

Autumn update from the Outreach Committee

The coffee pot is on and the welcome mat is out on Monday mornings at Cathedral Hall.

Due to budget restraint, we did not distribute lunch vouchers to needy people during the summer. But, we did offer coffee, treats and conversation to our guests on Monday mornings all summer.

This fall we are buying lunch vouchers from several local restaurants that agreed to participate in our program. These include Crumbs, Hannah's, Trinitea's and Quiznos. We have some bus tickets donated by Fredericton Transit and some gift cards for Sobey's and Shoppers Drug Mart, which we bought with a kind cash donation made by Tim Horton's.

On Mondays we frequently drive clients to and from the Fredericton Food Bank – most do not have their own transportation. At the same time, we deliver donations from the cathedral family to the Food Bank. Grocery items can be placed in the wicker basket near the front any time.

Our summer picnics at the cathedral for disadvantaged children were a success, as was Cathedral Outreach Sunday recently. Teams of cathedral volunteers continue to serve the Saturday evening meal at the Community Kitchen year-round.

The committee is already making plans for the annual *Christmas Angels* program. You'll hear more about it by the time the snow flies. If you have questions or ideas about any outreach activities, please get in touch with us.

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