

Grace and Peace to you all as the month of June draws to a close.

I had an annoying message come to me unbidden on my phone today: "The year is half over." Thank you very much! Where does the time go? I hope these next few months will be gentle and summery for you. That they may rejuvenate your soul with their flowery beauty.

We welcomed Alma Brooks, a Maliseet grandmother from the St. Mary's First Nation, last Sunday when we shared in a worship program called Enfolded in the Creator. This Sunday, we begin our worship with St. Paul's in our "Downtown United" configuration. Worship is at 10:30, at St. Paul's for the next 5 Sundays.

If you would like to experience a full blanket exercise, there will be one on July 2nd on the green next to the Beaverbrook Art gallery.

Trustees met this week to hear a presentation from our investment managers at TD Wealth. We wanted to learn more about what it means to have investment funds in fossil fuel companies. The United Church of Canada has recently divested from this kind of fund, and we felt it is important to learn more about the whole, complex matter. Trustees also agreed to commission an expert in heritage buildings to make a professional assessment of the structure of our 3 buildings. This will be useful information for our future planning.

Another meeting this week concerns Stewardship & Finance's planned congregational giving program in October. You will hear more about this over the coming months.

As summer seems to have arrived, let me take this moment to wish you all a wonderful July and August.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

Blessings,

Rose~Hannah