

## **MINISTER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE**

Beloved, as we enter the new year 2025, I'm grateful for your continued support and zeal for compassion and community in the past year. Our mission and service are mostly done locally through the Food Bank, thrift store, financial support, and other significant outreach. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and they have laid a strong foundation for the year ahead. As we usher in this year, we are filled with aspirations and expectations for what lies ahead and our resolutions—what to do and what not to do. However, blessings, regeneration, and new opportunities await us.

As we begin this year, Christ invites us to walk in his light, to see and perceive even what we cannot see in our naked eyes. This is possible through the 'Len's of his light and the spirit, a metaphor for the divine guidance and understanding that will be with us throughout the year and beyond. Just as a lens helps us see things more clearly, Christ's light and the spirit will illuminate our path and help us understand the unseen.

As we begin this journey, we may carry the weight of regrets and burdens from the past. However, as Philippians 3:13-14 reminds us, we are called to focus on what lies ahead with a renewed spirit, even if we are uncertain. We are a community of light, the priesthood of all, people of epiphany- people of vision, insight, revelation, and a community of faith. Our faith will guide us through this journey, a journey we all share and are united in. May the light of Christ guide us as we serve in compassion and community, drawing our circles wide. With our unique gifts and contributions, each of us is a significant part of this community, and together, we can make a difference.

Peace and grace!

Rev. Dorcas



**BEAVERLODGE-WEMBLEY-HYTHE  
PASTORAL CHARGE  
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**January 12 – Baptism of the Lord**

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

**Isaiah 62:1–5**

No longer called Desolate but now named Delight.

**Psalms 36:5–10 (VU p. 762)**

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.

**1 Corinthians 12:1–11**

Different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

**John 2:1–11**

The wedding in Cana.

### **Minister information**

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- **Cell phone 780-876-7042**
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- **Day off – Mondays**
- **Moderator's Re-generate Leadership Program – Minister will be away from January 17-26**

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

**Bible Study:** Every Wednesday, 12:00 to 1:00, Wembley. Bible Study resumes January 15. Please bring bag lunch.

**Non-denominational Children's Program:** From age 8 –

12, every Wednesday, 4 - 5:30 pm at Beaverlodge United Church. Games & Activities. Everyone Welcome. The Program will resume Wednesday February 5.

**Confirmation Course:** Those who would like to enroll in the Confirmation Course may start registering with Neva for next year

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025:** Friday, January 24, 7:00 pm St Luke’s Anglican Church, Beaverlodge

**Pastoral Charge AGM Meeting:** Sunday, March 9, Wembley

**Pastoral Charge Office Hours:** Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**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 minister is not to travel.

### Wembley United Church

- Wembley Sunday Service 9:30 am
- **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
- Board Meeting January 16, 6:00 pm
- AGM Meeting: Sunday, February 23 2025

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