



Dear Friends of Kedron,

It seems like this year Advent and Christmas have snuck up on us and we have just a few weeks, rather than the months we were sure were ahead of us to get ready for the festivities.

This time of year we focus on preparing for the arrival of the Christ child. In Christopher's family they have had a very recent experience of preparing for the birth of a child with the arrival of their granddaughter Emily. They watched as their daughter and her husband brought in new needed furniture, disposed of the old and transformed their apartment into a welcoming place for their new child. And, of course, when that child arrived, it changed their whole family's life!

So too for Mary and Joseph and so too, in the case of Jesus changing the whole world. But, in that stable, in a small village, far away from anything and anyone of importance, who would have dreamt that this child would transform human history and that we would still be guided by his words over 2,000 years later!

There is a beauty and mystery in worship at this time of year. Our sanctuary glows with the beauty of the tree. We light candles, both in the sanctuary and at home and sing ancient songs that continue to move and touch our hearts.

At Kedron, we truly live the spirit of Christmas all year long:

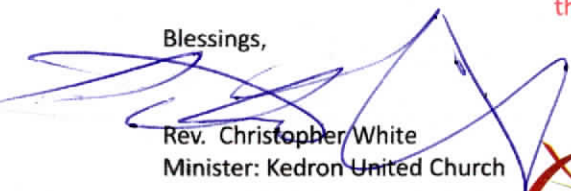
- We raised \$7500 to support Kenda, an aboriginal student in her post secondary studies, changing her life in the best way possible. This led to a family in the church sponsoring two \$10,000 scholarships for Indigenous students at a university close to them
- We continued with our Homeless Sponsorship Program, transitioning one person and welcoming another. Five people, who could be on the streets are now in homes and secure, surrounded by four caring and supportive volunteers from Kedron
- We continued to support those in need with various food drives for Simcoe Hall Settlement Hall
- We developed a thriving and highly successful online ministry that stretches across the country, averaging over 200 views per week and up to over 500
- We adapted to the times, with events such as our online auction and take out dinners
- We continued education sessions on Zoom
- We slowly reopened our church to in-person worship and Sunday School, adding a nursery and made a commitment to a hybrid future (online and in-person) in all that we offer.

Once again, Kedron has moved with the times in which we live, to minister effectively and has even created a Futures Team, to ensure that we continue to adapt to this very different world in which we find ourselves.

As we approach Christmas, I hope that you will join us in supporting Kedron. We have thrived, despite the pandemic because of your support. Without rental income and by utilizing what government programs there were, we have been financially responsible, while growing our ministry. Please help us to continue that as we end our year.

**We wish all a most blessed and joy filled Christmas with you and your family and look forward to seeing you throughout Advent and into Christmas Eve.**

Blessings,



Rev. Christopher White  
Minister: Kedron United Church



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