

Greetings,

The 2021 United Church Calendars have sold out. Another order will be placed on Monday, if anyone would like to reserve a calendar, please contact Jennifer at the church office.

Rev. Lynn will be providing a "Longest Night" Worship Service/ recorded candle vigil. This recording will be available on the WUC website as well as Facebook on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. More information will be available closer to the date.

Don't forget to decorate a gingerbread house and send in pictures of it to the church for us to post in the newsletter and on Facebook!

A reminder:

Beginning mid-December we will be placing wooden Christmas trees made from pallets in the church yard. We ask that if you are able, you gather together hats, mittens, scarves, etc. that we can hang on the tree for those in our community who may need them.

### **Minutes for Mission:**

#### LEADING THE WAY

Leading the Way—funded global partner the World Student Christian Federation—Africa Region gives university students a place to come together in education, faith, and activism.

WSCF-Africa empowers and connects responsible young leaders around the world on their path to change tomorrow. It encourages a culture of democracy to mobilize youth to become proactive in society, promoting positive change through dialogue and action between different traditions and cultures.

At a gathering, one of the World Student Christian Federation members shared these words:

"As young people, we ask the churches not to spread hate speech or judgment but to preach love, peace, and acceptance for all people as God's creation. We ask our churches to take part in interfaith dialogue, to start building relationships with members of other faiths, so that we may come to understand their beliefs and accept them as brothers and sisters. We ask our churches to acknowledge that we cannot master the truth; we can only approach the truth. Only God holds the truth. As the present youth, we are the church of the future. Because of this, it is important for the churches to communicate with us and to ensure that our opinions are heard. It is part of the role of churches to promote human dignity and to serve the common good. "

We are thankful that Mission & Service is in partnership with the World Student Christian Federation and its vision of changing the world for the better.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.