

St Barnabas Anglican Church

THANKSGIVING OFFERING 2021

“In everything give thanks...” is still our theme as we approach Thanksgiving, and we look back over 2021.

Our focus for the last two years has been the re-pointing of our brickwork, especially the East wall (Altar wall). This was successfully completed and paid for through our special offerings, totalling \$24,982.00.

Our 2021 bare bones budget that we adopted earlier this year focused on the essentials, which removed some programs, and most of the Missions and Outreach budget except the College Chaplaincy and Compassion Canada for our Indonesian children.

Our year end estimates based on the September 30th closing totals suggest year end figures of:

Total Revenue from all sources	\$214,000
Total Expenditures i.e. usual recurring items	<u>\$218,400</u>
Net Deficit	<u>- \$4,400</u>

Reduced program expenses have certainly helped, and members have worked hard to reduce expenditures. We are very thankful for the savings and reserves put aside over the years that have sustained us through these unpredictable times. We have been blessed compared to some of our fellow Diocesan parishes.

Thanksgiving has traditionally been a time for a Special Offering for a project or special need, and also a time to consider our personal regular financial commitment to the Parish. Traditionally we have raised between \$8 - 10,000 annually.

The recommendation of the Stewardship committee and Parish Council is that this year our Thanksgiving Offering focus on clearing up our forecast deficit of \$4,400 and honouring the balance of our Missions and Outreach budget cutback of \$4,870, altogether totalling **\$9,270**.

The Missions and Outreach cutback affected the Anglican Renewal Ministries, the Medicine Hat Pregnancy Centre, the Passchier family in Thailand, the Primate’s World Relief Development Fund and the Medicine Hat Salvation Army.

We need your help to meet these targets and ask that you designate your donations to the Thanksgiving Offering. You can use the Envelopes or Canada Helps.

Thank you for your generous help as you pray over these suggestions. We will keep the ratio of half to the Deficit and half to Missions. The Missions donations will then be allocated by the percentages in the previous budget.

Stewardship Committee
Parish Council