## **Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield Dates to note...**

16 April Camp Kintail "Kirk in the Cedars"

17 April Session meeting 9 AM

23 April Marten Dykstra will lead worship

Special music: Roy & Lyn Price, voice & flute

21 May Linda Street, soloist

4 June Kintail Sunday Supper - reserve early!

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**April 21-27 Rev Lisa will be on holiday** to attend the CASC/ACSS conference in New Westminster, BC. The Rev. Theresa McDonald Lee will be available for emergency pastoral care.

**Foodbank** our focus will continue to be cereal, canned tomato, and pasta sauce. Hunger and food security issues persist in our local community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Book Discussion** Starting Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> we will focus on: Shalom Sistas - Living Wholeheartedly in a Brokenhearted World by Osheta Moore and Sarah Bessey. See Rev Lisa for details.

**Book Nook** is a new fundraising initiative on the lower level. Free-will offering! Speak with Judith or Lois for more information.

**Presbyterian and United Church** Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM at Melville Presbyterian Church, Brussels will be an "Afternoon of Music" with showtunes, sacred music, and other great sounds! Free will-offering.

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## **Announcements**

The South Huron Community Choir & Handbells. The choir will present *What a Wonderful World* Cost is \$30. Both start at 7 pm: Fri Apr 28- Exeter United Church Sat Apr 29-Huron Shores United Church, Grand Bend

**Camp Kintail** Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM will be the "Kirk in the Cedars" worship service. A delicious meal to follow!

Sunday May 7th Kintail Sunday Supper is sold out!

Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM will be an outdoor Kintail worship service followed by a BBQ lunch for local congregations. All are invited!

Canadian Foodgrains Bank Tuesday April 25th @ 7 PM, Mary Obiero, the Director of Relief Development and Protection with Church World Services (CWS) is hosting a live webinar and you're invited! Mary is traveling across Canada this month visiting Foodgrains Bank supporters to share her stories of impact. Speak with Rev Lisa on how to register to hear about the work that is happening to help improve the livelihoods of the people of Kenya.

## The Little Red Church

The little Red Church on the corner is fine
The bell at 11 rings out in a chime
The service begins
with a candle aglow
The organ plays softly
"Be still and know"
A message a prayer
some songs sung in rhyme
In that little red church
so friendly and kind

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Mission Moment Apr 16<sup>th</sup> Supported by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, the PCC's *New Beginnings* program facilitates a renewal process that helps congregations discern God's call for their future and create a plan to move forward. With the help of the program, the rural congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, in southwestern Ontario successfully brought their church community closer together and found new ways to reach out to their neighbours, such as through a partnership with a local charity called Harvest Bowl, which collects vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away and repurposes the ingredients to create dry soup mixes for distribution to food banks and shelters.

**Reflection Apr 16<sup>th</sup>** According to the gospel, Christ's wounds were not erased by the resurrection. In fact, he invites Thomas and the other disciples to touch his wounds to bring the disciples back to faith. How might we in the church use our wounds to help others come to faith?

**Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Readings** 1 Samuel 1:1-20, 27, 28; 3:1 Psalm 28

Mission Moment Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> In Malawi, poor, overused soil and low rainfall have made it difficult for Elena to farm her fields. As a single mother, Elena is the breadwinner of her family. A healthy crop yield is essential to her livelihood and being able to provide for them, so Elena decided to participate in a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project, which taught farmers conservation agriculture techniques to conserve and improve their soil and better retain moisture. "My yields improved immediately in the second season. I plan to extend the cultivation area with the manure application and hope to have a good crop stand. This will increase access to food for my family and to financial resources to cater to other basic household needs," said Elena. Today, she teaches fellow farmers in her community about the benefits of conservation agriculture.

**Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Readings** Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10