



October 2025

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. Psalm 103:2

This season has been one of joyful connection: laughter in the church kitchen, prayers whispered in quiet moments, music uniting generations, and hands working together. As we celebrate 247 years of ministry, each story in these pages bears witness to how the Holy Spirit continues to move among us. The beloved hymn *Count Your Blessings* invites us to pause and recognize God's grace in every act of service, friendship, and care.



September 1.

Many members of our church family came together to participate in the **Welcome to Wolfoville Street Fair.**

A special thank you to Gisèle Caron for being our team lead and to the Social & Benevolent Society for supplying more than **650** cookies along with cups of lemonade! These were shared with students and community members. This day was about more than cookies and lemonade; it was hospitality in action.

Here are some of the comments shared after the event:



I love being part of this team—we work hard, but we also laugh and enjoy each other's company along the way. Days like this remind me how lucky we are to have this community.

Thanks everyone for your part in making this afternoon a great event. I really felt like part of a body with each person involved participating out of their gifts.



Today was such a special day, and I'm so glad I could be part of it. Everyone pitched in and made it happen together.

Today was a complete success because of the generosity of each one of you ... this is a perfect example of community and collaboration.

We definitely need to do more events like this; it feels good to be a part of the community.

September 13.

Special thanks to EVERYONE who helped make our **Yard Sale** such a success! More than 25 people pitched in — organizing sale items, greeting shoppers, providing refreshments, delivering furniture to and from the sale (a big thanks to Blaine North and Don Beaton), and staying to tidy up afterward. Because of your hard work and teamwork, the sale raised **\$5,000!**



Afterward, **Gale Colpitts** wrote:

“It’s not easy to find the right words to thank you for the tremendous help you provided. You were joyful to work with, flexible, and willing, and together we raised money for our church while giving the community good deals. These are just a few of the many reasons I feel blessed by my church family.”

Yard Sale Treasures by the Alphabet

Antiques, armchair
Bed frames, bikes, books, bookshelves, bureaus
Cabinets, car racks, chairs, china, crystal
Dishes, drapes
Electronics
Figurines, flowerpots, frames
Games
Headboards, housewares
Iron
Jigsaw puzzles
Kettle, kitchen knobs, kitchen utensil
Lamps, linens
Mattresses, mugs
Nicknacks
Ottoman
Paintings, picture frames, plants, pottery
QUILTS
Rocking chairs
Sewing machines, shoes, sofas
Tables, teacups, tins, toilet, toys, trailer hitches
U-Haul boxes
Vases
Wine glasses, wall art
Xmas decorations, **Y**arn, **Z**zzzz... (well-earned rest!)



September 14.

Our annual **Corn Boil** was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun! We’re grateful to the Board of Christian Education – especially Michael Robertson - for organizing this much-loved tradition, complete with burgers, hotdogs, fresh corn, and lawn games—bubbles, axe throwing, and more.

An event like this takes many hands: shopping for groceries, shucking and cooking corn, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, barbequing, and countless other tasks. The Corn Boil was a great opportunity to welcome newcomers and reconnect after the summer months. A special thank you to our barbeque chefs, Jason Hall and Gisèle Caron, and to our corn boiler extraordinaire, Mary McGrath!



Corn Boil by the Number

120 cobs of corn from Anderson Farms
90 burgers
60 hotdogs
5 lawn games and **LOTS** of prizes

Count your many blessings



Silent Auction Success — Community at Its Best!

What a whirlwind of generosity, laughter, and good old-fashioned bidding drama! Our recent Silent Auction was nothing short of a triumph. Together, we raised over **\$11,000** – and that’s more than a number. It’s mission in action.

Even better than the total was the spirit behind it. We saw friendly competition, hilarious bidding wars, and more than a few people outbidding themselves “for the cause.” We were thrilled to see participation from folks well beyond our congregation, proving once again that when there’s fun to be had and a good cause to support, our wider community gladly joins in!

Now the real excitement begins — the auctioned events are on the horizon, and we’re looking forward to meals shared, adventures embarked upon, and memories made. Fundraising may have seemed like the goal, but fellowship was the real reward.

“Thank you to everyone who donated, bid, organized, or simply cheered us on,” says **Kathryn Himsl**. “The auction may be over, but the spirit of connection it inspired continues. Together, we’re building community.”



WBC Arithmetic

3 women

+1 mission

+54 donated experiences and treasures

+LOTS of support from church & community

= **\$11,000 + JOY**

Name them one by one



Renovation Nearing Completion



A year ago, after much thoughtful discussion, the congregation of Wolfville Baptist Church made the exciting decision to move forward with a major building renovation. The highlight of this project is an elevator—soon to be installed—a long-awaited dream that has been on the congregation's wish list for decades. This important addition will ensure that everyone can move freely between all three floors and participate fully in the life of the church.



To accommodate the elevator, a new entrance has been constructed on the south side of the building. Beside the elevator, four indoor steps with sturdy handrails lead directly to the Vestry. Outside, near the parking area, a spacious canopy provides welcome shelter from the weather for all who enter. The renovation also includes two updated offices, two washrooms (one fully accessible), a laundry closet, an elevator machine room, and a storage space.

Roscoe Construction is completing the project with funding made possible through the generous donations of both current and former congregation members, along with financial support from the Province of Nova Scotia. Special thanks are extended to the Building Inspection Department of the Town of Wolfville and the Nova Scotia Office of the Fire Marshal for ensuring that every aspect of the project meets all safety and building code standards.



Reflecting on the process, WBC Curator and Architect **Don Beaton** shared:

"I'm pleased and honoured to have been involved in this project. It has been a joy to work with the Wolfville Baptist Church Board of Management and to experience their trust, support, and prayer-inspired decision-making throughout."



A New Way In — for Everyone!

Our new South Entrance features a welcoming canopy, **4** easy indoor steps with **2** sturdy railings, and soon...

one brand-new elevator!

And it will surprise you



The Social & Benevolent Society: Hospitality and Service

As the leaves change, the Social & Benevolent Society (S&B) reflects on a season filled with hospitality, generosity, and thoughtful service.

A standout moment this fall was the **Welcome to Wolfville Street Fair** on September 1, where our team baked 650 cookies and prepared countless cups of lemonade at two church locations. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors and share the life of our congregation.

On September 7, we joyfully hosted a **70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration** for Roger and Sadie Cann in the Church Vestry. Our thanks to all who contributed food, décor, and helping hands. We also supported numerous church receptions and sent many thoughtful cards and floral arrangements.



Rosemary Segado stated,

“Thank you to all who continue to support our church family and wider community through your gifts of time, food, and care.”



Using funds raised through receptions, the S&B purchased:

- 2 new coffee machines
- 1 new stackable washer and dryer
- 1 new large upright freezer



Plans are underway to purchase **40** new choir chairs with music racks. An application to the EKM Foundation has been submitted to help offset some of these costs.



Looking ahead

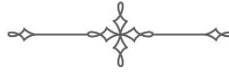
October 26: Church Anniversary Potluck

November 22: Holly Tea – Planning is underway to improve flow and pricing

December 5: Christmas Banquet – We're working with Acadia Divinity College Student Association to plan a festive celebration



What the Lord hath done



Music at Wolfville Baptist Church



God is moving in our midst at Wolfville Baptist, bringing us together as a people beautifully diverse in experience and age, ethnicity and culture.

We seek to reflect this diversity in the music we offer from week to week, both in our services of worship and in the opportunities created during the week for leadership and participation.

Often the argument for a blended service has been to find a balance of centuries-old hymns and contemporary Christian music: both sides are Eurocentric and hardly represent today's diversity in churches. So hopefully on any given Sunday at Wolfville Baptist you might hear both the older hymns and Christian songs, but also contemporary hymnody, world music, folk music, jazz, gospel, classical and improvised blends of all the above!



We have four groups that participate in the Music Ministry at Wolfville Baptist (in alphabetic order):

Kidzquire is active with 18 lively and lovely kids grades 1-8. We are thankful to our new co-director this year, Lisandre Chrétien, a music therapy student from Québec who comes with a lot of experience working with kids.

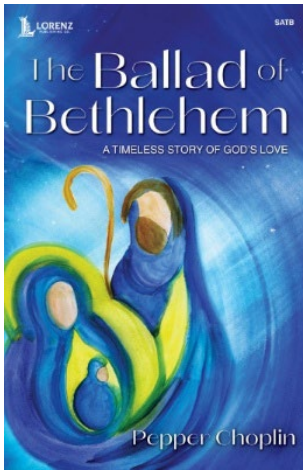
We are performing several times this fall, with an African hymn of Thanksgiving (October 12), a song that combines *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* with ethnic world music (November 9), and tunes from a musical called *Uncertain Poor Shepherds* (December 7).



The Men's Ensemble (the TGIF Ensemble) is small but mighty (with room for more voices)! We are planning to sing a beautiful barbershop arrangement of *Amazing Grace* (November 16) and a rousing rendition of *Go Tell it on the Mountain* the last Sunday of Advent (December 21).

The **Praise and Worship Team** is a new addition to our musical offerings this year. We are grateful for experienced musicians coming together with several talented teens to lead the congregation, usually twice a month, in singing the contemporary songs of the faith. A special thank you to Luke Steeves for his leadership in this capacity.

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The **Sanctuary Choir** provides the opportunity for a listening experience of music in the anthems it shares several times a month. Music is like prayer...we must allow ourselves at times to simply listen, to know God's presence, and to sense our connection to the Divine. A highlight for the season is the annual Community Christmas Cantata titled *The Ballad of Bethlehem*. This is a folk based telling of our beloved Christmas Story scheduled for December 14. Mark your calendars and tell your friends—this is a Sunday celebration for the whole community!

Music resonates in open spaces, from the furthest reaches of the universe to the inmost dimensions of our God-created selves! Let the music at Wolfville Baptist resonate through our beautiful sanctuary, but also through open minds, open hearts and open ears, allowing our diversity to lead to unity, love and celebration of whom we are all gifted to be!

Director of Music **Dr. Heather Price**

EDGE Unlimited: Friday Nights at Wolfville Baptist Church

Youth from Grades 6-12 and 4 leaders gather every Friday evening for **EDGE Unlimited**: a time to grow in friendship, faith, and fun together.

Fun: Each week includes engaging activities from geo-caching, outdoor activities, trivia and other interactive games that help teens connect and laugh together.

Food: Because good food always brings people together, each evening includes time to share snacks and conversation. We're especially thankful to the S&B for occasionally providing treats and planning birthday cakes!

Faith: This fall, our theme is "Inviting Teens into Disruptive Joy with Jesus."

Plans are underway for an evening with Rosemary Segado and Gale Colpitts to introduce S&B as well as an afternoon hike and spiritual reflection on nature led by Clarence DeSchiffart and Mike Robertson.

Please **pray** for us every Friday night. Pray also for **14 youth** and 3 leaders who are looking ahead with excitement to Challenge 2025, a large youth event held in New Minas on October 24-25!

One of the leaders, **Gisèle Caron**, shared,

"It has been exciting to see our youth group grow to **23** this fall with an average attendance of **16 each week!** — sometimes even filling every seat and spot on the floor!"





Celebrating 247 Years

Wolffville Baptist Church
is living out our mission:

to worship God,
share His love,
grow in faith,
build community,
and serve others.



Save The Dates



You're Invited to a Birthday Potluck Lunch!

Celebrate with us on **Sunday, October 26** as we gather in the Lower Hall following the morning worship service for a birthday potluck lunch, hosted by the Social & Benevolent Society (S&B). Each person or household is asked to bring a **main dish or salad** to share.

The S&B Society will provide coffee, tea, juice, bread rolls, cake, and ice cream. Come enjoy a delicious variety of dishes and warm fellowship as we celebrate our **247th birthday together!**

November 9
November 11
November 16
November 22
November 23
November 26
November 30

Kidzquire *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Messy Science Day
The Men's Ensemble *Amazing Grace*
Holly Tea
Newcomers Lunch
Congregational Meeting
Advent Breakfast

December 7
December 14
December 21
December 21

Kidzquire *Uncertain Poor Shepherd*
Christmas Cantata *The Ballad of Bethlehem*
The Men's Ensemble *Go Tell it on the Mountain*
Newcomers Lunch