



Jan's Journal

Happy October! The month that includes Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en, raking leaves and tiding the garden in preparation for winter. I love the crisp fall days and the beauty of the fall colours on the trees. What is your favourite aspect of autumn?

Welcome to the fourth week of the Season of Creation. This Sunday is also World Communion Sunday. Communion will be included in the worship service.

Scripture Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 55: 10-11

John 4: 7-15

I invite you to read these passages of scripture and ponder them, pray with them, delve into them. What strikes you in these passages? I often find it interesting to read the scripture in a number of different versions of the Bible. Different phrasing can change how we perceive the scripture.

This week, I plan to begin two small groups:

On **Tuesday, October 4th**, the “Coffee and Conversation” Group will gather in the Campbell Room at 10:30 a.m. Please note the change in day. I had previously indicated Wednesday, however, the day has changed in order to accommodate members of the Ladies Workshop. The “Coffee and Conversation” Group is for everyone—even if you are not a coffee drinker! All are welcome: male, female, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. We will meet in person this week and decide as a group whether that will continue or whether participants would prefer to meet on Zoom. Bring your own coffee, or tea, this week, please. We will begin with a program titled *Autumn Rambles* and then the group will determine further topics for discussion. This will be a Faith Formation group and will focus on spirituality and faith development. This group is intended to be open and fluid. Feel free to join when you can. You do not need to make a long-term commitment, although it is my hope that you will enjoy the discussions and feel inspired to continue to attend.

“The “Lunch and Lectionary” Group will meet on Zoom beginning on **Thursday, October 6th** at 12:30 p.m.. This group will gather each week, to chat about the chosen passages of scripture for the coming Sunday and how we interpret them. Please let me know whether this is of interest to you so that I can send you the Zoom link.

I'm always interested in your thoughts and your comments.

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Blessings,

Pastor Jan