email every week with Sunday school ideas for our children in the congregation. These packages include lessons, coloring pages and ideas so that the parents can teach their children at home. Every Sunday we continue telling the Children's Story during our ZOOM church services. Fiona, our Youth Coordinator, holds a youth service on Sundays using the ZOOM format. At this time,

the youth are watching the film "The Chosen". Fiona continues to contact the youth (socially) using ZOOM.

Heinrich holds an adult Bible study using ZOOM.

Plans for the Christmas Pageant are under way and we look forward to sharing this with you on December 20.

TREASURE

Adrian (Treasurer): How our congregation ensures that Dayspring fulfills our mission and vision is a very personal decision. I contribute my treasures to the church by giving my offering every month. When needed I have provided items for auctions and sales the church has throughout the year. ... Could we give more in our offering, yes, but then we can't do all we want outside of church.



Reflection on Giving: We give because we are the recipients of God's overflowing love.

We give because our givings support our minister and the church staff who enable us to be a community of Faith and Care.

We give in order to take care of our building – an inheritance from those who have gone before us and from the Presbyterian Church in Canada – and the means by which we offer care to our community.

We give in order to be able to meet together for worship via the internet.

We give in order to support the ministry and mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada across our nation and throughout the world.

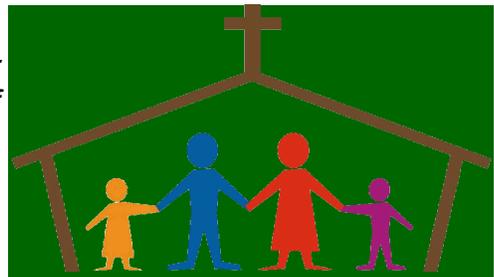
And in these days of COVID-19 distancing, we do our giving in the various ways described in the Dayspring Weekly News.

Thank you all for your generosity.



Wendy (Board Chair): *The Board of Managers at Dayspring Presbyterian Church is made up of Elected and Volunteer Board Members to look after the Finance and Maintenance of the Church. Some of the duties include:*

1. *Maintaining strictly confidential givings records, and issuing Government receipts by our Envelope Secretary*
2. *Keeping track of all the Dayspring Revenues and Expenses, using acceptable Accounting Practices and then reporting back to the Congregation*
3. *Hiring and supervising Service Providers that keep our furnaces going, roof in good repair, parking lots cleared, grass trimmed, and building well maintained and clean*
4. *Keeping up-to-date from a Team of Volunteers that quietly work in the background to help with inspections and repairs to help keep our costs down*
5. *Set fair rates and then coordinate with the church office to make our building available to the community when Dayspring isn't using it*
6. *Working with all the Dayspring Committees to put an Annual Budget together for Dayspring*
7. *Coordinate work parties to help complete tasks such as yard maintenance not covered by our contract Service Providers and moving furniture when needed*



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