

Little Britain United Church Advent Newsletter

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Message from Beth McLean

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next Sunday we begin our journey through the time of Advent, a time when we look expectantly to the birth of the Christ Child in our midst. For many, as we live in the "Red" of this pandemic time, we may be wondering how can we find the joy we feel as we sit amongst the Christmas decorations, the poinsettias, stars hanging from the rafters, the candles being lit by young and not-soyoung and the singing of those Advent and Christmas hymns we know so well. IT IS A DIFFERENT TIME WE LIVE IN! As a Faith Community, we will celebrate the season, because no matter what the situation Christ will come as an infant to live among us. This is what we look forward to.



As you are aware, we have returned to Zoom services and will continue to do so until at least January when we will re-evaluate the Provincial Health Regulations. You are encouraged to join us via IPad, other electronic device or by telephone at 10 am. If you do not have a long distance plan, please forward your long distance charges to Beth and they will be paid by Little Britain. We would like everyone to feel a part of this journey. Information is sent out each week by Sandy Bernhard or by contacting Beth McLean. If you are unsure of the process contact either Sandy or Beth.

Each week one person will light a candle in the confines of their home with the readings for that day – Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. Several templates for making an Advent hanging have been sent out for you to feel the spirit of the Advent Candle Lighting. On Christmas Eve (service at 7:30 pm) the Christ candle will be lit.

This Sunday – November 29th – In order to fulfill Little Britain's tradition of decorating the Christmas tree, you are being asked to share a story of a special Christmas decoration. If you are on Audio/Video Zoom, you may show the decoration.

Information has been forwarded for continuing the long tradition of Little Britain to reach beyond our walls into the community through the support of the Food Bank, Soup Kitchen and Nova House. Because of the state we are in as a province, please do what you can while keeping safe.

The story of baby Jesus coming into the world, a precious child to parents who had to rely on the kindness of strangers and barnyard animals, is a powerful reminder to us all that we are in a "scary" thing called life together and we don't have to travel it alone. When we, as Christians spread the Good News of Jesus' birth this Advent and Christmas season, may we in our actions, words, deeds prove to others, especially those lost in the wilderness of loneliness and uncertainty that they are not alone.

Yours in Christ,

Beth McLean, Minister