

A Message From Our Minister Reverend Elaine



Thank you for visiting our web site!

My name is Rev Elaine Beattie the Minister of Manotick United Church since January 2011.

I believe that we are all seekers on a journey, each one of us searching for a place called home. I think that home is a place where we can truly let our "hair down" and be ourselves and I think that home is in God. Meanwhile, we continually search for a place that can help us in that journey, a place that will not judge us or our beliefs, a place where we can struggle to deepen our understanding of our lives of faith and help us to be aware of God's presence in all that we are and in all that we do a place of friendships, fellowship and love. I may be a wee bit biased but I do believe that Manotick United Church is just such a place.

I thought you might be interested in learning a little about our worship format!

We gather in worship each week at 10 am. The worship service follows a fairly traditional United Church of Canada format. From time to time, we invite those in the congregation, who wish, to participate in creative worship, sometimes simply by lighting a candle. At MUC, our music is a blend of traditional hymns and more contemporary music.

When you arrive, you will be greeted and given an order of worship. If you have children, they will receive their own bulletin with a cup of crayons. Please take a seat anywhere you wish. We love to welcome small children and babies. Should your baby cry a little during worship don't worry. He or she is simply joining in. However if you become uncomfortable we do have a baby nursery with rocking chairs and toys that you are most welcome to use. During the service, the children are invited to come to the front of the church where we have a few minutes of conversation together, after which the children go downstairs to our Sunday school. We are blessed at MUC to have a wonderful group of Sunday school leaders and teachers. Following worship, we enjoy a time of fellowship in the upper hall with coffee and cookies. This is

a wonderful time to get to know one another. If you are looking for a caring and friendly church, I do believe you will enjoy the people of MUC.

MUC offers a variety of ways for congregational involvement in worship and work. We have a strong commitment to outreach in our community and beyond. We host a non-denominational Christian Meditation group each Wednesday evening at 4:30. All are welcome to sit in the presence of God, and simply be. Scripture tells us "Be still and know that I am God" and weekly meditation is a time to be in Gods presence in silence and in community. We offer a healing ministry of Healing Pathway, which is healing ministry of touch within the Christian and United Church tradition.

Throughout the year we offer a variety of additional worship services and opportunities for faith formation.

We also have opportunities to gather as a community in fundraising and FUN-raising activities, such as suppers, garage sales talent shows and concerts.

**I hope this short letter has been informative for you but the only way to know what MUC is like is to come along and visit. I hope to see you one Sunday.
God bless**

Rev Elaine Beattie.