

Reflection August 13th Why did Jesus send the disciples ahead while he stayed to pray alone? How do times of turmoil and anxiety affect your trust in God? After Jesus caught Peter in the water, was Jesus' question, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" a reproach? When we are facing great difficulty, do we doubt God's power? Do we doubt ourselves? Can you recall other biblical stories, or a story from your own life, when God reached out to rescue or to overcome doubt and fear with the gift of increased faith?

August 20th Readings:

Isaiah 43:10-21; Psalm 103:1-14; Philippians 3:2-14

MISSION MOMENT

August 20th - On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.

August 27th Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Did you know...The bible is available online:

→ www.biblegateway.com

CAMP KINTAIL

August 27 "Kirk in the Cedars" Worship service 4 PM with a delicious meal to follow.



KNOX BOOK DISCUSSION

We meet on the lower level of the church on Mondays at 12 noon (excluding holidays). The reading is a launching point for our discussions. Our current focus is

Shalom Sistas - Living Wholeheartedly in a Brokenhearted World by Osheta Moore. All are welcome to join!

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Your prayer requests can be shared in several ways. Please contact Rev Lisa, or leave a note in the prayer box at the entrance to the sanctuary or in the offering plate.

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Weekly Announcements

DATES TO NOTE

7 August	Rev Lisa on holiday Aug 7-13
13 August	Rev Elwin Garland will lead worship
20 August	Anniversary Sunday worship & lunch
27 August	Muriel Manley Pianist
27 August	Kintail Kirk in the Cedars Service 4 PM
24 September	Jan Searle Flautist
01 October	World Communion Sunday
22 October	Marten Dykstra will lead worship

Sunday August 20th Anniversary Celebration

Rev Dr. Stephen Farris, guest preacher, will join Rev Lisa and Martha Lawrance and her harpist ensemble. A potluck lunch will follow service. Knox Bayfield will supply a cold meat platter and a cake for dessert to celebrate this special occasion! Please bring your favourite salad to help complete the meal.

Wednesday September 27th Presbytery Dinner 5:30 PM

Knox Bayfield has the privilege of serving supper to members of Huron Perth Presbytery. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet with members of Presbytery. Volunteers are needed! Please speak with Brenda, Jim Thompson and Deb Cosford. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Thursday September 28th The Ontario Fire Marshall announced September 28 as the national "**Test your smoke alarm day**"!

Share your voice! There are many opportunities to participate in worship. Please speak with Rev Lisa.

The Bayfield Area Food Bank focus will be on children's snack items / juice boxes etc., and canned fruit. 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

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

HOUSING EQUITY FOR ALL

Health, social and economic wellbeing diminish when housing is unstable. There are steps we can take to advocate for cooperative / social housing initiatives. **Please join the discussion held most Mondays 1:15-2 PM** (excluding holidays).

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:
presbyterian.ca/resources/advocacy

MISSION MOMENT

August 6th - 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 6th

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

MISSION MOMENT

August 13th - Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories know that Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) don't have much power to stop the occupation. But they are grateful for the protective presence of EAs at checkpoints, refugee camps, schools and remote villages where shepherds watch their flocks. In response to an appeal from local church leaders, the World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Jeanie Lee recently served three months in Bethlehem, witnessing life under occupation, monitoring human rights violations, and listening to stories of Palestinians to share with Canadians upon her return.