#### **MISSION MOMENT**

August 6<sup>th</sup> - In Malawi, Alifonsina Banda, a 26-year-old mother, took part in vocational skills training through the PWS&D-supported Every Girl Empowered project. Despite the long-standing perception in her community that electronics courses are not for girls, Alifonsina challenged herself and enrolled in the electronics course. Since completing the class, she has repaired phones, installed satellite dishes, and worked as an electrician, earning a sustainable income from her business. "After the course, I had the most wonderful festive season in my life. I may not be able to remember how much money I made, but I had a client almost every day," she shares. In the future, Alifonsina plans to open an electronics shop to sell spare parts and is thankful that the Every Girl Empowered project has given her a lifelong opportunity to improve the financial opportunities for herself and her family.

**Reflection August 6**th "Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak" (Gen. 32:24). Why do you think God allows times of struggle in our lives? How have times of struggle affected your walk with God? How does your relationship with God affect your view of overwhelming problems in the world, such as hunger, poverty, violence, or injustice? The disciples were amazed at Jesus' feeding of the multitudes. How have you seen him make a way when there was no way?

#### August 13th Readings

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28; Psalm 85:8–13; Romans 10:5–15; Matthew 14:22–33

# **KNOX CAFE**



The cafe is breaking for the summer months of July and August. See you in September!

## **CAMP KINTAIL**

**July 30 "Kirk in the Cedars"** Worship service @ 4 PM . with a delicious meal to follow.

**September 10** Kintail Sunday Supper held the first Sunday of the month. This delicious buffet is \$25 per Adult and \$12 per Youth.. Reserve your seat today!:.

- phone 519-529-7317
- email: admin@campkintail.ca
- https://www.campkintail.ca/sunday-supper/



#### **KNOX BOOK DISCUSSION**

We meet on the lower level of the church on Mondays at 12 noon. The reading is a launching point for our discussions. Our current focus is *Shalom Sistas - Living* 

Wholeheartedly in a Brokenhearted World by Osheta Moore and Sarah Bessey. All are welcome to join!

## THE LITTLE RED CHURCH

Written by Marten Dykstra, 2023

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

# **Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield**

The little church, with a great big heart!



# Weekly Announcements

#### DATES TO NOTE

30 July	Kintail Kirk in the Cedars Service 4 PM
13 August	Rev Elwin Garland will lead worship
20 August	Anniversary Sunday worship & lunch
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10 Sept, Kintail Sunday Supper24 Sept. Flautist Jan Searle

August 13 Rev Elwin Garland will lead worship.

**August 20 Anniversary Sunday** with the Rev Dr. Stephen Farris, guest preacher, Rev Lisa and the harpist ensemble. There will be lunch following the service. More details coming soon!

June 30th Offering / Expense Update The June financial reports: income \$5,396; expenses \$6,291; year-to-date deficit \$1,702. Your generosity is appreciated!

The Bayfield Area Food Bank focus will be on children's snack items / juice boxes etc., and canned fruit. Of course, all non-perishable donations are welcome. Did you know the Bayfield Area Food Bank now has a dedicated phone number and email? Please call and/or email:

- 519-525-8286
- bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com

#### **ISRAEL TRIP**

October 20-28 2024 Atwood Presbyterian Church members Ernie Naylor and Lynn Kerr are planning a trip to Israel. The Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield are invited to join!! This all-inclusive trip is at a cost of \$6285 per person. Soon, an information night will be hosted at Atwood Presbyterian. For more information, please contact Ernie Naylor:

- 226-622-3096
- ernienaylor1@gmail.com

#### **JULY SOCIAL ACTION SPOTLIGHT**

Housing Equity For All! Health, social and economic wellbeing diminish when housing is unstable. It is necessary to re-frame how we think about housing in order to attain housing equity for all. A safe and adequate home is a right for all people. Our society is collectively responsible for building a just foundation so that no one faces housing insecurity. There are steps we can take to advocate for this just foundation. What can you do?

- → Advocate that adequate housing is a human right.
- → Get involved and support cooperative / social housing initiatives.
- → Speak with Rev Lisa to join in the letter campaigns to elected officials:
  - www.presbyterian.ca/resources/advocacy

# **AUGUST SOCIAL ACTION SPOTLIGHT**

Systemic Economic Inequality Poverty in Canada and across the globe continues to seriously impact the lives and well-being of many. According to Statistics Canada, 7.4% of Canadians lived in poverty in 2021, which was up from 6.4% in 2020. The causes of poverty are complex, but a major factor is systemic economic inequality. Too often our narratives about poverty blame those who are struggling, rather than looking at the systems that reinforce inequality. Charity helps people "get back on their feet" but does not address the underlying structural problems. To break the cycle, structural change is needed. What can you do?

→ Learn more! Access Citizens for Public Justice's most recent resource on poverty trends in Canada: www.cpj.ca/category/research-poverty-in-canada

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Presbyterian in Blantyre Synod and other churches. The distance learning program is open to anyone who wants to study the Bible and theology. It has opened doors for women and working church leaders who want to deepen their biblical and theological knowledge and be better equipped to serve. During these challenging times, the Rev. Chimwemwe Mitengo, Executive Director, is thankful for the PCC's continued partnership and support through Presbyterians Sharing.

#### Reflection July 23rd

What does it mean to wait with patience for the coming reign of God?

**July 30th Readings** Genesis 29:15–28 and Psalm 105:1–11, 45b Romans 8:26–39; Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

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**August 6<sup>th</sup> Readings** Genesis 32:22–31 and Psalm 17:1–7, 15;Isaiah 55:1–5; Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21; Romans 9:1–5: Matthew 14:13–21