

Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

Here we go - welcome 2024!

I may be one of the few people who still hang a wall calendar.... specifically a UCC calendar in my office. I scan the monthly pictures and enjoy the sight of the empty pages waiting to be filled.

As I leaf through the calendar, which features a different church building each month, I look for familiar places and connections across the country.

If you have the UCC calendar you will see that January features St. Andrew's UC in New Richmond, Quebec. The photo brings a smile as I was there in October (along with Faith March-MacCuish, Andrew Richardson and other members of the Region) to welcome Rev. Pierre Momberg into the United Church of Canada.

Tomorrow January 4, St. Andrew's UC will welcome people for another reason - to celebrate the life of Rev. Lynda Harrison who died Dec 22, 2023. Lynda was ordained in 1994 by Maritime Conference and served her ministry in Saskatchewan, Quebec and Ontario. Representatives of our Region will share words of condolence along with words of gratitude for Lynda's ministry and friendship. Please hold Lynda's family and friends in prayer.

While I use an electronic calendar for daily schedules, the wall calendar still seems more tangible. I like the look of the daily squares - empty - waiting to be filled. And I wonder... What sadness will engulf our days? What Spirit-led opportunities lie ahead of us this year? What Epiphanies?

As you prepare to pack away your Advent - Christmas calendars and welcome Epiphany I want to say thank you for the many, many worship experiences you shared over the season. After the Silent Night I hope you found time to renew your Spirit to welcome whatever Epiphanies await. May 2024 be filled with peace, courage and kindness.

In Peace,
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