



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

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Our Christ Church Food and Clothing Ministry

If you want to eliminate hunger, everybody has to be involved. – Bono (U2)

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”
- Matthew 5:6

“Our mission is to increase food security through food distribution, education and collaboration.” – Feed Nova Scotia

“Our mission at Christ Church is to be a welcoming Christian community committed to enabling each other to grow through worship, spiritual fellowship and service, following the example of Christ.”

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you at Pentecost, knowing that we all have gifts to offer our beloved church and community. As we continue to adjust in a COVID-19 world, I wanted to further update you on the nature of our Foodbank. First, I wish to say that this ministry sits at the heart of our Christ Church community. For years we have served the Dartmouth region by providing a place of comfort, fellowship, support, education, and of course, sustenance. I also want to thank all the individuals who have volunteered over the years and those who continue. I know that our dear friend does not like accolades, but I must recognize Madelyn Bell and the tremendous leadership she has provided our parish over the years as coordinator of our Food Bank and Clothing Ministry.

As you may imagine, the Food Bank has had to adapt in light of COVID-19, and this means at Christ Church, we have had to implement some changes. Social distancing, requiring reduced numbers of volunteers, has not been easy, but we have managed to continue to serve clients. One of the challenges of COVID-19 is society's ability to communicate effectively and efficiently. As we serve our community, we recognize the stress that comes with the pandemic, knowing that our hearts are in the right place.

As a charter member of Feed Nova Scotia, we are consistently educating ourselves so that we can offer the best experience for our clients. As such, I have decided that we will establish a focus group that will examine best practices for our Food Bank which will help us determine what this ministry looks like in this new world. This task group will then report back to parish council for its guidance and support.

I know that many of you have expressed interest in helping at the Food Bank. There are a variety of gifts that can be offered: time, talent, and treasure. Working in the kitchen, providing tea and coffee during social hours, visiting with clients as they come and go, stocking shelves, preparing the food that is delivered from Food Nova Scotia. So, if you are feeling called to this ministry, please speak to someone who volunteers at the Food Bank, a warden, or myself!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kyle Wagner".

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