

## Jan's Journal



This week, we celebrate the seventh and final Sunday of the Season of Easter. Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> was Ascension Day. On this day, forty days after the day of resurrection, we mark Jesus' departure from earth and his return to heaven. This Sunday is **Ascension Sunday**. Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate Communion next Sunday.

**Moosehide Campaign Day** also took place on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Were you able to attend the special event at Paletta Park?

The **Affirm Team** hosted an educational event on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Guest Presenter, Leanne Rancourt, a volunteer with PFLAG Halton, spoke about supporting her two young adult children who are trans and explained how we can be an ally to members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

East Plains will hold the first-ever **Trunk Sale** on **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** (one week away!) from **9 am to 1 p.m.** This is a dual effort by the Support Group and the Wider Work Team. Please speak to Gayle Burnison or Callie Archer, if you would like to sell items from the trunk of your car, in support of East Plains. Come to the **Bake Sale** in the Gathering Place.

Come and see what others have to sell from the trunk of their vehicle... there will be Artisans with crafted items to sell, as well as people selling household items.

At the time of my writing, the weather forecast for Saturday looks pleasant. There is a chance of rain in the late afternoon/early evening, which should not alter our plans. It looks as though postponement to May 30<sup>th</sup> will not be necessary!!

May is **Asian Heritage Month**. In recognition of this, I will share a reflection each Sunday. These reflections have been written by a friend whose mother is from the Philippines.

## Mark your Calendar

June is just around the corner!

Sunday, **May 24, 2026** is Pentecost Sunday with Communion.

**May 31, 2026** is Trinity Sunday.

There is something special to celebrate on every Sunday during the month of June!

On Sunday, **June 7, 2026**, we will mark the 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** is also the date for the **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Case For Kids Walk** in support of Wesley Urban Ministries programs for children and youth. Please sign up to walk with the East Plains Team and canvas your neighbourhood for pledges of support, or make a cash donation to this worthy cause.

There will be a **PFLAG Family Fun Event on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m.** This is jointly sponsored by PFLAG Halton and local Affirming United Churches. (East Plains United, Grace United, Munns United, Norval United, Port Nelson United, and St. Paul's United, Oakville) The location has not yet been finalized, but I will let you know as soon as that happens.

On **June 14, 2026**, we will celebrate both **Father's Day** and **Pride Month**.

**June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Indigenous Peoples Day**, which will be reflected in our Worship service.

On **June 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate **Canada Day**, a few days early, in the worship service.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything you have read here, you can reach me at: [revjanmcc@gmail.com](mailto:revjanmcc@gmail.com) or on my cell phone: 905-630-8202.

Blessings,

Reverend Jan