

February 25th Readings: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:23–31; Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38, 9:2–9

MISSION MOMENT

February 25th “We really appreciate the program, as we are in dire need to keep the education going for our kids,” shared a grateful parent. For Afghan children who sought refuge in Pakistan, education is often out of reach because they are not nationals. PWS&D supports the Digital Learning Center in Peshawar, which provides out-of-school children and adults with basic digital literacy classes, high school courses and tutoring sessions that aim to help a total of 520 students. Students and their family members are benefiting from the Darakht-e Danesh Library, which provides free and open educational resources on such topics as math, language, business and the sciences. Students access classes both in English and Dari/Farsi, equipping them with essential skills and providing hope for those who have lost so much, broadening their opportunities for the future.

Reflection February 25th Jesus asks his disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him. How do you practice self-denial for the sake of the gospel? Is every instance of self-denial an act of obedience to Jesus? Can some forms of self-denial foster oppression and other harms?

March 3rd Readings: Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22



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

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." (Andy Rooney)



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 Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA)** welcomes all to a Family Day hike on the Varna Nature Trails on **Monday, Feb. 19. Starting at 10 a.m.** This hike will have options for an easy 1 km hike on the Taylor Trail or a continuation onto Mavis’ Trail which is 2.5 km. Meet and park at the Varna Community Complex, 5 km east of Bayfield on the Mill Road. For more information contact Ralph Blasting at 519 525-3205 or email rjblastingjr@gmail.com.
- **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

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Good news! In a few weeks, we set our clocks forward, marking the beginning of Daylight Savings Time for 2024. This year it begins on **Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. local time.** Remember to “spring forward” and adjust all your clocks ahead one hour.

Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield

The little church, with a great big heart!



Announcements February 2024

DATES TO NOTE

11 February	Communion Sunday
14 February	Ash Wednesday
18 February	Peter Postill musical guest
10 March	Congregational Pancake lunch All are welcome!
10 March	Roy Price musical guest
10 March	Daylight Savings time starts



Directory for Knox Presbyterian Bayfield Church

Thanks to all that reviewed and signed off on their information in the first draft! **New listings will be drafted and provided soon for reviewing and sign-off.** 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 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

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

→ www.biblegateway.com



Presbyterians Read For Lent!

The Presbyterians Read selection this Lent invites Knox Bayfield church to reflect on the work of the 14th Century Christian mystic, Julian of Norwich. Using Lisa E. Dunhill's

40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich, readers will be guided through different sections such as **'Biblical Wisdom', 'Questions to Ponder', 'Psalm Fragments', 'Journal Reflections'** exercises and prayers to encounter Jesus.

The Rev. Dr. Emily Bisset will facilitate sharing online. At least weekly, during Lent and a few times in advance of Ash Wednesday on February 14, Emily will post on Facebook thoughts, suggestions for further reading and devotion, encouragement and additional questions to consider. Posts may be the catalyst for participants to share ideas, questions and to enter into discussion with people beyond their reading group and across the church. **Join the Presbyterians Read Facebook group:**

→ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2397226327195079>

As part of the Presbyterians Read series, **the PCC offers an accompanying journal** you can order (free) or download and print for your reflections. **40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich** is available from major booksellers in print, including the [Village Bookstore in Bayfield.](#)

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

Open Call for Photos: Planting Seeds of Hope

The National Church is asking for high-resolution photos taken horizontally (not portrait but rather landscape) for use in the **2025 calendar, the newspaper and other resources.** The photos should depict how we, in the PCC, see the reign of God growing in the world as seeds of hope and potential. The photo submission form can be found here:

→ <https://form.jotform.com/220324249628960>

MISSION MOMENT

February 11th In response to an invitation from Palestinian Christians, the PCC (through Presbyterians Sharing) sent Robyn Ahn (St. Andrew's, Barrie) and Urwah Rasool (Unionville PC, ON) to Palestine/Israel through the Journey for Justice program hosted by the PCC's partner, Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA. With 23 other young people, they experienced the daily life of Palestinian youth, listening to their stories and seeing first-hand how occupying measures impacted them. It was an unforgettable, eye-opening experience for Robyn and Urwah.

Reflection February 11th The Tanakh reading presents Elijah as a "new Moses"—striking the Jordan with his mantle and causing its waters to part so that he and Elisha could pass through on dry ground. The Gospel reading builds on this comparison by placing Moses and Elijah together at Jesus' transfiguration. Also, there is a parent-child dynamic in these passages. Elisha asks to receive a "double share" of Elijah's spirit—the inheritance of a firstborn son. At the transfiguration, God's voice from the cloud bestows on Jesus the mantle of divine authority: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" What do these relationships suggest to you? How do they help you to understand the transfiguration of Jesus? How is Jesus a fulfillment of the law and the prophets? How is Jesus revealed to be God's Son, and what does that mean for us?

February 18th Readings: Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15

MISSION MOMENT

February 18th Two-year-old Moriama Safianu has a congenital deformity linked to hydrocephalus. Born into a poor family in northern Ghana, Moriama faced the heavy burden of social stigma, prompting her parents to keep her indoors to shield her from the community's hurtful judgments. Things changed when she was identified for support during a community survey conducted by a community rehabilitation program. The dedicated staff referred her to the Garu Presbyterian Health Centre for specialized care. The staff at Garu also worked with Moriama's community to address the stigma she had been facing. Moriama's mother expressed her profound gratitude: "I am immensely thankful to the CBR program and PWS&D for coming to our aid. Thanks to your intervention, Moriama is no longer subjected to stigma from the community members."