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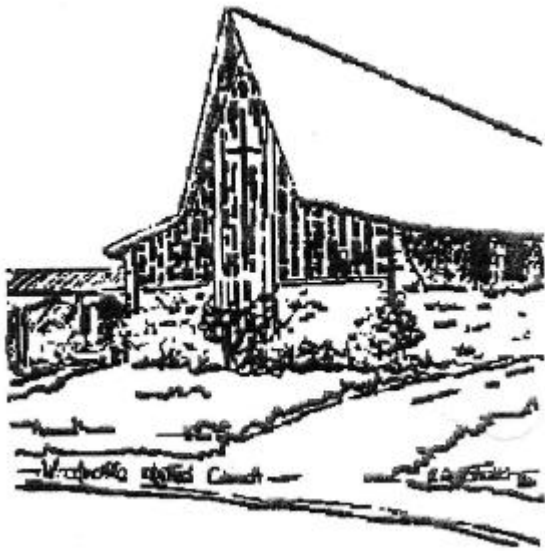
Dear Friends,

I send you greetings on behalf of Woodroffe United Church in Ottawa. We live and worship on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe people.

I have been a member of Woodroffe for just over 40 years, since before my children were born. These days, from my seat in the alto section of the choir, I enjoy watching my two granddaughters as they interact

with Rev. Kathryn Peate during children's time. One challenge for our congregation in 2025 will be to search for a new minister, as Rev. Peate is retiring.

Spring is making itself felt in the Ottawa Valley, and we look forward to visiting one of the area Sugar Shacks for some maple syrup sometime soon. We love taking our granddaughters to the Central Experimental Farm, where they can say hello to the animals they have come to



know. With Spring come lambs and kids and on a recent trip to the farm we saw twin goats who were just a few hours old.

What an interesting opportunity this has been to connect with people across the country.

Blessings,

Shirley Hockin