

²Morning Prayer Lord God, you have woken me from sleep; the night is gone, the day is here. Enable me to live honorably this day, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

²Evening Prayer God, my Savior, you are even nearer now than when I first learned to trust in you. Help me to lay aside the burdens of the day and rest in your grace, my strength and my salvation. Amen.

¹Daily Prayer

Nov 27 *First Sunday of Advent* Nourish our hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Nov 28 We pray for the safety of all those whose lives have been uprooted by the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan. We give thanks for the emergency support that Presbyterians in Canada provide through PWS&D.

Nov 29 We pray for congregations participating in the PCC's *New Beginnings Renewal Program* as they work to discern God's call for their future and plan a way forward.

Nov 30 We pray for theological students who are graduating and beginning to seek a call to a congregation.

Dec 1 *World AIDS Day* We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS. We give thanks for PWS&D partners who provide vital support to those living with HIV/AIDS and also pray for improved access to health care and life-saving treatments.

Dec 2 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, ON, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Dec 3 *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* We pray for the empowerment of differences in gifts and abilities, along with the removal of barriers that keep people from participating fully in community & church life.

¹Mission Moment

Raamia fled to Pakistan with her daughter after divorcing her abusive husband in Afghanistan. As a single mother, Raamia made and sold handicrafts to support herself and her daughter, Zainab. On their way to the city of Lahore, she and her daughter got into an accident. Her daughter was unharmed, but Raamia was severely injured, resulting in her arm having to be amputated. After the accident, she could not continue working on her handicrafts. Raamia and her daughter were selected to receive cash support from a project by Community World Service Asia, a Presbyterian World Service & Development partner. "I was able to buy some food supplies with the money I received," she said. This project is helping refugee families who have fled Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover.

Readings Dec 4 Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Bring your **used postage stamps, clean outer milk bag, egg cartons,** and unwanted **eye glasses** into church. So many ways to help others and reduce our landfill waste.

Your **prayer requests** can be shared in several ways. Contact Rev Lisa or leave a note in the prayer box or the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are collecting **warm, new socks** during November and December for those in need in our area.

¹ PCC Prayer Partnership October – December 2022

² Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

A wonderful Christmas gift...the **Knox Bayfield Cookbook** has over 150 wonderful recipes provided by the congregation and former Ministers. The books are only \$15. Contact Deb Cosford or leave a message on the Church phone 519-565-2913

Spiritual reflection ... What does it mean to “get your house in order” for the coming of the Lord? Can we ever be perfectly ready for Christ’s return? Is there grace in God’s surprising advent, God’s unexpected arrival?

Your contributions to the church and its ongoing work are appreciated. The Knox Bayfield Session and Finance committee are diligent in their efforts to minimize expenses and meet financial commitments. The **October** financial reports: income \$6,057, expenses \$6,751, with the year-to-date deficit \$10,203. Your financial offerings can be made with post-dated cheques, PAR, and e-transfer. For more information reach out to: Brenda 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca Your regular offerings allow the church to continue its good work.

Are you dealing with food insecurity? Reach out to the **Bayfield Area Food Bank** [BAFB] 519-955-7444.

We are making a list and checking it twice! Share your **favourite hymns** with Jean and Rev Lisa for our worship services.

Dates to note...

Dec 21 Longest night service with Solace Singers
Dec 24 Christmas Eve with Linda Street, soloist
Dec 25 no service

Protect Against Respiratory Illness: Layer Up!
<https://www.hpph.ca/en/health-matters/protect-against-respiratory-illness-layer-up.aspx>

The Huron Perth Public Health website encourages everyone to “Layer up” to protect yourself, your loved ones and your community from viruses such as COVID-19, influenza and colds. **Layers of Protection** reduce risk and help to prevent getting sick. You are encouraged to:

- Stay home when sick
- Get vaccinated with as you are eligible
- Wear a mask, especially in indoor public settings
- Avoid crowded indoor spaces
- Maintain physical distancing
- Wash your hands
- Screen for any symptoms and use rapid test kits
- Seek out anti-viral treatments, if eligible

Each layer adds protection. The more layers an individual uses, the more protected they are.

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