



# WINTER NEWSLETTER

## A Message from the Minister

Advent. The time of waiting. We have become impatient people. We want immediate gratification of our wants and needs. Just stand in line, any line, and see people's frustration levels rise. We don't want to wait for anything. Google gives us instant answers to any of life's problems or questions. Rush, rush, rush!

Advent invites us to slow down but not to go to sleep, rather, advent invites us to slow down and pay attention to the signs around us. "What kind of signs?", we might ask. Well, signs that God is among us; signs that we live in hope; signs of peace and joy and love. They are all around us and we have simply stopped noticing them. Take some time in these next four weeks to notice the unexpected places where God shows up through a smile or small gesture of kindness. Look to the weather to guide the season. The leaves on the ground, the chill in the air, the wintry looking sky; all of these are signs of what's to come throughout the winter. Take notice and find the wonder in all of creation. Look toward the newness of a new year and embrace the goodness you can bring forward.

May you find this Holiday season filled with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love and may your Christmas be filled with the wonders of God's greatest gift to all!

Blessings,

Rev. Robin

# FAITH FRIENDS FUN!







The U.C.W once again raised money to purchase warm and cozy blankets for Hiatus House. Thanks ladies!



The Windsor Youth Centre appreciates the food and baby items we donate to them year-round.



Thanks to those who came out for the Terry Fox Walk/Run and to those who made donations.





**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at 7pm.**

Please join us in-person or online \*\*

***Henry Will Have a Special Musical Surprise!***



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Join us for the Annual Congregational meeting after the service in February (date TBA) Committee Chairs- please get reports into the office by January 15<sup>th</sup> Thank you!



## **Bizarre and Fun Holidays - CELEBRATE!**

### **December**

- December 1: National Eat Red Apples Day
- December 4: National Sock Day
- December 12: Gingerbread House Day
- December 15: National Wear Your Pearls Day
- December 17: National Maple Syrup Day
- December 24: National Eggnog Day
- December 25: National Pumpkin Pie Day
- December 26: National Whiner's Day
- December 31: National Champagne Day



### **JANUARY**

- January 1: National Hangover Day
- January 8: National Bubble Bath Day
- January 9: National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- January 11: National Step in the Puddle and Splash Your Friends Day
- January 12: Kiss a Ginger Day
- January 13: National Rubber Ducky Day
- January 20: National Cheese Lover's Day
- January 21: Squirrel Appreciation Day
- January 27: National Chocolate Cake Day
- January 28: National Kazoo Day
- January 29: National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

### **February**

February 2: National Tater Tot Day

- February 4: National Homemade Soup Day
- February 7: National Fettuccine Alfredo Day
- February 9: National No One Eats Alone Day
- February 10: National Umbrella Day
- February 11: National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day
- February 17: National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 22: National Cook a Sweet Potato Day
- February 28: National Public Sleeping Day



*Bev MacKenzie*

*Sue White*

*Kathy Arner*

*Beth Hebert*

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*John Laken*

*John Cafe*

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*December / January / February*





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*Happy Anniversary!*

Mark & Megan Luckhardt

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Chris & Nancy Morand

Don & Barb Snyder



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Have a safe and cozy WINTER!