

Dates to note...

8 Jan	Linda Street, soloist
9 Jan	Session meeting
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
26 Feb	First Sunday of Lent
3 Mar	World Day of Prayer
5 Mar	Kintail Sunday Supper
26 Mar	Kintail <i>Kirk in the Cedars</i> worship & meal
7 Apr	Good Friday
9 Apr	Easter Sunday

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

The bible is available online www.biblegateway.com

Learn more about how you can be involved in and support refugee sponsorship through The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Visit WeRespond.ca/refugee-sponsorship.

The Canadian Council for Refugees is calling on the Canadian government to reform the immigration system and provide permanent resident status to those living and working in Canada. Delays in addressing legal status occur often due to barriers in immigration and refugee laws and practices. Visit ccrweb.ca/en/regularization-campaign-status-for-all to write a letter to your MP.

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

Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) donations are greatly appreciated by those in need. The focus in January will be cereal and canned beans. Of course, all non-perishable food donations or personal care items are appreciated. Your contributions to the church and its ongoing work are appreciated. The Session and Finance committee are diligent in their efforts to minimize expenses and meet financial commitments. The **November** financial reports: income \$3,886, expenses \$4,675, with the year-to-date deficit \$10,991. Your financial offerings can be made with an e-transfer, PAR and post-dated cheques. Contact Brenda 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca for more details. Your regular offerings allow the church to continue its good work.

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Readings & Questions for Reflection

Jan 1st Can you think of a dark time in your own life or a dark time in the history of the world when God's glory shone? When the light of Christ's presence became evident? When was that time? What happened? Who was a bearer of light in that darkness? Is there presently someone you know or some situation weighed down in darkness or despair? How can you be a light-bearer for that person, that circumstance?

Jan 8th Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

In Romans 8:29 Paul wrote that God meant for Jesus to be "the firstborn within a large family." What does that mean to you? What does your baptism have to do with it?

Jan 15th Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Peter's life was changed forever when his brother Andrew invited him to meet Jesus. How are you attentive to those who might be seeking Jesus? Do you trust God to give you gifts for sharing the story of your salvation? How do you embody God's love?

Jan 22nd Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1Cor 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

What does Jesus mean when he calls us to be "fishers of people"? What must you leave behind to be a faithful disciple of Jesus?

Jan 29th Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

How do we live in hope of a reality we cannot yet see or, at best, catch only fleeting glimpses? Where in your life of prayer and service do you see God's justice, peace, and healing? Do you ask, Where am I being called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in each day?

From the PCC ... In the ancient world of the Bible, **doorways represent the threshold where this world meets the next**—where present realities and future possibilities, old ways of being and new life, what is and what could be, and our plans and God's purposes converge.

Thresholds are exciting and filled with potential. But times of transition are also times of disorientation and uncertainty. We know a lot about uncertainty: the experience of congregations and denominations in the last few decades has been marked by great change, even as we have met many challenges.

The national church is looking for photos of doors, entrances and gates to use on bulletin covers and showcase in the newspaper and the 2024 edition of the PCC Wall Calendar. You are invited to send images from the lives of the church's ministries or people that represent crossings, meeting places and opportunities for renewal and change.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2022/12/19/call-for-photos/>

Take a look at the **Connections winter edition** with interesting stories from around the world. You will see some familiar places and faces!