Jan's Journal

This Sunday we will draw the church year to a close as we mark Reign of Christ Sunday. Jesus mentions "the kingdom of God" numerous times throughout his teaching. What do those words mean?

Reign of Christ Sunday provides an opportunity for us to reflect upon the past year and look for times when we were aware of Christ's presence and influence in our lives---both our personal lives and the life of of East Plains community of faith.

Advent begins next Sunday, November 30th.

I am in need of Advent Candle Lighters—a pair for each Sunday in Advent and for Christmas Eve. Perhaps a couple, perhaps a family, perhaps siblings, or friends, or two members of a particular ministry Team. Please find a partner and let me know which Sunday you would like to be the lighters of the Advent candles.

I am also in need of readers of scripture for the Christmas Eve service, and people to participate in the "East Plains Players," to present the Christmas Eve Skit. There are ten characters in the skit—some of whom speak! Please speak to me or email me if you would like to play a role or read scripture, or both!

Port Nelson United Church is offering a Taizé service on Sunday, November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. This is a candle-lit service of Taizé music, prayer and intentional silence, designed to quiet our hearts and minds for Advent. All are welcome.

The cold and flu season is upon us. It seems that there is a particularly nasty gastrointestinal flu circulating in our community. Perhaps we would be wise to recall the precautions we followed during Covid, in order to protect ourselves and one another: keeping 6 feet apart from others, refrain from hugs and shaking hands, wash our hands regularly, wear a mask, get a flu shot.

Advent and Christmas Calendar

November 30th – Advent begins

December 2nd - The Coffee and Conversation Group begins an Advent Reflection Series – all are welcome!

December 2nd – Casseroles and Carols – please bring a favourite salad, main course, or dessert and your singing voice!

Hot cider will be served at 5:30 p.m., dinner will commence at 6 p.m.

December 7th – Second Sunday in Advent

Refreshments following worship

Share your thoughts about the Theology of Place reflections 7, 8, and 9 in group discussion

December 14th - Third Sunday in Advent

Christmas Comfort Service – date to be determined

December 21st – Fourth Sunday in Advent with Communion

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

December 28th – First Sunday after Christmas

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

You can reach me at: revjanmcc@gmail.com or on my cell phone: 905-630-8202.

Blessings,

Pastor Jan