## **Thanksgiving and Anniversary Greetings 2019**

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (Matt 6:25)

Fall is upon us, the leaves painted in colours of beauty for the autumn season, and cool mist, fog and a wee bit of frost surrounding our countryside in the early hours.

The autumn season signals for us, our time of thanksgiving and anniversary celebrations on the Hastings Roseneath pastoral charge of the United Church of Canada.

Thanksgiving is that traditional time in Canada when we give extra time and thought into celebrating the abundance of the harvest, and give thanks for the many blessings that we have. Most of us are blessed with much bounty and we are also encouraged to think of, pray for, and support those who have less, and in many cases immediate needs.

Jesus encourages us to look at the "big picture" ... to not be so concerned about our immediate needs, but to remember the things that really matter. And that "big picture" is relationships. Family, friends, caring and love extended to others, are the things that really matter. A closer walk with God, is also something that should matter to people.

During this season of special gathering I encourage one and all to consider your faith life and to give thanks to God for all of life. I encourage you to attend your church for worship. Your support and gathering as a faith community, help one and all to put into true perspective that which really matters in our lives.

Yours in faith and service,

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## The Life and Work of the Churches and Community

Sunday Worship Services: Trinity Hastings 9:15, Roseneath 11:00

October 13 Thanksgiving Sunday worship, Hastings and Roseneath

October 20 Roseneath 138th Anniversary 11:00 am (no service at Hastings)

Guest minister Rev. Ed Bentley

October 26 Roseneath Fall Supper, Alnwick Community Centre

October 27 Hastings 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 11:00 am (no service at Roseneath)

## Grow Your Twenty Challenge

A "Grow your twenty" challenge was issued earlier in the year. This is based on the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) and is an opportunity for you to take a "Talent" (\$20 or whatever amount) and grow that "Talent" through the use of your gifts, talent, imagination and ingenuity. The growth of your talent would become a special "Grow your 20" donation to the church. You are invited to offer your "Grow your twenty" story and they will be shared (with your permission) during the Season of Advent. There is still time, even if you haven't done anything yet.