

The Christian response is to love. Read 1 Corinthians 13 and you will be reminded that love is not weak (it endures all things) and neither is it arrogant or resentful. Love stands in the place of hatred and is not moved. Love defends those suffering and welcomes them in.

As Christians, our call is to a path of peace.

We need to deepen our faith to meet the needs of this day—to learn spiritual practices, and the tools of peaceful resistance, and be ready to use them. We need to fill ourselves not with hate or fear, but with the love of Jesus, because this is the path of peace and healing to share with a divided world.

In this Epiphany season, we celebrate the coming of God's light in Jesus: "the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and, in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Guide our feet, Lord, we pray.

—*The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath is Moderator of The United Church of Canada*

# Announcements

## BEAVERLODGE WEMBLEY HYTHE PASTORAL CHARGE

**Sunday, February 1, 2026 Fourth after Epiphany**

**Scripture Readings for those who would like to read them in advance:**

**February 8 – Fifth after Epiphany**

**Isaiah 58:1–9a (9b–12)**

The fast that God chooses.

**Psalm 112:1–9 (10) (VU p. 834)**

Delight in God's commandments.

**1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16)** Wisdom through God's Spirit.

**Matthew 5:13–20** You are salt; you are light.

**StewardShip Seconds** *It's not about how much you have—how much money, how much stuff—it is about how you use what you have to heal, feed, shelter, comfort, bless and love.*

### **Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge**

**Tea on Tuesday** is cancelled for February. We hope to return in March. Even though we are not having Tea, please stop and view the exhibits and support the Cultural Centre.

**Pastoral Charge AGM:** March 15, Beaverlodge  
Service at 11:15, Meeting at 12:30, Potluck at 1:15  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Cold Weather Policy: Cold Weather Policy:** When the temperature and wind chill is -35 or lower or the temperature

alone is -35 or lower, church services are cancelled for both churches; and, in the case of freezing rain, fog or other hazardous conditions, the Service Leader is not to travel.

**Service Leaders:** We are looking for Service Leaders. Please consider leading one service, please see Brent for more details.

**Pastoral Charge Office Hours:** Thursdays only, 10 to 1

### **Wembley United Church**

- Wembley Sunday Service 9:30 am
  - Wembley AGM: **Sunday February 15**, meeting and pot luck to follow
- **Wembley Thrift store:** Thrift store hours - **Second Saturday** of each month from 10:00am to 1:00 pm in the Church basement. Facebook Page is **Wembley Thrift Store**, check out our page for updates and specials

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**Facebook pages:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/406148680279467>

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### **Beaverlodge United Church**

- Beaverlodge Sunday Service 11:15 am

- Beaverlodge AGM: Sunday, February 22
- Potluck – Sunday, January 25

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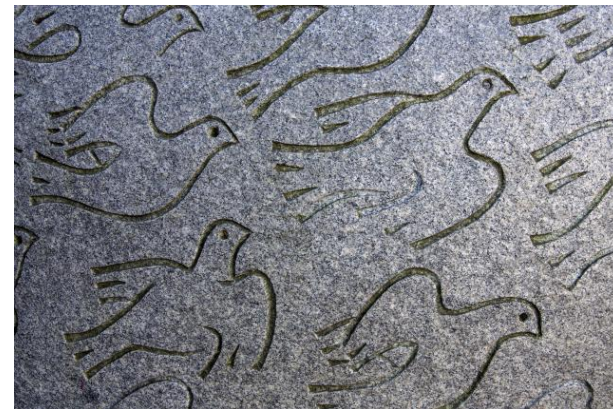
**Web page :** <https://beaverlodgeuc.ca/>

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### **Words of Hope, In the Face of Fear**

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I am alarmed by the escalation of the ICE raids and violence in the US, and the killing of Renee Good. The president of the United States is intensifying his fight against his enemies: Democrats and anyone else who opposes him, even people in his own party who try to limit his power. Our temptation is to retreat to fear, to hide, or to become what he wants us to be—his adversary—and to fight. Fight, flight, freeze, or fawn.