

## MISSION MOMENT

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** In Malawi, Madalitso Mphamba, a determined 16-year-old, once doubted she would ever have the chance to attend secondary school. When Madalitso's mother fell seriously ill and had to give up her job, they moved in with family for support. At first, Madalitso's grandma's beer brewing venture was thriving and played a crucial role in supporting her primary school education. However, Madalitso's grandmother eventually had to stop this business, and the family could no longer afford to send Madalitso to school. With help from PWS&D, the Blantyre Synod Education Department's Neno scholarship program allowed Madalitso to re-enroll, enabling her to dream of a brighter future.

**Reflection March 31<sup>s</sup>** Paul's claim about Christ Jesus in 1 Corinthians 15 is a creed: Christ died, was buried, was raised, and appeared to many disciples and to Paul. Paul writes, "by the grace of God I am what I am" (v. 10). If you were to say those words of yourself, what would it mean that everything about you—all you are and have done—is "by the grace of God"? Where is God's grace evident in your life today?

**April 7<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31



**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!

### Check out the Bayfield Activities Website Calendar

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/>



Follow us on [YouTube!](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/@knoxpresbyterianbayfield8661>



As a member of a faith community, *For the Love of Creation* invites you to **Give it Up for the Earth!** during Lent. The Lenten campaign invites you to consider three actions:

- Making a pledge to reduce your personal and household greenhouse gas emissions.
- Commit to embracing eco-spirituality
- Add your voice! Send a letter to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, urging him to set more ambitious climate action targets
  - ◆ <https://cpj.ca/minister-quilbeault-will-you-give-it-up-for-the-earth/>

### Camp Kintail - Accessibility Seminar

**Saturday April 6, 10 AM - 3 PM / \$30 / Lunch included**

Workshop Leader Julie Sawchuck, of Sawchuck Accessible Solutions, will be coming to Camp Kintail to answer questions that congregations like ours could be asking: How do we make our aging church buildings more accessible? Which resources should be guiding our decisions? We know we want to improve, but where do we start? All are welcome to enjoy a day at Kintail with all-day refreshment and a delicious lunch. Please contact Camp Kintail to RSVP by April 3 @ 519-529-7317 or email [admin@cmpkintail.ca](mailto:admin@cmpkintail.ca). If you would like to attend but perhaps find the cost prohibitive, please speak with Rev Lisa.

### Camp Kintail - Speaker Series Transplaining

**Wednesday May 1, 10 AM - 4 PM / \$30 / Lunch included**

Camp Kintail has invited speakers from Transplaining to help congregations learn more and support members of the 2SLGBTQIA + community in their places of worship. Sessions will include: 2SLGBTQIA + Inclusion for faith leaders and church members; understanding the cultural landscape 2SLGBTQIA + people face; recommendations for 2SLGBTQIA + inclusion in faith-based spaces. The speaker series will take place at Camp Kintail with all-day refreshment and a delicious lunch. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Camp Kintail to RSVP by April 26 @ 519-529-7317 or email [admin@cmpkintail.ca](mailto:admin@cmpkintail.ca). If you would like to attend but perhaps find the cost prohibitive, please speak with Rev Lisa



# Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield

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with a great big heart!*



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## Announcements March 2024

## DATES TO NOTE

|          |                                    |
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| 24 March | Roy Price musical guest            |
| 28 March | Maundy Thursday                    |
| 29 March | Good Friday 11 AM service          |
| 30 March | Holy Saturday                      |
| 31 March | Easter Sunday                      |
| 06 April | Camp Kintail Accessibility Seminar |
| 01 May   | Camp Kintail - Speaker Series      |

**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**

There are currently 35 households accessing the food bank for a total of 80 people on a monthly basis, with 23 of these people being children and teens. The Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) has been providing snack packs for children in their distribution, consisting of granola bars, crackers, tuna/cracker packages, juice boxes, oatmeal packets, hot chocolate, and fruit.

*"We now have run out of these snacks and would really appreciate your support in helping children in our community," said Claire Trepanier, president of the BAFB.*

There are also options available to support BAFB with a monetary gift. An e-transfer can be made through BAFB's gmail account listed below, cheques can be mailed to: Bayfield Area Food Bank, 10 Keith Cres., Bayfield, ON, N0M 1G0. or a donation can be received on-line through the [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) website.

- [bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com)
- **BAFB, 10 Keith Cres, Bayfield [519-525-8286]**
- [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)



**Sam Robinson, son of Heather & Mike,** recently won a Youth in Action grant sponsored by the Perth Huron United Way to create a microscope lending program through the Huron County Library. Sam is shown here with his project supervisor Avery Greaves from the Bayfield Branch Library. Congratulations Sam!



**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 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](http://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>



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

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

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**March 17<sup>th</sup>** For hundreds of years, roads have been providing important networks of connection and community. Not only in a physical sense, but by creating equal access to vital places like schools, churches and hospitals, and fostering a sense of community. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Life and Mission Agency and the Band Council on Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan are working together to create a road system through the reserve that will connect Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church with the rest of the community. In turn, it will open up the possibilities of new ministry opportunities by bringing together the community and creating a sense of hope and connectedness.

**Reflection March 17<sup>th</sup>** God is at work offering forgiveness, showing mercy, and giving knowledge of life, death, and salvation. Where is God enacting that new life within or around you? What in your life must die so that you may flourish? What must fall away so that you can rise again in Christ?

**March 24<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Mark 14:1–15:47

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**March 24<sup>th</sup>** Following Christ's example to care for the broken-hearted and those crushed in spirit, Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre provides care and support for people who have endured intergenerational trauma and profound loss and grief in their lives. The centre promotes healthy grieving practices that include sharing circles and memorial fires, creating a safe space for a time of prayer, sharing sorrow and mourning the loss of loved ones. The community has come to value the importance of the sacred fire teachings and the warmth and comfort it offers, welcoming all to come just as they are.

**Reflection March 24<sup>th</sup>** The passion of Christ is a story of terror in which love wins. How might this story re-shape your week, your life, our world? Where will you commit to letting love win? How will this change your life?

**Good Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16–25; 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42  
**Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> Readings:** Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18