Jan's Journal



This Sunday, November 22nd is the final Sunday of the church year. On this Sunday, we draw all the stories of Jesus' life and ministry together and summarize the main focus of Christ's message to the world. This special Sunday is known as Reign of Christ Sunday. It may be more familiar to you as Christ the King Sunday, but the United Church of Canada has moved away from patriarchal language. The name may have changed, but the significance has not! Next Sunday, we begin Advent!

We will share Communion during worship this Sunday.

The response to my request for volunteers to light the Advent Candles has been disappointing. I am still looking for candle-lighters for December 6th, 13th, 20th, and Christmas Eve. The candle-lighting liturgy is written for two readers. Please invite a family member or friend to join you and let me know which Sunday you choose to light the Advent Candle to begin worship.

As has been the custom at East Plains for the past few years, we will gather in the sanctuary each Sunday during Advent at **10:20 a.m.** to sing Christmas Carols prior to worship. Sam and the Choir will lead us in singing. Please bring your requests!!

Speaking of Christmas traditions at East Plains… **Casseroles and Carols** will take place in Peart Hall on Tuesday, December 8th. Please bring a favourite dish for the table (salad, casserole or dessert). We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for hot cider and fellowship. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Carol singing will follow. If you are in need of a ride, please contact Pat Vollick or myself.

The **51st Annual Arts and Crafts Show and Sale** raised about $15,000 for church programs and projects!! Thank you to everyone who helped to make that happen!

Thank you also to everyone who contributed items of clothing to the **Halton Faith Network Advocating For the Unhoused Warm Winter Clothing Drive** and to those who volunteered to deliver your donations to Port Nelson United Church.

Speaking of donations, it is the season of giving. Perhaps you would like to make a donation to help those in need. There are several options available:

Wesley Urban Ministries Gift Cards. Wesley no longer delivers food to needy families, but now gives out gift cards to enable recipients to do their own shopping and make their own choices for their family. Donations must be made by November 29th. Please speak to Gayle Burnison for details.

Gifts With Vision. The United Church of Canada Gifts With Vision program offers many gift options for local and global recipients. Perhaps the perfect gift for a friend or family member is a **Gift with Vision** gift. You can review the gift options online at: giftswithvision.ca Gifts can be purchased online, by phone or by mail. Please see the insert in the Bulletin for details.

United Church of Canada Foundation Gifts in Mission and Service. You can make a donation through the United Church of Canada website: united-church.ca When you open the homepage, scroll down to the bottom, where you will find United church Foundation listed on the right side. Click on United church foundation and you will see ways in which to donate to Mission and Service.

Mark your Calendar

Sunday, November 22, 2026:	Reign of Christ Sunday (with Communion)
Sunday, November 29, 2026:	First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 6, 2026	Second Sunday in Asvent
Tuesday, December 8, 2026	Casseroles and Carols at 5:30 p.m. in Peart Hall
Sunday, December 13, 2026	Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 20, 2026	Fourth Sunday in Advent
Thursday, December 24, 2026	Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.
Sunday, December 27, 2026	First Sunday After Christmas and Final Sunday in 2026

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