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"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Luke 6: 27, 28, 36 (NIV)

At Sunday's Worship Service Rev. Marlene Britton spoke on Black history and love for all mankind. Then during Rev Kate's Sabbatical message video today, she mentioned Henri Nouwen. After the service I received the following Daily Meditation for Feb 13, 2022, from **Henri Nouwen Society** in my inbox and the same one from a member of our community of faith. I would like to share with you the words of Henri Nouwen on "Love".

"Make God's Unconditional Love Visible"

"Whenever, contrary to the world's vindictiveness, we love our enemy, we exhibit something of the perfect love of God, whose will is to bring all human beings together as children of one Father."

*"Whenever we forgive instead of getting angry at one another,
Bless instead of cursing one another,
Tend one another's wounds instead of rubbing salt into them,
Hearten instead of discouraging one another,
Give hope instead of driving one another to despair,
Hug instead of harassing one another,
Welcome instead of cold-shouldering one another,
Thank instead of criticizing one another,
Praise instead of maligning one another . . .*

In short, whenever we opt for and not against one another, we make God's unconditional love visible; we are diminishing violence and giving birth to a new community."

At Huron Shores United Church our vision for our community in part is "We seek to make this community a reflection of God's plan, to be a safe haven for **ALL** who seek peace, justice, freedom; a place where differences are celebrated and accepted as gifts; where new ideas and new ways are not feared but rather embraced as we learn to expand our hearts so that **ALL** are welcome.

May hope, peace, joy, and love be yours,
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*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us and helps make the world a better place.
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*

