

October 2021

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ;

Here we are in what has become known in certain parts of the Church as the "Season of Creation", and what a beautiful season it is for those of us privileged to live in the Niagara Region. From east to west, from north to south, Canada is such a beautiful part of God's creation! At this time of year, the creation offers to us a bounty of harvest. It is a good reminder to those of us in the Christian Church that we are called to be labourers in the "Fields of the Lord", and so we endeavour to work together for good.

October will be a very busy month at St. John's Stevensville United, in addition to the programs that have already started, our Chosen (season 2) Bible Study will begin again on Monday nights at the church. A community meal program will happen at 14 Jarvis St. FE every Tuesday from 11am-1pm as an invitation to the wider community to get to know each other better. Please make your way down and enjoy a bowl of soup and a sandwich and represent our church to the businesspeople and residents of Bridgeburg. And don't forget to pick up your tickets for the Ham Dinner (take out only) on October 25th. You will also see members of our church family out in the community; the UCW will be at the Ridgeway market on Sept 25th and Oct 2nd, and the Embrace tent will be at the Safari Niagara for Boo at the Zoo on Oct 8th - 11th .

SJS will start our worship life in October by celebration the eucharist on *World Wide Communion* Sunday, Oct 3rd at 11am. For this service we will continue with put covid protocol practice of each person receiving a sealed communion cup and wafer that they will open themselves during the liturgy. You will also find a "Thankful Leaf" in this letter that we encourage you to fill out and add to the tree at the sanctuary entrance over the next few weeks leading up to Thanksgiving Sunday on October 10th.

Blessings,

We are thankful for each one of you.

Rev. Cheryl & Rev. Bill