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## Pass It On...

What's happening at Little Britain United Church

January 2021

## Message from Beth McLean

Dear Friends of Little Britain United,

As we enter into a new year, we do so with the hope for a year in which we can all gather together as a church community. As we await this time, the work of the church carries on. The Zoom services and committee work are allowing us to see one another and to keep connected with the work that we called to do within the United Church. Shirley Froelich has outlined the plan for continuing our journey to becoming an Affirming Congregation. I am excited that we are able to invite my long-time friends; Ken DeLisle and John Robertson to give leadership on January 31st. Ken and John are both retired United Church ministers and have celebrated being together for over 40 years.

Due to Covid gathering restrictions, the United Church has postponed all annual meetings until at least June 30th. All necessary year-end work will be carried out by the Little Britain United Council.

Although I am not holding regular office hours, I am available to you by calling my home or sending an email. I will be Supervising the Teulon/Balmoral Pastoral Charge for the next three months as their minister is on Sabbatical and they have been invited to join our Sunday services.

May we continue to be the church in whatever way we can as we await the day when we once again ring the bell in our little church.

Peace to all;

Beth McLean, Minister

## **Becoming an Affirming Congregation**

A list of suggested books and movies on learning more about Affirming was distributed by email to the Little Britain congregation. Please contact Shirley Froelich if you would like a paper copy of the list that includes a number of resources on understanding Indigenous cultures and issues.

We will continue to focus on LGBTQ issues this winter and spring. Going forward, we can continue to expand our knowledge and understanding of all people. Affirming is not just about welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. It also includes welcoming people of all races, ages and abilities too.

