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Pass It On...

What's Happening at Little Britain United Church

April 2021

Easter Greetings to All,

As you receive this Little Britain Newsletter, we will be in a time of waiting. The words of a well-known Good Friday hymn; Beneath the Cross of Jesus have been sung and we await the joyous strain of Hallelujah, Christ is Risen.

A few weeks ago, I was on a Zoom meeting/worship and the leader stated that we had been in the longest season of Lent ever. I thought about this and realized that this was in indeed a very long time of Lent. Lent began a year ago and because of Covid 19 we were unable to celebrate with an Easter Sunday service. We waited in great anticipation for the day we would celebrate together in our little church, but that day never came and we continued to worship into another forty days of Lent in 2021. However, without a doubt even though we never heard the words of scripture of that first Easter morn in 2020, we have known the very presence of God through the Risen Christ offering us strength in these very stressful, lonely and often dark times.

So we come, another year later and following another 40 days of Lent to this Easter morn where we hear the words...Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!

May God's incredible love be with you and those you love this Easter season.

Beth McLean, Minister

Affirming News

Little Britain United Church is now an official Affirming congregation! The vote on the motion to become Affirming passed with flying colours. Thank you to all who voted.

We will be holding an outdoor celebration in May or June. More details will be provided in the May newsletter.

Effective April 1, 2021, Beth McLean's email address is: lbucminister@mymts.net (note correction). Contact information remains the same for pastoral emergencies.

Church Roof Update

The cedar shingles on the church roof are in dire need of replacement according to the Roof Inspector. The shingles will be replaced in 2021. Little Britain has applied for a grant from Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage to help cover the cost.

Help Wanted!

After years of dedication Judy Rekrut has decided to step down from her position as Envelope Secretary/Accounts Receivable. A big thank you to Judy for her commitment and hard work as Envelope Secretary and looking after accounts receivable for Little Britain for many years.

This volunteer position is now available to someone who is looking for a meaningful way to serve their church. Please email Tanya Wiegand at jessie.tanya@hotmail.com for more information on the position.

Red River Churches Refugee Team

Little Britain has been a member of the Red River Churches Refugee Team (RRCRT) since shortly after its inception in March 2016. To date, three families have been sponsored, two of whom are related and came together from the Sudan via a refugee camp in Chad in July 2016. The other family was a single mom with two children from Syria who arrived in 2018 and then relocated the following year to Ottawa to be with her mother.

In 2018, the RRCRT also committed to sponsoring a family from Pakistan who were in hiding in Thailand. We are currently waiting for the paperwork to be completed in Thailand for this family. When they arrive, there will be significant expenses to support them through their first year in Selkirk. We would appreciate your help for this worthy effort. Donations for the RRCRT contributed through Little Britain are eligible for a tax receipt.

