

Feb 19 Mission Moment Climate change, conflict and COVID-19 have created a global food crisis. 50 million people in 45 countries suffer from acute hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, are responding in South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. The crisis disproportionately effects on women and girls, who make up 60% of those affected by food insecurity. Without proper nutrition, women can experience higher mortality rates for themselves and their children. With support from the church, PWS&D distributes food packages with essential nourishing items and provides families with cash assistance, helping ensure that families are fed. Together, we are making a difference.

Hunger issues persist in our local community. The **Foodbank** focus will continue to be on canned fruit.

You are encouraged to join in the **Congregational Annual Meeting** on **March 19th** following the worship service. Gayle will organize a light lunch to follow the meeting. Talk with her to find out how you can help. The first **Kintail Sunday Supper** in 2023 is quickly approaching on March 5th. The delicious buffet is \$25 per person. Reservations: call 519-529-7317 or email admin@campkintail.ca For more information check out their website <https://www.campkintail.ca/sunday-supper/>

A new fundraising initiative is underway with the **Book Sale** in the lower level following the service. Speak with Judith for more information.

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 **January** financial reports: income \$4,196; expenses \$5,345; with the year-to-date deficit \$1,148. 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.

Reflection: In some traditions, Christians are urged to “give up something for Lent.” Others decide to “take on” something for Lent—a new spiritual practice, a special form of service to others, or a goal of reading Scripture daily. What might you take on for Lent?

1st Sunday of Lent Feb 26 **Readings:** Psalm 32; Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11

Dates to note...

22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
26 Feb	First Sunday of Lent
3 Mar	World Day of Prayer
5 Mar	Kintail Sunday Supper
19 Mar	Annual congregational meeting, potluck lunch
26 Mar	Kintail <i>Kirk in the Cedars</i> worship & meal
7 Apr	Good Friday
9 Apr	Easter Sunday

Feb 19 Transfiguration Sunday God of Glory, Jesus was wonderfully transfigured. Give us the strength to hear & ponder the good news of his life, death & resurrection.

Feb 20 World Day of Social Justice We give thanks for human rights defenders who work to protect the rights, safety and dignity of all people.

Feb 21 We pray for the Knox College community during Winter Reading Week

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Loving God, you hate nothing you have made, and your grace knows no bounds. You created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Create in us clean hearts and turn us around to follow you more nearly.

Feb 23 Black History Month We pray for Black Canadian women and youth organizations, and we give thanks for the many ways these organizations promote equality, human rights and inclusiveness.

Feb 24 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Feb 25 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Reflection: How might you grow in faith and draw near to Jesus through the forty days of Lent? Let Jesus' three responses to the devil be your guide: (1) study Scripture - *live by the Word of God* Matt. 4:4; (2) seek reconciliation with God and others - *do not put God to the test* Matt. 4:7); and (3) be active and intentional about participating in the worship of your congregation - *worship the Lord your God* Matt. 4:10.

2nd Sunday of Lent March 5 **Readings:**

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17; Matthew 17:1-9

Feb 26 – Mission Moment *With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Newcomers Mission has faithfully been providing assistance and spiritual care to newly arrived immigrants and refugees in Peterborough, Ontario, and the surrounding area since 2016. In recent months, the Newcomers Mission has expanded to offer a Ukrainian gathering program that has reached over 40 Ukrainians who fled to Canada because of the war in their country. It provides a place of belonging and care for people living through very difficult and vulnerable situations. Many have turned to this ministry for friendly conversation over a warm meal, assistance accessing services, as well as spiritual support and prayer. Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the church is helping to “welcome the stranger.”*

Feb 26 *First Sunday in Lent* We pray that we may know the Spirit's blessing blowing in us and through us, so that we may live out what is required of us: to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

Feb 27 We give thanks and pray for the Newcomers Mission in Peterborough, Ontario, providing newly arrived immigrants and refugees with support, care and a sense of belonging in Canada.

Feb 28 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

March 1 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

March 2 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Quebec.

March 3 World Day of Prayer On this day, we pray as Jesus prayed “that they may all be one” (John 17:21). We pray for our siblings in Christ throughout the world, and that we may all be one in proclaiming the good news in word and deed in this weary world.

March 4 We pray for God's guidance for students studying at the PCC's theological colleges—The Presbyterian College (Montreal, Quebec), Knox College (Toronto, Ontario) and St. Andrew's Hall/Vancouver School of Theology (British Columbia).