

Jan's Journal



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Creation 4

This week, we mark the fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation. This is World Communion Sunday, a special Sunday when Christians of many different denominations, located all around the world, share Communion in their own language and their own context.

As we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion, we are reminded that we are all part of the Body of Christ. We also deepen our commitment to care for God's Creation, which is was a task assigned to humanity in Genesis 2:15. We are "to till and to keep" the garden

I hope that many of you were able to attend the Mayoral Candidates Debate, here at East Plains on Thursday evening, October 1st. Personally, I am going to be searching for the recording of the event!

This week I received an email from Lianne Tan, who is the Music Director at West Plains United Church. Lianne asked that I let you know about a Pipe Organ concert which is taking place this Sunday, October 4th at McNab Street Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. The organist is Jonathan Niemi. The concert begins at 3 p.m. A suggested donation of \$20 at the door, is recommended.

Address: 116 McNab Street S., Hamilton

Free Parking @ City Hall , upper lot, enter off Hunter Street W. at Park Street

Recently, the United Church of Canada lost a great teacher, leader, and musician. **Dr Fred Kimball Graham** died on August 30, 2026. A private family service has taken place. There will be a service in Toronto during October. This service will be live-streamed.

Fred dedicated his life to the musical and liturgical lifeblood of the United Church of Canada. He began playing the piano at the age of 8 and the organ at age 14. Fred graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Later, he studied in England, Germany, Hungary, and the USA. He earned a PhD in Liturgical Theology. Fred held many distinguished positions as Music Director at several churches and professor at Emmanuel College and Associate Professor at the Atlantic School of Theology.

Fred served as Officer of Worship and Music at General Council Office, The United Church of Canada for 14 years. He was Associate Editor of Voices United. He wrote the music for Hymns 360, Psalm 125, and Communion Set 963 in Voices United. He also wrote the music for Hymn # 24 and #93 in More Voices. I met Fred when I was in his United Church Worship class at AST. Fred was a wonderful teacher and the class was an amazing experience! Every class began with music and singing.

Fred Graham will certainly be greatly missed.

Mark your Calendars

Sunday, October 4, 2026: World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 11, 2026: Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday October 18, 2026: World Food Sunday

Sunday October 25, 2026: Reverend Dr. Harold Wells will lead worship with a focus on climate change. October 24th is the “International Day of Climate Action”

Monday, October 26, 2026: Municipal Election Day ---- be sure to vote for Mayor, City Councillor and School Board Trustees.

Saturday, November 7, 2026: **The 51st Annual Arts and Crafts Show and Sale**

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

Blessings,

Reverend Jan