

## Jan's Journal



Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! I hope that you will have some time with family this weekend! I also hope that you will be able to enjoy some turkey and pumpkin pie!

Over the past two weeks, East Plains' challenging situation, brought on by the discovery of an unknown oil tank between the building and the cemetery, followed by the unexpected unearthing of a disturbed grave site, has drawn quite a bit of media attention. A couple of weeks ago, I was approached by a reporter from the Burlington Gazette. Shortly after that, a call came from Burlington Today, another online publication. Next came an interview with a reporter for the Hamilton Spectator and that article was printed on the front page of Tuesday's paper. After Coffee and Conversation on Tuesday morning, a reporter from CHCH TV News arrived with his video camera and lots of questions!!! His report aired on the news at 6p.m. that evening.

There seems to be quite a lot of interest about our rather unique story! We are hopeful that this interest will inspire some online donations.

There has been no activity in terms of the Archaeological investigation this week, as we eagerly wait for the test results on the soil samples which were taken on September 30<sup>th</sup>. When the test results arrive, we hope that the Burial Site Assessment will begin again. Pat will keep you updated on any developments.

The fiftieth Annual Arts and Crafts Show and Sale is just three weeks away! Please prayerfully consider how you might help and then contact either Patti Martin, or Gayle Burnison to let them know your availability. If working at the Bake Table is your preference, please contact Grace Boogers.

Andy and I will be moving to our new home on October 20<sup>th</sup>. I will be away from the church from Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> through to Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to pack, move, unpack and get settled!! The contractor has begun the renovations to our new home this week—which is wonderful, except for the fact that it means we will be moving into chaos!

I'll be back to help at the Arts and Crafts Show and Sale and to lead worship on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you to the Wider Work Ministry for volunteering to lead worship on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be an Outreach Service.

Thank you to Reverend Harold Wells and Carolyn Wilson for volunteering to lead a Hymn Sing service on October 26<sup>th</sup>

For the past few weeks, an excerpt from a **Theology of Place** and **A Song of Faith**, have been printed on an insert in the Bulletin. Each week, the colour of the paper they are printed on changes. This is designed to help you ensure that you are up to date on your reading and

reflecting! The Community Hub Ad Hoc Team is hoping that you will take the pages home and spend some time reflecting on the ideas presented and on the questions that pertain to those ideas. You are encouraged to discuss these ideas and questions with family, friends, colleagues on ministry teams at the church, etc. Following worship last Sunday, the reflection questions from the first three inserts were discussed. Thank you to everyone who stayed following worship to enjoy refreshments and some lively conversation. Your input is very much appreciated!

As always, I am available to discuss any of the information written in this "Journal."

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Blessings,

Pastor Jan