



Dear Siblings in Christ,

If you have worshiped with us at Avon United, you'll know that a regular part of the worship service is what we call the **Celebration Time**—a moment when we name aloud the blessings that touch our lives, the people that lift us up, and the good things that are happening in this world that give us hope for tomorrow.

Over this past year, I have come to believe that **the Celebration Time is one of the most important parts of our worship service** because, even on the Sundays when I am feeling weary from the world or my own grief, I am reminded through all of your stories that God is at work in our lives, and there are good people everywhere who make this world a better place! Sometimes, all it takes to see this is a moment or two to pause and ask: **Where have I witnessed kindness or goodness in the world this week? How has God blessed me? How am I called to bless others?**

In this newsletter, you'll find so many reminders of ways in which God is alive and moving in our church, and good things that are happening in our community. **My challenge to you this October is this: invite someone you know to one of these events as a way to bless them and remind them that good things are happening in this world, and in their life!** God is at work through us, dear Siblings. May we be grateful for that reminder!

Rev. Penny Nelson

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



- **OCT 5:** 10:30am, Avon United will celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday outdoors around the church picnic table. Try different breads from around the world and join your neighbours in celebration! **You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.**



- **OCT 7 - NOV 11:** Join Rev. Penny for guided group meditation for world peace from 7-7:30pm, or drop in for candle lighting and personal prayer from 7:30-8pm. All are welcome. No meditation experience necessary!



- **OCT 12:** We're looking to donate 100 tins or packs of fruit to the Hantsport Food Bank in celebration of 100 years in this community!

Drop-off Times:

- Thursdays 1 - 5pm
- Sundays 10:30am



- **OCT 26:** Music and fun awaits at our next Sunday Session, featuring the very talented Valley Voices, An Acapella Chorus! Doors open at 7pm.



- **NOV 1:** Honour your grief and loved ones through a night of music, poetry, prose and prayer.
- **NOV 2:** A West Hants Hospice Society grief support gathering. To register, contact church office. **RSVP is required.**



- **NOV 7 - 28:** Learn to make different soups and sides from scratch during this 4-week cooking class! Contact the church office to register. Cost is on a sliding scale up to \$15.



- **November:** Rev. Penny Nelson will host a 6-week confirmation class for adults wishing to be baptized or become members of The United Church of Canada. Contact church office if interested.

Give thanks for all the blessings that touch our lives!



Your donation to Avon United Church enables us to host amazing community events, offer pastoral support to those in grief, & connect new people in the community to a progressive, Christian church!

Please consider making a special Thanksgiving donation to help our ministries continue to thrive! Donations can be made via PAR, envelope, or e-transfer: hantsportpc@ns.aliantzinc.ca. If using E-transfer, please put "Thanksgiving" in memo.

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