



## October message from Rev Cindy

Have you ever invited someone to church or to a church event, Bible study or fellowship group? In casual conversation you can tell people how much you love our congregation and invite them to join us. Most people who come to church come because of a personal invitation. It is our responsibility to share with others the good news. Your invitation could make the difference in someone's faith and life! We love to share good news with others about family, etc. Let's share the news of our congregation and the opportunities to explore and grow in faith! Here are some thoughts about the importance of inviting people to church.

### **The Importance of Inviting People to Church**

Inviting people to church is a meaningful and impactful gesture that can have profound effects on individuals and communities. Here are several reasons why extending an invitation to church is important:

#### **1. Building Community**

Churches often serve as the heart of a community, providing a place where people can come together, support one another, and build lasting relationships. Inviting someone to church can help them feel connected and supported, fostering a sense of belonging.

#### **2. Spiritual Growth**

For many, attending church is a vital part of their spiritual journey. It offers opportunities for worship, learning, and personal growth. By inviting someone to church, you are opening the door for them to explore and deepen their faith.

#### **3. Emotional Support**

Church communities can provide a strong support system during difficult times. Whether someone is dealing with loss, stress, or other challenges, the church can offer comfort, counseling, and a sense of hope. An invitation to church can be a lifeline for those in need of emotional support.

#### **4. Moral and Ethical Guidance**

Churches often teach values and principles that can guide individuals in making ethical decisions and leading a moral life. Inviting someone to church can help them gain access to this guidance, which can be particularly beneficial in navigating life's complexities.

## **5. Opportunities for Service**

Many churches are involved in various outreach and service projects that benefit the wider community. By inviting someone to church, you are also inviting them to participate in these acts of service, which can be fulfilling and help them make a positive impact. At MLCC we want to make a difference in the world. Invite them to take part. The more people that are involved, the more we are able to do.

## **6. Creating a Welcoming Environment**

Inviting people to church helps create a welcoming and inclusive environment. It shows that the church is open to everyone, regardless of their background or current beliefs. This inclusivity can help break down barriers and foster a more diverse and accepting community.

## **7. Personal Fulfillment**

For the person extending the invitation, there is also a sense of fulfillment and purpose. Knowing that you have potentially made a positive difference in someone's life by inviting them to church can be incredibly rewarding and can be life changing for the person who is invited.

## **Conclusion**

Inviting someone to church is more than just an invitation to attend a service; it is an invitation to join a community, grow spiritually, receive support, and contribute to the greater good. It is a simple yet powerful act that can have lasting positive effects on both the inviter and the invitee. So, the next time you think about inviting someone to church, remember the potential impact of your gesture and extend that invitation with confidence and kindness.

*Blessings!*

*Cindy*