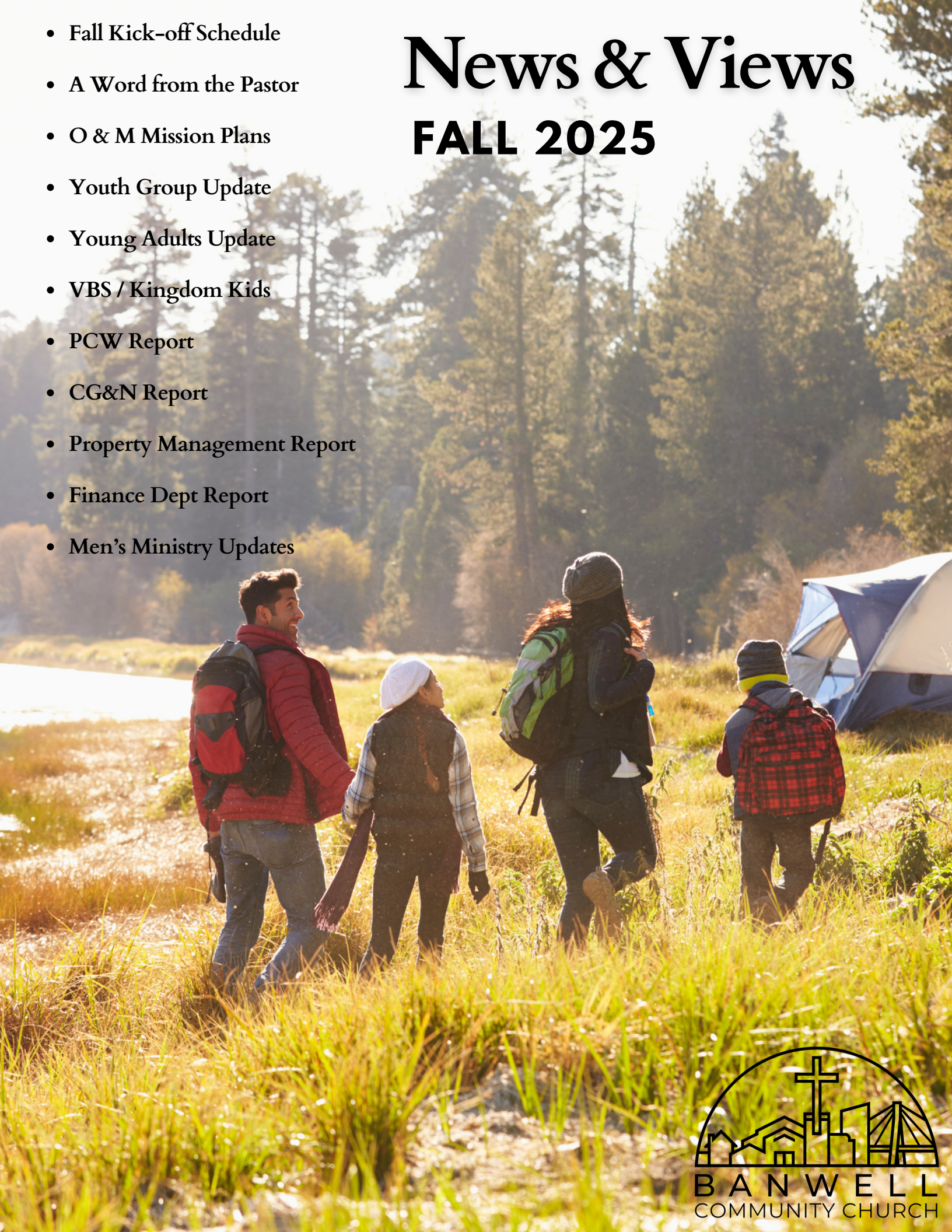


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The true north aircraft successfully touched down in our lobby in time for Captain Heather Amorin and her crew of volunteers ready to direct this Summer's Vacation Bible School. this unique , sleek design and construction was over-seen by Pastor Steve, our inhouse carpenter!

FALL KICK-OFF INFORMATION

- **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** – Monday, Sept 8 @ 1:30 pm
- **GROW IN GRACE** – Mondays @ 6:30
- **MEN'S VERSE BY VERSE STUDY:** Mondays @ 6pm.
- **DONNA'S BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday Sept 8th @ 10am
- **AGE UNLIMITED** – Wednesday, Sept. 10, @11 am in the gym.
- **YOUNG ADULTS** – Wednesday, Sept 10 @ 6 :30pm
- **KICK-OFF BAR-B-Q** – Sunday, Sept 14th Right after service
- **KINGDOM KIDS** – Thursday, Sept 18 @ 6:30 – 7:45pm
- **YOUTH GROUP** – Friday, Sept 19 @ 6:30 – 8:30pm
- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY SERIES:** Thursdays, Sept 11 @ 1:30pm
- **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** – Every Wednesday @ 10:30am.

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT DAYS

- **CORN SALES** – Saturday Sept 20th & Sunday Sept 21st @ Nortera Foods Inc.
- **PIG ROAST** – Saturday, Oct 4th @ 6pm.



Words from the Pastor...

As I look back over the past season, my heart is filled with gratitude. God has been faithful, and He continues to guide our church in exciting ways. It is such a joy to see that as our church family grows, the Lord is providing gifted servants to meet the needs of an expanding ministry. This fall, I am encouraged to see new members stepping into roles on our Board, Ministry Committees, and with our Ministry Staff. Truly, God is raising up workers for His harvest field here at Banwell.

As I envision the 2025–2026 ministry year, I am eager to share some new developments with you. This fall will begin with a 10-part sermon series on Spiritual Warfare, where I will take us on a deeper look at the Full Armour of God and how we are called to use it in our daily walk with Christ. This series will combine biblical teaching with practical instruction on how we can claim new ground—in our personal lives, our families, our church, and our community—for the Kingdom of God.

As we step into the new year, I am excited to lead our congregation on a journey through the entire Bible. Each day in 2026 we will follow a chronological Bible reading plan, allowing us as a church to literally be on the same page. Each week's sermon and small group resources will be connected to the readings, helping us dig deeper and grow together. Many of us desire to spend more time in God's Word and to understand it more fully. This journey will give us a meaningful opportunity to do just that—building a shared love for God and His Word as we walk through Scripture side by side.

This past month has also been a joy as Pastor James officially began his ministry with us in August. Together we have been praying and planning for the future, exploring ways to expand our discipleship ministry. Our desire is that every person at Banwell would be intentionally connected with others for spiritual growth in small groups and intentional discipleship opportunities.

We are also prayerfully seeking to expand our pastoral team with additional shepherds who will help address the spiritual needs of our growing congregation. It has long been on my heart to see the shepherding leadership of our church grow in strength and depth, with God's Word shaping our every step.

Alongside this, our staff and committees will be working to create new opportunities for volunteers to use their gifts in ministry. As we find our stride this fall, we want to help every member of our church family discover the joy of serving in ways that build up the Body of Christ.

Finally, I am happy to share that this October I will be part of a small team travelling to Guatemala on a Visioning Trip to explore a partnership with Pastor Juan Peliz. I will be joining Mario and Miriam Tricarico from our Banwell family, along with Mark and Dawn Sterken from ABWE. Together we will be prayerfully exploring how Banwell, ABWE, and New Generation Ministries can work together in the Gospel. I look forward to sharing more in the months ahead as we seek God's direction for this exciting opportunity.

What I see in all of these things—new servants stepping up, new ministry opportunities, new partnerships forming—is God's faithfulness at work. May we continue to walk forward together in faith, keeping our eyes on Him as He leads us into the future.

Blessings, Pastor Steven Amorin

Planting Seeds of the Gospel in Guatemala

From the Missions & Outreach Committee

Our Missions and Outreach Committee is excited to share the next steps in our congregation's commitment to spreading the Gospel beyond our walls. As part of our ongoing partnership with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE), we will be sending three members of our church family on a mission trip to Guatemala October 25 to November 1, 2025. Our committee has nominated Pastor Steven Amorin, Miriam and Mario Tricarico from our church to travel alongside Dawn and Mark Sterken of ABWE.



Pastor Steven Amorin



Miriam and Mario Tricarico



Dawn and Mark Sterken



Pastor Juan & Evelyn Peliz

The purpose of this trip is to survey and learn more about the 'New Generation Church' ministry of Pastor Juan Peliz, who has faithfully been labouring to plant new churches and reach Mayan communities, in Guatemala, with the hope of Christ. Our team will spend time with Pastor Juan and his congregation, building relationships, learning about the needs of the region, and exploring how our church can come alongside them in their work.

This survey trip is not only about seeing the ministry firsthand, but also about prayerfully discerning how God might call our congregation to play a greater role in supporting church planting in Guatemala. By sending this team, we are taking an important step toward future partnerships and opportunities to join in what God is doing among His people there.

As a committee, our mission is to promote varied opportunities for outreach and global missions so that the whole congregation can participate—whether by going, giving, or praying. Consequently, the board has approved the taking of a special offering during our September 7, 2025 church service in support of this trip. We believe this trip will open doors for deeper involvement and allow us to strengthen our connection to the worldwide body of Christ.

We ask you to join us in prayer for the three team members traveling, for Pastor Juan and his ministry, and for God's direction as we explore how our church can continue to plant seeds of the Gospel in Guatemala. May this trip inspire all of us to consider how we can be part of God's mission both near and far.

Todd Penner

Missions & Outreach Chair

Youth Group

Youth Group Update

Although our youth took most of the summer off, they gathered at the Thwaites' home in late July for a BBQ filled with fellowship and fun. I'm deeply grateful for the ways Jay and Carrie have stepped up to invest in our young people. Their faithful commitment has nurtured individual souls and helped cultivate a healthy, vibrant community here at Banwell Community Church.

I'm excited to re-launch our Youth Group on Friday, September 19th, from 6:30–8:30 PM, open to students in grades 6–12. My hope is to help raise a generation that loves and reveres the Word of God—students who recognize its authority and come to cherish its life-giving wisdom.

To that end, we'll be diving into a weekly study of the book of James, a powerful source of practical guidance for godly living. Each evening will begin with a brief teaching, followed by small group discussions to engage more deeply with the text, and time set aside for prayer and reflection.

Of course, a Youth Group wouldn't be complete without icebreaker games to help students connect. We'll also incorporate worship music to set the tone where appropriate, and make space for snacks, games, and fellowship throughout the year.

While the book of James will be our anchor, we'll occasionally pause to explore seasonal themes—like gratitude around Thanksgiving or a gospel-centered message as we approach Christmas. Looking ahead, we're dreaming about service projects and retreats that may take shape in the spring or summer. Stay tuned for the adventures that await our young people!

My request to you, Church, is simple: please be in prayer for us. Pray that our minds, emotions, and actions would be shaped by the Word and led by the Spirit—for our growth and for His glory. He is the Good Shepherd. He is the One who makes us to become fishers of men. May we rely on His strength and leadership in all that we do.

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)

Many Blessings

Pastor James Krasinkiewicz



Young Adults

A heartfelt thank you to Aaron Blata for re-launching our Young Adults Group at the start of the summer. Those in the “college and careers” stage of life (ages 18–35) gathered every other week for worship, a video study through Right Now Media, reflection questions, prayer, snacks, and fellowship. When I began my role on August 1st, I picked up where Aaron left off, continuing with video studies on the gospels of Mark, Luke, and John.

As our Youth Group transitions to Friday evenings this September, our Young Adults Group will shift to meeting biweekly on Wednesday nights. Beginning Wednesday, September 10th, I’ll be preaching through a new sermon series on the book of James. This short but powerful epistle offers rich, practical wisdom for living a godly life. Core elements that Aaron introduced, such as worship, discussion, prayer, snacks, and fellowship, will remain an integral part of our gatherings.

Though both our Youth and Young Adult groups will be exploring the book of James, my approach with the Young Adults will be to dig deeper into Scripture, nurturing wisdom, character, and leadership among our members. This will be a particularly intentional season to uncover the gifts God has placed within us—and to use them for the flourishing of the wider church and our own spiritual growth.

Church family, I kindly ask for your prayers as we enter this new chapter of ministry. Pray that our hearts remain sensitive to God’s voice, that our decisions and desires are shaped by His Word, and that the Holy Spirit leads us in every step. We follow the Good Shepherd, the One who calls, equips, and sends us to be fishers of men. May all we do be grounded in His strength and submitted to His guidance.

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

Many Blessings

Pastor James Krasinkiewicz



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 2025

This summer has been very exciting at Banwell Community Church regarding our children's ministry. The summer students and I have been hard at work getting our summer camp ready, planning the midweek drop in, as well as getting things organized and cleaned up in rooms 4 and 5. A huge thank you to Malina Klassen and Joel Preston for all of their hard work and dedication to our children's ministries. The summer couldn't have run as smoothly as it did without the two of them helping us out in such a big way. We pray for God's blessing over them as they start a new adventure in the fall at University of Windsor.

True North Summer Camp

This summer we also worked on getting ready for and running our "True North" kids summer camp or Vacation Bible School (VBS). And it was a huge success! We saw enrollment of 75 children with an average of about 70-72 children attending each day. This is about 3 times bigger than the previous years that we have run VBS. The change from the evening to the daytime time was a huge success. Not only that, but this is the first year we saw a great response from our community interacting with our VBS as well. 40 of the 75 children were from our own church community, but 30 of the children were neighborhood kids, who are not connected with a church. Each day the kids sang exciting worship songs, played energetic games in the gym, created crafts and did fun experiments. Each day we focused their attention on how Jesus is their "true north" and worthy of their trust. On Thursday we had a time where the children were given the opportunity to accept Jesus into their hearts, and many children received Jesus as their "forever friend". On a side note, the church also looked incredible with all the decorations that were put up for that week. The bonus for the whole congregation was, if you didn't get away to the cottage this summer, for one week the church made you feel as though you were up north sitting by the lake!

We had about 30 volunteers who were willing to show up each day and make this week a huge success. Whether it was leading a large group session, or being a small group leader, making food, signing kids in, or helping with clean up each night, we couldn't have run such an amazing program without all these people. We also had an amazing decorating crew that were here for countless hours the week before and then again after VBS was over getting the church "back to normal". We are so blessed to have so many people willing to give of their time, talent and treasure towards making our VBS a stunning success.

Weekly Summer Drop In

As mentioned above, we started a new mid-week Summer Drop In for families that took place each Wednesday from 9:30am-11:00am in our Community Outreach Centre. Each week Joel Preston came up with fun games for the kids to play in the gym and Malina Klassen worked on a new creative craft. Kids could spend time hanging out with their friends and having fun while parents were able to have some much needed "grown up time" with other parents. Each week we saw about 25-30 kids show up.

Clean up of the church

Finally, if you walk down our children's ministry wing, you can see that rooms 4 and 5 have been completely cleaned out. This is mostly due to Malina and Joel working throughout the summer to reorganize those rooms and find places for all the items that were located there. We look forward to using these rooms again in the fall/winter for our children's ministry Sunday morning classes.

As we look forward to the fall, I want to draw your attention to a few things:

Kingdom Kids

Firstly, Kingdom kids will be launching on September 18, 2025, at 6:30-7:45. This program is for kids from grade 1 to grade 5. Each night we spend time learning from God's Word as well as having fun in the gym, playing games and hanging out with friends. If you know of any children who would like to attend this program, or if you would like to have your children attend, please email me at Heather@banwellchurch.org.

Sunday School

Finally, the fall season of Sunday school is starting up. We have begun looking at new curriculum for our whole children's ministry. We hope to have that finalized by September 15, 2025. Stay tuned as we will be announcing soon details about what we have chosen. As our numbers in our Sunday school continue to grow, we have begun looking at the possibility of launching a new class later in the fall or in the winter season. We are hoping to get another class added to our already existing classes of Nursery, little lambs, early education and middle education. If you are willing to help teach that new class, please speak to Heather Amorin or Christa Braccio.

As always, please continue to pray for all our kids' ministries here at Banwell Community Church. We are not just "babysitting" but imparting Godly wisdom to the church of the future. Pray that hearts will be receptive to the words spoken by our loving teachers and that kids will continue to grow in their walk with Christ and/or accepting Jesus into their hearts for the very first time.

Heather Amorin

Children's' Ministry Director



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 2025



Pastoral Care & Worship

After a season of rest, the Pastoral Care & Worship (PC&W) Committee is excited to head into the Fall season with the continued care of 36 active cases, which are being well-managed via the combined efforts of 14 Banwell Community Church volunteers. The Care Team is always looking for help, so should you be interested in joining the Care Team, please contact our Care Team Coordinator (Nigel Tully) at care@banwellchurch.org.

On 8 July 2025, the Pastoral Care & Worship (PC&W) Committee invited the Praise Team volunteers to the first triannual planning meeting, which is cleverly called the “Prayer, Praise, Plan, and Pizza” (4P) meeting. These meetings are opportunities to fellowship with one another through prayer, praise, and eating pizza. Additionally, at these meetings, we spend time planning different aspects of the praise portion of the Sunday worship service. The PC&W Committee is excited for these opportunities to gather and put genuine thought into the praise element of our weekly worship service.

Prayer, Praise, Plan and Pizza will be held on the second Tuesday of every fourth month at 6:30pm, beginning this July. These meetings will take the place of PCW's regularly scheduled committee meetings to ensure that the committee members have an opportunity to provide their input as well. The first three dates are listed below for your scheduling purposes. Reminders will be sent out in advance of each meeting, at which point you can indicate whether you will be in attendance.

Finally, we look forward to integrating our new Associate Pastor, James Krasinkiewicz, into the Sunday morning service, and we look forward to the support that he will provide to our Lead Pastor, Steve Amarin. In these coming months, we ask that you pray for our leadership team as it enters into a new season. As Sunday morning numbers increase, especially as we head into the September Kick-off, the PC&W Committee wants to remind our congregation that Banwell Community Church encourages parents to worship with their children before we corporately pray over them and their teachers; the “squeeze” will be temporary!

As always, the Pastoral Care & Worship (PC&W) Committee is thankful for your prayers of support, particularly as we work through some of the “growing pains” associated with healthy church growth. In these often-tumultuous times, I find strength in the Apostle Paul’s words to the church in Galatia: Galatians 6:9-10, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Blessing upon you all,

Aaron Blata

Pastoral Care & Worship Committee Chair



Christian Growth & Nurture

Christian Growth and Nurture Committee Fall Update:

The Christian Growth and Nurture Committee had an opportunity to meet over the summer to get a head start on planning for the restart of our ministries. Jenny Billings and Danijela Kralik's terms of serving as committee members came to an end this past year and we welcomed Chantal Pare and Candice Plarina as our new members. We are fortunate to have Jenny and Danijela continuing to serve in many areas within our children's ministries.

James Krasinkiewicz provided us with his vision for the Young Adults and Youth Ministries that he will be leading. He also shared some of his plans for small group ministries. We look forward to the work God will do through you this year!

Heather Amorin provided us with some possible new sources of curriculum for our Children's Church. She will be restarting our weekly Kingdom Kids ministry this month! Heather shared that she will be reaching out the children who attended our summer Bible Camp to let them know about our weekly programs.

We are grateful to have our dedicated team of volunteers available to assist with our various ministries. We continue to recruit new volunteers as our programs continue to grow! We are looking forward to a time of a fellowship at the BBQ Kick off on September 14th.

**In Christ,
Christa Braccio
CGN Committee Chair**

Friendship Circle

Our group continues to meet each Wednesday morning at 10:30 am We welcome our new friends who have joined us and we hope more will come to get to know our group and make friends. Always a good way to get to know one another. Always a chair waiting for a person who wants fun and laughter and anyone seeking a new friend.

**A Sister in Christ,
Sandy Kettlewell**



Christian Growth & Nurture

Care Team

Hello Everyone,

As your Care team, we continue to support and encourage within our faith community who are challenged by medical and mental health concerns. Our team of volunteers continues to ensure; "appropriate spiritual care of the Banwell Congregation in both times of prosperity and discouragement. " And we believe that in bearing our neighbor's burdens by caring for the community through prayerful support and pastoral care, we hope to continue the rich tradition of hospitality that exists within the Banwell community.

With the new influx of trained volunteers as pastoral care providers, we continue to conduct visitations to congregants and church adherents, providing prayerful support and hospitality to Banwell's shut-ins, nursing home residents, hospital patients, hospice, or those going through a season of recovery or grief.

Nigel Tully
Care Team Coordinator



Banwell is blessed to have many volunteers who are faithful, reliable and willing to serve our Lord! Please take time to thank our own Maureen Hambly for taking on new tasks in order to manage our library.



Maureen Hambly

Library Update:

Some good reads are being added to the nonfiction section, one in particular for those who love God and His church. "Caught in the Current", a research on current trends of "British and Canadian Evangelicals in an age of Self-Spirituality" by sociology professor Sam Reimer who shared his findings as a keynote speaker at the June 2025 CBOQ convention.

For the ladies: "Sand in My Sandwich and other motherhood messes I'm learning to love" by Sarah Parshall Perry is a good read.



Property Management

Property Management Report

Our property management committee continues making improvements and repairs throughout our building and surrounding area.

Recently a team of volunteers spread a load of dirt along the edges of our sidewalks removing a serious trip hazard. We are very grateful to the team for rectifying this problem.

Blinds Installed

Although we welcome and enjoy the sunshine there are times that it is very difficult to show videos and media in the gymnasium. As a result blinds were installed in the windows that are operated remotely to darken the area making it suitable for visual presentations.

Storage on the move ?

It is regrettable that due to a City of Windsor by-law , the storage unit located outside along the east wall of the gymnasium must be removed.

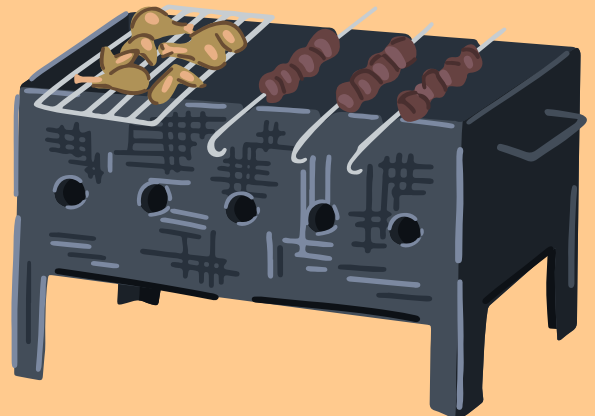
Property Committee
Ross Hickling

News from the Pews

Remember the sizzling steaks served at the men's barbeque recently or the hotdogs and hamburgers at the church summer barbeque? The preparation of these favorites was on the new extra long Barbeque donated by Pam Beemer and the ladies she organizes for the the special lunches served at our church. This was a great gift that improves food preparation significantly!

Many thanks!!

JW



Finance Committee:

With everything that the Finance Committee has going on, our goals always remain the same, and that is to use the Lord's resources wisely and all for His glory. There are many reasons to be excited for what God has in store for Banwell and we pray that he can use us and this church to grow His Kingdom. God has blessed Banwell with so much and for that we are grateful..

As of the end of June, our Home Church Giving's are on track to our planned Budget year to date, and, expenses are coming in much lower and therefore, for the first 6 months, we are in an overall positive position of \$60,000 for our budget.

The Outreach Centre has now come to completion, and a decision was made to defer the installation of an elevator in the Outreach Centre until we can successfully apply for a grant. Therefore, this has left a healthy cash balance, and a decision has been made to repay \$150,000 on our mortgage. This repayment will take place August 28th, and we will then receive an updated amortization schedule. We expect that our 2025 year end balance for the mortgage will be around \$575,000.

The Finance Committee has also made decisions to increase our Contingency fund by \$50,000 and the balance now sits at \$150,000. Along with this, the Committee established two short term GICs and invested \$100,000.

During the September and October time frame, the Finance Committee will be preparing a 5-year financial plan (with inputs from other Committees) so that we can have a longer term picture of our financial situation and so that we continue to be good stewards of our Tithes and Offerings. At the same time, we will also be collaborating with all Committees to start the 2026 budget planning process.

We were fortunate enough to have Danielle Gadoury and Jeff MacKenzie accept positions on the Finance Committee. Danielle is our new Envelope Steward and is now getting caught up with responsibilities for this position. At the same time, as Maja Siracki and Bruce Rand leave our Committee, we sincerely thank them for their service, and, I would like to also acknowledge the dedicated work conducted by our continuing members of the Finance Committee. It is greatly appreciated.

**In His Service,
Dave Hammond
Chair of Finance**



Men's Ministry Report

RECYCLE BIN

Thanks to everyone for your assistance. We received \$85.88

MENS BARBEQUE

Fifty men consumed sizzling steaks and eight enjoyed chicken! It was a great evening of fellowship! Our thanks to to John Holman for his devotion.

Our very sincere “ Thanks” to all those who assisted in cooking, set up and clean up.

CORN CRIB

NORTERA FOODS INC.

We will be there!!

Saturday, September 20 & Sunday, September – 21

All proceeds from the corn sale will help support our school snack program.
Please purchase your corn delights from our men.

SOS - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! (2 hour shifts) at the corn crib.

See Bruce or Lino to lend a hand. We Need You!



PIG ROAST

A new men's ministry family event with great food and family fun! The pig will be rotating all day under the watchful eyes of Blair and Jason Holman.

Since the size of Porky Pig determines our attendance,
we regret that the maximum number of guests will be 100.
All details to the Fall's Feast will be available soon.

DATE: Saturday, October 4th, 2025

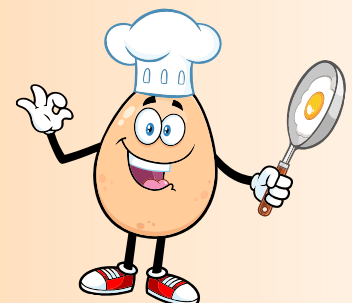
TIME: To be announced

There will be a free will offering.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

- Saturday, September 20th @ 8:30am Ken Lonsdale (Speaker)
- Saturday, October 25th @ 8:30am Pastor James Krasinkiewicz
- Saturday, November 22nd @ 8:30am Mark Lee (Speaker)



Have you ever received something marvelous for which you did not ask??

THAT'S GOD!

Who knows all the secrets which you keep well hidden in your heart!



The News & Views team extends many thanks to all who contributed to the Fall Edition
and wish you all a fall season of joy and blessings!

Jim Wheeler - Brenda Semande - Wayne Parsons