# Adventures with Christ

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*Minister: Rev. Laurelle Callaghan*
*Our mission: To Know Jesus and Share His Love*

**Sunday Worship is at 10:00 am**

**Sunday School & Nursery available**

**Everyone is welcome in the Upper Hall after worship for Coffee & Conversation.**

## Coffee and conversation in the Upper Hall

**Everyone is welcome to join in on Thursdays @ 10:00 am.**

**Feel free to bring your knitting or other crafts.**

**Church Office Hours:**

Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 am

Emails and voice messages will be checked at other times.

**Meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 10:00 am.**

**All women are welcome.**



## A Note from Rev. Laurelle

### Happy Thanksgiving!

As the days shorten and the leaves change hue, we are assured that Thanksgiving is not far away. Our thoughts turn to turkey, pumpkin pie and the decisions to be made like - how many people will fit around the table and who is making the dressing? I will confess right now that Thanksgiving is my favourite holiday you can celebrate any day of the weekend, you don't have to shop for presents, Boxing Day madness does not follow and best of all for Doug and I over the years as we have moved, it has often been a time to share with friends that we might not be able to celebrate with on special occasions.

I admit that growing up, I was a little confused about Thanksgiving - not about what we ate but with American family - what was Thanksgiving about? And why did my cousins have a different day for Thanksgiving - and that day came with funny hats?

Over the years, research with my friend Google TM has taught me the significant differences of our Canadian Thanksgiving from those of our southern neighbours. I think it is a story worth repeating.

Did you know that what is now Canada had Thanksgiving celebrations predate not only those of the U.S. by at least 50 years, but also significantly predate the arrival of European settlers. Celebrations to give thanks were frequent in our Indigenous people and Thanksgiving celebrations were recorded in Turtle Island which is a non-specifically defined area but considered to be the woodlands of southern Canada. It is documented that in 1578, the explorer Martin Frobisher, grateful for having found land and that his crew was safe, celebrated communion and a service of thanksgiving where the explorers dined on salt beef, biscuits and mushy peas! Forty-eight years later on November 14, 1606, inhabitants of New France under Samuel de Champlain held huge feasts of thanksgiving between local Mi'kmaq and the French. Here, the settlers were introduced to cranberries!

Services of thanksgiving continued at different times throughout the years. Food, like turkey and pumpkin, came to Canada through the United Empire Loyalists who sought refuge in Canada during the war of American Independence.

And the date - the second Monday in October - was legislated by an act of Parliament in 1957. Before this legislation, Thanksgiving had been celebrated on November 6th which was deemed too close to Remembrance Day and the earlier date coincided better with the actual harvest. The Act makes Thanksgiving a national holiday and declares Thanksgiving as "a day of general thanksgiving to almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed."

So, as we prepare our turkeys or purchase our pies, let us be thankful for all our blessings!

**Rev. Laurelle Callaghan**






**We're hiring a new Church Office Administrator. Resume must be received by October 5th. Please see the job description for details on our website at [About Us | Mysite]**




## UCW ongoing Program: "Re-Cycle and Re-Use"

1) used postage stamps
2) cups/dishes/cutlery
3) pop can tabs
4) prescription glasses
5) milk bags




Your help is greatly appreciated. Bring these items to church with you and feed our bins. With everyone's help we can do great things for others and help to reduce waste in our landfills.




**Gift Cards for FOODLAND and GIANT TIGER are available from Graham. The church is gifted 5% of the card's value. They make great gifts too.**



# Important Message

**Effective September 1st, Tara Hall, our Treasurer, will be taking over from Graham preparing the Sunday PowerPoint TM presentation for Laurelle's services.**

To that end, it is asked for any announcements you wish to be included on the **PowerPoint TM presentation, be sent to Tara no later than the Monday, 2 weeks prior to the service at which you wish to have your announcement made**. If something comes up and you can't get it to Tara on time, you are still welcome to stand and make your announcement in church.

Please email all announcements for Sunday services to Tara at:
**hall_tara@hotmail.com**

# The Dreaming Heart Art Studio



As in previous years, there will be some Paint Nights at our church. They will be running from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Keep your eyes open for more details.

Next date is December 2nd, 2026

## Ladies Interdenominational Breakfast

Saturday October 3rd from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Morewood Community Center, 19 Russell Street, Morewood.

This gathering is a banquet of food for breakfast and has provided opportunities for many women to be helped by each other's stories and includes a guest speaker. Wheelchair accessible.

For information email
ladiesbreakfast5683@gmail.com.

## Church Council meeting

Thursday October 8th at 3:30 pm in the Upper Hall. The meeting is open to the congregation.

Please note, only Council members can vote.



On October 22nd, we say goodbye and thank you to our Office Administrator, Julie Lee.

Thank you for all your years of service to our church.






## UCW Flavours of Fall Bake Sale

Saturday, October 24th, from 9:00 am until noon.

Fall baking, preserves, soups and chili will be available for sale in the Upper Hall.

Please see Lynn Ransome for details.

## The Choir is back



Our Choir will be singing during the service on October 25th.

Practices are following the service on October 18th and at 9:30 am before the service on October 25th.

**All are welcome to join** us for the practices and the service.



**Worship Meeting will be held on October 29th at 1:30 pm**

# Church Anniversary

Sunday, November 1st is our Church Anniversary catered lunch.

Details and tickets will be available soon.

Join us as we celebrate **139 years**.

# A look at some of last month's events:

## Church visitors from Holland

From Susan
We had visitors from Holland on August 22nd. Our guests below from left to right were: Roely Staal, Bep (his cousin), Pat Staal and Johan (Bep 's husband and the amazing musician).

Johan asked if there was an organ he could play. Pat called and I made it happen. Bep took lots of pictures of the stained-glass windows. They were very impressed with our church. Johan had the organ "singing".

I said he was welcome back anytime.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## October

- October 3rd, Ladies Interdenominational Breakfast
- October 4th, United Church of Canada: Orange Shirt Sunday
- October 8th, Council Meeting at 3:30 pm in the Upper Hall
- October 12th, Thanksgiving
- October 15th, World Food Day (UN fight to end Global hunger)
- October 24th, UCW Flavours of Fall Bake Sale in our Upper Hall (9:00 am until noon)
- October 25th, Sunday Service with the return of the Choir
- October 29th, Worship Meeting at 1:30 pm
- October 31st, Halloween



## November

- November 1st, our Church 139th Anniversary catered lunch
- November 11th, Remembrance Day

