

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, a time to celebrate the impact our church's mission and ministry programs are having across Canada and around the world. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action.

**Reflection September 24<sup>th</sup>** - In Matthew 20:1–16, what is the landowner's motivation for paying the workers the same wages? When has God provided for you?

**October 1<sup>st</sup> Readings:** Exodus 17:1–7 and Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16; Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32

## MISSION MOMENT

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** - Sunday, October 1 Hummingbird Ministries, one of the Indigenous ministries supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, is committed to bringing peace and healing to Indigenous families living in BC's lower mainland. Led by The Rev. Mary Fontaine, Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, the ministry helps to restore hope by offering regular healing circles, working with the community in art and celebration, and providing educational and healing workshops, Bible studies, children's art and music programs. The ministry has also recently embarked on a journey to gather the wisdom and teachings of Indigenous elders through a series of interviews, reviving and preserving their treasured stories for generations to come.

**Reflection October 1<sup>st</sup>** - What does it mean to do the will of God? Has God ever shown up in the middle of your complaining? When have you been wandering in a "wilderness of sin"? The tax collectors and prostitutes recognized God's righteousness in John the Baptist and Jesus, while the religious authorities (the elders) did not. Do you know of any comparable examples today?

**October 8<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Harvest Sunday: Deuteronomy 8:7–18 and Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6–15; Luke 17:11–19



## 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!

The Presbyterian Connection newspaper unites Presbyterians across Canada through stories, reflections, interviews and articles that allow us to share and develop our faith. It is distributed four times per year, free of charge.



- [presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection/](https://presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection/)
- or contact the National Church Office at **1-800-619-7301 ext. 243** to set up a free paper subscription.



### Bayfield Activities Website Calendar -

Did you know that Knox Presbyterian is on the Bayfield Activities Website Calendar? As you know, Bayfield is a vibrant, active community in Huron County. Many varied activities, geared to all ages, are run by local volunteers. Check out the calendar for community event information including our "little church" Knox Presbyterian:

- <https://www.bayfieldactivities.info/>

### Bayfield Breeze Highlight:

- **Sept 19 Bill Whetstone's Councilor's Corner** Discussion about proposed **Bedrock Energy** project; plus updates on **Short Term Rentals** bylaw and the Speed Reduction Pilot Project. 6:30 p.m. Bayfield Community Centre.

# Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield

*The little church,  
with a great big heart!*



## Announcements Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>

## DATES TO NOTE

24 September Jan Searle Flautist  
01 October World Communion Sunday  
Sandwich lunch to follow service  
22 October Marten Dykstra will lead worship  
29 October Peter Nijp will lead worship  
Soloist Peter Postill  
05 November Marten Dykstra will lead worship

### **Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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:

- **519-525-8286**
- [bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com)

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

- [www.biblegateway.com](http://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.



## LOST?

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



**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](http://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](http://www.cpj.ca/category/research-poverty-in-canada)



**Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>** - Sandwich lunch to follow service! All are welcome.



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

## MISSION MOMENT

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** - For the five congregations that comprise the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, 'church' goes well beyond someone's physical presence in the building on Sunday morning. Over the past year, they have asked themselves, "How do we reach out to those in our community and meet them where their needs are greatest?" Each congregation faces a wide diversity of social and economic challenges in their communities, including drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment and food insecurity. A common thread that unites their communities despite distance: people are searching for acceptance and help. The congregations are working to meet these needs through compassion and care.

**Reflection September 17<sup>th</sup>** Forgiveness is a hard thing. When has someone forgiven you? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness for? Why is my forgiveness of others so connected to God's forgiveness? Is every sin forgivable?

**September 24<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Exodus 16:2–15 and Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16

## MISSION MOMENT

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** - New church development. Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today is