

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to the chariot and join it." Philip ran and heard someone reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand?" "How can I, unless someone guides me?" Philip was invited to get in and sit beside him. Acts 8:29-31

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said, "Give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty." John 4:13-15

## Dear Bethany

What am I thankful for in October of 2021; after 18 months of a global pandemic, where our church was closed for so long, where we did not see each other face-to-face for months at a time, where so many of our community have been ill and isolated? **Good stimulating conversation!** I am thankful for the many phone conversations we have shared, the in-person visits (following public health protocols) we experienced, the small gatherings (worship, outdoor picnics, studies) we enjoyed.

And because it was challenging to make these conversations possible, we dispensed of small talk. We spoke authentically of what makes life worthwhile, for you and for me.

If you are looking for such a conversation, please let me know. We are busy organizing more programs, more opportunities, for more deep conversations. Stay tuned!

We are so thankful for your generous support of our ministry; your prayers, your calls, your participation in our online and in-person programming and your financial support as well. All of this aids our efforts to be present to one another, to witness to the love we have received and to share our stories of God's love and the difference it makes.

## Thank you for holy and deep conversations.

Peace. Kevin Little, Minister Bethany United Church