

MISSION MOMENT

September 3rd - Parbati Damai lives in Nepal with a spinal cord injury she endured after falling down a hill three years ago. During that time, her family took her to the local hospital for emergency treatment, where she underwent multiple surgeries and started using a wheelchair. However, with her husband and sons working during the day, she was often left at home in her wheelchair for 10 to 14 hours daily, causing pressure sores to develop on her body. Parbati's local health facility couldn't provide her with the help she needed, so they referred her to the Green Pastures Hospital for further treatment. There, with the support of PWS&D's partner, she received treatment and counselling free of charge. Parbati hopes to complete her treatment and return home soon.

Reflection September 3rd - What does it mean for me to take up my cross and follow Jesus? How do I practice that in my daily life? How is the cross I am asked to bear related to the cross of Jesus?

September 10th Readings: Exodus 12:1–14 and Psalm 149; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20

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September 10th - Pakistan is the world's third-largest refugee host country, accommodating over a million Afghans who fled their homes due to war, internal conflict, insecurity and persecution. The poorest refugees lack sufficient access to necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and health care. Another need expressed by Afghan refugees is for their children to be able to access schooling. PWS&D is responding to this need by providing a digital learning facility where Afghan refugee children and young women can access virtual education in place of traditional schools. The Digital Learning Center is one way of supporting those who have already lost so much. It is planting the seeds for current and future success for children and young women who would otherwise be entirely out of school.

Reflection September 10th - The passage from Matthew (18:15–20) is concerned with church discipline in a time of conflict. The focus, however, is not on punishment or blame, but on listening and talking through what has divided or offended so that forgiveness and reconciliation may be accomplished. Does your church have a prescribed way of working through difficulty and division? Has there been a time in your congregation's life or in your own life when conflict or an offense caused breaks in relationship? How might this reading from Matthew have helped that situation? How does the commandment to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves inform our handling of disagreement and division?

September 17th Readings: Exodus 14:19–31 and Psalm 114 OR Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21 OR Genesis 50:15–21 and Psalm 103:(1–7), 8–13; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35



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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Announcements Sunday August 27th

DATES TO NOTE

27 August Muriel Manley Pianist / Membership Service
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
29 October Peter Nijp will lead worship
05 November Marten Dykstra will lead worship

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"**!

The Bayfield Area Food Bank focus is on soup, crackers, peanut butter and jam.. Of course, all non-perishable donations are welcome. **The Bayfield Area Food Bank** has a dedicated phone number and email. Please call and/or email:

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

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

- www.biblegateway.com



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 on the offering plate.

.Are you curious about membership in this congregation of Knox Bayfield? Please share your questions with Rev Lisa.



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

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 most recent resource on poverty trends in Canada:
www.cpj.ca/category/research-poverty-in-canada



LOST?

Use God's GPS: God's Plan for Salvation!

Please remember to bring your used postage stamps, unwanted eye glasses, empty egg cartons, and clean outer milk bags (wash/dry first!) into church. So many ways to help others and reduce our landfill waste. Thank you!

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August 27th --St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, has a long history of responding to the gospel of God's love in Christ through acts of kindness and care for their neighbours. One of the many ways that they live out this mission is through a knitting ministry that produces hundreds of hats as well as mitts and booties for newborns at the local hospital. And the ministry is growing! Another church has recently joined in their mission, allowing them to expand and provide baby sweaters, slippers and booties to several groups that serve the tiniest members of the community. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support St. Matthew's in its ministry.

Reflection August 27th When have you succeeded in resisting the forces that seek to conform us to the world? How has that felt like "spiritual worship"? What are the ways you most readily answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?" In Romans 12:1-8, Paul urges us not to be conformed to the world's standards, but to be transformed and renewed by God's will. Is there an area of your life that is in need of transformation and renewal? Reflect and pray this week, asking God to show what God wills for you in this area of your life. Paul goes on to name a variety of gifts that members of the church have been given, all of which contribute to the overall functioning of the body (the church). Is there a gift in that list which you possess? Which one? How are you making use of that gift among God's people? Is there someone in your church or in your life who shares a particular gift of the Spirit faithfully? This week, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that person and for any others who use their gifts to enhance your life or the life of your worshipping community.

September 3rd Readings: Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28