

## Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield

The next **Kintail Sunday Supper** will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The delicious buffet is \$25 per person. Reservations: call 519-529-7317 or email [admin@campkintail.ca](mailto:admin@campkintail.ca) For more information check out their website <https://www.campkintail.ca/sunday-supper/>

The **Book Nook** is a new fundraising initiative on the lower level. Free-will offering! Speak with Judith or Lois for more information about borrowing, purchasing, and donating.

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](mailto:brmclean@hurontel.on.ca) for more details. Your regular offerings allow the church to continue its good work.

God calls the church to seek God's justice in the world. All the church says, does, and is silent on stands as a public witness to how the body of Christ lives and acts, and what it desires for the world. The church properly uses its voice to call on elected officials to help shape a world where all creation, including humans, may flourish. The PCC website <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/letters-to-the-government/> includes sample letters to the government which are part of the church's public witness on social justice issues. You are encouraged to explore the letters and issues to learn more about this important aspect of witnessing as the body of Christ. For more detailed information about church positions on social justice issues, visit the **Social Action Hub** <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action/>

## March Announcements

Hunger and food security 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 19<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service. Gayle is organizing a light lunch to follow the meeting. Talk with her to find out how you can help.

**March 5 Mission Moment** In Pakistan, Gauri learned how to cut and sew at an early age. As an adult, this knowledge allowed Gauri to contribute to her family's income by working as a seamstress. After her husband was killed in an accident, Gauri's income was not enough to provide for her family on her own. **Gauri was selected for a Presbyterian World Service & Development project that provides emergency food assistance to families in need, as well as longer-term support through small business training and development.**

The food aid the family received made it possible for Gauri to save a portion of her monthly income that would have otherwise been spent on food. With the money she saved, Gauri was able to further her child's education and stock her tailoring shop with more materials. Together, we are making a difference.

**Reflection:** Consider a time when you felt uncertain. Can you see how God was at work in your life at that time? Are there elements in the stories from scripture-with Abraham and Sarai or Nicodemus, that can help you see evidence of God's presence in your own life?

**Readings** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 12: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

### Dates to note...

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| 12 Mar | Clocks have changed!                         |
| 19 Mar | Annual congregational meeting, potluck lunch |
| 26 Mar | Kintail Kirk in the Cedars worship & meal    |

2 Apr Kintail Sunday Supper  
7 Apr Good Friday  
9 Apr Easter Sunday

In January, our little church donated over 60 egg cartons to the Crieff Hills Retreat Centre <https://crieffhills.com>. 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.

**March 12 – Mission Moment** When Sieglinde—a single mother living in Montreal—arrived in Canada, she wasn't sure where to turn for help to integrate her son into their new surroundings. Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre provided a safe space where she and her son received the assistance they needed. She said, "My son learned so much from his experience at Tyndale: how to be independent and play with other children, how to be confident and learn to regulate his emotions. But most importantly, he was happy." Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping Tyndale St-Georges have a positive impact in the lives of people in the community of Little Burgundy. Together, we are making a difference.

**Reflection:** Consider the meaning of water—its symbolic qualities, its presence in nature, and its use in human life as you read John 4:5–42. How is Jesus like water? What are the things that are most necessary in your life? Where do you get them? Are you able to contribute to or participate in a service project that provides clean water (or some other necessity of life) to people in need. Remember to include all the providers and recipients of this service in your prayers.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent March 19 **Readings:** 1Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41

**March 19– Mission Moment** Hawa Issifu lives in Ghana with her husband. Hawa became ill with a disease that caused damage to her spinal cord. Her husband explored searched for a remedy but found none. Then, Hawa registered at the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centre. With the support of PWS&D, the CBR program provided Hawa with a tricycle and wheelchair, plus business training and access to start-up capital for a small business. This helped Hawa's mobility and with her business expanding there are new opportunities for her family. Together, we are making a difference.

**Reflection:** Samuel is told that God does not look upon outward appearances but looks upon the heart. Then God chose David, the youngest son of Jesse, to be Israel's next king. We know that as he grew life became very challenging. He was a mixture of great courage and faithfulness—and great sin and failure. What do you suppose God saw and loved in David's heart? What do you think God loves when God looks upon your own heart?

**Readings** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent March 26 : Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6–11; John 11:1–45

**Social Action Spotlight–The Rohingya Refugee Crisis**  
The Rohingya people are a minority ethnic group who have lived for centuries in the western coastal region of Myanmar. Their northern border is adjacent to the neighbouring state of Bangladesh. The Rohingya are Muslims in a country that is overwhelmingly Buddhist. This, along with linguistic and other differences, has led to decades of persecution and marginalization in Myanmar.  
**What can you do?** Learn more about what is needed. [bit.ly/unhcr-rohingya-appeal](http://bit.ly/unhcr-rohingya-appeal); Read Canada's current three-year plan responding to the crisis: [bit.ly/cda-rohingya-crisis-response](http://bit.ly/cda-rohingya-crisis-response); Contact your MP - letter

template letter is available on the Advocacy page of the Social Action Hub: [presbyterian.ca/resources/advocacy](https://presbyterian.ca/resources/advocacy).