

As people of faith, we respond to Christ's call to walk with the distressed and marginalized, work towards equality, the restoration of human dignity, peace, and care for God's creation. Together, we are working towards a sustainable, compassionate and just world.

**February 11<sup>th</sup> Readings:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

**Huron Perth Public Health launched COVID-19 vaccination clinics** for "high-risk" individuals including the general population. For assistance in booking an appointment, please call the **Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre:**

- Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)
- 8:30 AM - 5 PM (EST)
- Toll-free 1-833-943-3900
- Toll-free "Talk-to-you" (TTY) 1-866-797-0007



**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.

\*NOTE: the book club will not meet on Jan 29 & Feb 5

**The Heritage Conservation District Plan for Bayfield Main Street N. and Clan Gregor Square** is currently being updated and people will have a chance to join in on the conversation on February 7-8. There are three purposes for updating the Heritage Conservation District Plan:

- **Confirm the boundaries of the Study Area.** Which properties should be included as part of the district?
- **Update the design direction.** What specific elements contribute to the district?
- **Clarify the process for property owners** both residential and commercial for changes to their building's structure, or should a building be proposed for demolition.

The project consultants, ERA Architects and GSP Group, will be in Bayfield on Feb. 7-8 to gain community input on the Heritage Conservation District Plan. Members of the public are invited to drop by the Trinity St James Anglican Church Parish Hall, 10 Keith Crescent in Bayfield, and provide their input. An Open House style format will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon and on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 2-4 p.m. A formal presentation and an opportunity for questions will be offered on Feb. 7 from 6-8 p.m.

For further information, visit: [Bayfield Heritage Conservation District Plan](#) or email [heritage@municipalityofbluewater.ca](mailto:heritage@municipalityofbluewater.ca).



**Check out the Bayfield Activities Website Calendar!** Looking for what is happening now in the village? Look no further than the Bayfield Activities Calendar for community event information including our "little church" Knox Presbyterian. People are invited to refer to this website to learn what activities, from Pickleball to Mahjong, are happening and when: → <https://www.bayfieldactivities.info/>

**Bayfield Breeze Highlight:**

- **The "Coffee & Chat" group at the Bayfield Branch Library** has reconvened following a summer break. The group meets in the Bayfield Library Meeting Room every Tuesday from 2-3:30 p.m. until the end of June. There is no need to register for this program. Just show up and be prepared for some lively discussion!
- **Huron Hospice is offering three sessions in support of people navigating loss:**
  - ◆ **Women who have lost a life partner are invited** to come and check out WINGS (Women In New Growth Stages) where women support each other. The sessions will be offered on Tuesdays from now until February 27
  - ◆ **Men who have lost their life partner are invited** to attend "Sharing the Load" sessions on Thursdays from January 11 to February 29
  - ◆ **A Grief Recovery Support Group is also being held** on Wednesdays through to February 28.

For more information on all three of these groups, please contact Sally Brodie, coordinator of Loss, Grief and Bereavement at Huron Hospice **519- 525-6331** or email [sally.brodie@huronhospice.ca](mailto:sally.brodie@huronhospice.ca)

- **Gentle Flow Yoga at the Bayfield Community Centre** and Arena is held on Tuesdays at 9 a.m during January. Drop-ins are welcome to attend for a fee of \$10 / person. For more information please contact Shannon **519-404-5199** email [shannon@saintongealliance.com](mailto:shannon@saintongealliance.com).

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Please note the Reverend Lisa will be on holiday from January 24 to February 6 inclusive.

# Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield

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



Knox Presbyterian Church  
Bayfield, Ontario

## Announcements January 2024

## **DATES TO NOTE**

24 Jan - 6 Feb	Rev Lisa on holiday
28 January	Marten Dykstra leads service
4 February	Elwin Garland leads service
4 February	1st Sunday of the month - Chili lunch to follow Service. All are welcome!
14 February	Ash Wednesday



### **Directory for Knox Presbyterian Bayfield Church.**

Thanks to all that have returned their completed forms for the creation of a Church Directory for our Knox Presbyterian Bayfield Church family. **A first draft of the Directory will be provided soon for you to proofread and sign-off on your information.** Our Directory will be a valuable resource that will allow us to stay connected with one another by putting names to faces alongside our information. We hope our Directory will encourage relationships, continue to foster our family-like feel, and stay connected no matter what the circumstances; such important goals for most congregations. But personal connections can't happen if people are strangers! **A photo helps us all, especially newcomers as they learn names and people's roles.** Please consider including your picture. Teresa will gladly help with this.



### **Your prayer requests can be shared in several ways.**

Contact Rev Lisa, or drop a note in the prayer box at the sanctuary entrance or on the offering plate.

**Please remember to bring your clean outer milk bags** that have been previously washed and dried, used stamps, empty egg cartons and eyeglasses into church for reuse and upcycling.



### **Your Generosity Is Changing Lives - The Bayfield Area Food**

Bank's focus is currently on children's snack items particularly for school lunches, peanut butter, cereals, soups, crackers, beans, pasta and canned fruit. **Additionally, monetary donations are most welcome** as this enables the volunteers to purchase specialty items for those on their list with dietary needs and/or restrictions such as celiac, diabetes, gluten intolerance, food allergies or sensitivities, and disease management. Did you know you can e-transfer your gift? For more information on how you can help please contact the Bayfield Area Food Bank's dedicated phone number and/or email:

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

### **We are pleased to announce the winners of the silent auction!**

Our church's silent auction fundraiser during the month of December was a super success. The auction featured a beautiful 60" x 80" quilt pieced by Judith Roy and long arm quilted by Teresa Jantzi, as well as two bird houses: the Condo and the Cottage, both designed and created by Peter Nijp. The successful bidders of the birdhouses were **Susanne Carter**, who won the Condo birdhouse, and **Pieter VanMeekeren**, who won the Cottage birdhouse. The successful bidder of the Wind and Waves quilt was **Carolyn Off**.



**We congratulate our winners and extend our sincerest thanks** for their support and for the interest and support of all those that bid in our auction. From our big hearts to yours we thank you!

### **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 after Service most Sundays at 12:30 PM. 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)



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

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

**Cost Of Housing Survey - Share Your Story. United Way Perth** Huron (UWPH)'s Social Research and Planning Council (SRPC) are surveying Perth and Huron residents to learn how they are being affected. Open during January, the survey offers individuals and families a chance to share how they have been impacted by the current crisis. The [online survey](#) is anonymous and only takes about seven minutes. Have your voice heard!

- <https://perthhuron.unitedway.ca/cost-of-housing/>

## **MISSION MOMENT**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

**Reflection January 21<sup>st</sup>** Psalm 62 ends by saying, "God, you repay to all according to their work." Some of us may find that statement unsettling. Would you rather have God treat you with the payment you deserve or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

**January 28<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Mark 1:21–28

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**January 28<sup>th</sup>** In Nepal, Nirba struggled with an undiagnosed skin condition that kept her inside. In addition to her health struggles, Nirba grappled with financial instability. Because she couldn't afford medical assistance, Nirba borrowed money from friends and relatives. Thanks to a clinic set up by the International Nepal Fellowship (a PWS&D partner), Nirba was able to meet with a dermatologist, receive a diagnosis of leprosy and begin treatment. The clinic's support also provided financial aid for Nirba's child's education. Nirba expressed profound gratitude for this assistance as it not only helped her son but her own health situation as well.

**February 4<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Isaiah 40:21–31; Psalm 147:1–11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39

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**February 4<sup>th</sup>** For decades, Presbyterian World Service & Development has faithfully dedicated itself to serving those in need across the globe. In collaboration with our valued partners, PWS&D is actively contributing to positive transformation within our global community. From responding to emergencies to helping families and communities access nutritious food, clean water, adequate health care and quality education, PWS&D is helping people thrive.