

WELCOME to January 2009

Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who made 2008 a year of 'Building Community'. Together, we helped each other through prayer and action to build a better community, and now, in the year 2009 we are adopting a new theme.....to be introduced on the first Sunday of the New Year.

Malama Pono - Take Good Care

In the Hawaiian style of the 'Aloha Spirit' and with the Holy Spirit of God's love we hope to reach everyone we meet with care in our hearts and in our lives.

Looking ahead:

Our Newsletter will be published for the Annual Congregational Meeting (Sunday, February 1st) highlighting events to the Easter season. If you have anything to contribute please submit by January 18th.

Sunday, January 4th - 10:30 a.m. - We begin the year by celebrating Communion with Prayers for Healing at the end of the Service. Also, on this day we welcome the members of the Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship as they hold their first service in our building

Wednesday, January 7th -12 Noon - The Aylmer Ministerial Association holds its monthly meeting at Les Bons Voisins Cafeteria to discuss and plan the 'Week of Prayer' Service.

Wednesday, January 7th - 7 p.m. - **Healing Service** - a time for reflection and meditation, offering prayers and lighting candles for the new year.

Sunday, January 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service on the 'Baptism of Jesus' Sunday

Tuesday, January 13th - 6:30 p.m. -The Ottawa Presbytery meets at Woodroffe United Church

Friday, January, 16th - 12 Noon - Community Lunch. On the menu - Roast Beef. This month we are asking for contributions of desserts (of any kind). We always need helpers anytime after 10:00 a.m. Become part of the team in this ministry to our community.

Sunday, January 18th - 10:30 a.m. - 'Week of Prayer' Service

7:00 p.m. - The annual 'Week of Prayer' Ecumenical Candlelight Prayer Service, this year held at Aylmer United/Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship Church. You are invited to bring a plate of desserts for the refreshment time following the service.

Tuesday, January 20th - 7:00 p.m. - Church Council - This is the last full Council meeting before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1st It would be helpful for all council members to be present to help us look forward in our planning to "*Take Good Care*" (new theme for 2009).

Wednesday, January 21st - 7:00 p.m. - Come join the conversation for the "Discussion Evening" at the home of Steve & Judy Lawson. We will talk about "Books we have received for Christmas or have read through 2008 and are reading at the present time". Bring your books and let's find out what we all are reading these days.

Thursday, January 22nd - 12 Noon Bible Study - We will be looking at the 'Week of Prayer' resources for study around the world - at the home of Bruce/ Ruby Wahl. Bring a lunch to share.

Friday, January 23rd - 12 Noon - The church will be open for one hour for "Prayer and Lighting of Candles" during this ecumenical Week of Prayer.

Sunday, January 25th - 10:30 a.m. - Environment Sunday

Saturday, January 31st - 5 -7 p.m. - **Spaghetti Dinner and Book Sale** in the Church Hall. We are looking for cake-makers for the dessert. Bring in your used books to add to the tables of books. Adults \$8 and children (12 and under) \$3. Bring your own wine.

Sunday, February 1st - Following the morning communion service- the annual Congregational Meeting. A choice of soup will be provided; bring sandwiches to be shared by all. We will look back with remembrance and look forward in planning around the theme: "**Take Good Care**".