

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

**United Church of Canada Creed** 

# Pass It On...

# What's Happening at Little Britain United Church

January 2022

### Minister's Message

Sending you and all your family many blessings as we enter into this new year. As we have been guided by the Holy throughout this past year, we will continue with the love of God and the peace of Christ to be the people God has called us to be.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Blessings;

Beth McLean, Minister

A prayer for the new year:

Be with us God, as we set out on the journey of a new year. Like those who travelled through unchartered territories in the past, give us the courage to face new challenges. Like those who have known the uncertainty of what lies ahead, give us the confidence to know that you are there to guide us. Like those who have assumed they had all the answers even before the questions were asked, give us the humility to be surprised by your presence and open to being upheld by your people everywhere.

Give us the strength we need during these uncertain and challenging times, the sensitivity others need from us, and the wisdom to respond in ways the nurture all of your creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus' holy name. Amen

Due to the rising number of Covid cases and the current provincial Covid-19 prevention orders, a decision was made to discontinue in-person worship services for the month of <u>January</u>. The hall will also be closed at this time.

We will be able to worship via Zoom. Please contact the church by phone or email if you have any questions about joining our service by Zoom or telephone.

## **Affirming News**

On Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> we will be watching the final episode of 8<sup>th</sup> Fire called At the Crossroads.

The final instalment in the 8th Fire series is a focus on the young generation – known as the "Seventh Generation" – who have experienced less cultural trauma and are better equipped than some who have come before them to create a new relationship between Aboriginal peoples and the rest of Canada. This particularly hopeful episode discusses Aboriginal media such as visual art and television productions, the future of the Indian Act, educational opportunities and challenges for some Aboriginal youth, and the lure of economic development.

Here is the link for the 44 minute video if you wish to watch it on your own: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1PIGOsaer0

#### **Christmas Hampers**

Little Britain United Church was able to supply two of our refugee families with food and gifts for the holidays. Family A was a family of five (mom, dad and three young children). Family B was a family of five adults.

Thanks to our church members for the generous contributions and a special thanks to Santa's elves - Susie, John and Pete for organizing, packing and delivering the hampers.





## **Red River Churches Refugee Team (RRCRT)**

If you have not yet contributed to our cause, we would appreciate your support of the newest sponsored family for our Red River Churches Refugee Team. If you would like a tax receipt, the donation may be made to Little Britain United Church with RRCRT marked on the memo line.

You can read the January RRCRT newsletter sent by email or find more information about the families by going to the RRCRT website: <a href="https://www.rrcrteam.com">www.rrcrteam.com</a>.

Stay tuned for an online auction later this month or early next month in lieu of our yearly live auction that we have not been able to run now for the past two years.

