

How does understanding feed your faith? In the coming week, take note of one new understanding that comes to you from something you hear or read or realize through another person.

**April 21<sup>st</sup> Readings:** Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18

### MISSION MOMENT

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** In the Kushkak village in Afghanistan, 42-year-old Guljan lived a simple life with her husband and four children until one day in October 2023, when an earthquake struck their village. Guljan lost her husband and 11-year-old son. After the disaster, she encountered significant challenges in getting assistance due to the gender disparities present in her village. However, PWS&D's partner recognized her needs and provided Guljan's family with a winterized tent to help endure the harsh weather conditions. PWS&D provided food assistance, as well as other support after the earthquake to help people survive the winter challenges.

**Reflection April 21<sup>s</sup>** What does it mean to lay down our lives for one another? Think about people who have been "good shepherds" for you, sharing the love and showing the way of Jesus Christ. Who has helped to lead you in the right paths or walked with you in dark valleys? Who has given you comfort and calmed your fears? Who has shown you hospitality and grace, making a place at the table for you, even when you felt surrounded by enemies? How have you done these things for others?

**April 28<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 22:25–31; 1 John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8

### MISSION MOMENT

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** The Reformed Parish in Csap/Chop, a congregation of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia in western Ukraine, has been providing temporary shelter and food for people displaced by the war. Their social kitchen program includes hot food delivery to elderly congregation members who live alone and are unable to cook for themselves. With limited resources, Bishop Zan-Fabian reached out to the PCC for financial support to continue this ministry of care. The PCC provided a grant from Presbyterians Sharing, fulfilling the law of Christ to bear one another's burdens.

**Reflection April 28<sup>th</sup>** What is your deepest desire? Jesus says that "whatever you wish . . . it will be done for you". Spend time in the next days asking yourself at evermore profound levels what you most devoutly wish for in this life and the next. Then ask for it.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17



**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. We will begin *Sensible Shoes - A Story About the Spiritual Journey* by Sharon Garlough Brown at the beginning of May. 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/>



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### 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!*



## Announcements April 2024

## DATES TO NOTE

06 April	Camp Kintail Accessibility Seminar
07 April	Congregational Vegan lunch. All are welcome!
15 April	Book Study will not be taking place
15 April	Session Meeting 10 AM
21 April	Rev Joseph (Joe) Gray will lead worship
22 April	Book Study will not be taking place
28 April	Rev Joseph (Joe) Gray will lead worship
01 May	Camp Kintail - Speaker Series Transplaining

**The Rev Joseph (Joe) Gray will lead worship on April 21 and 28** while Rev Lisa is on study leave (Apr 15 to 29 inclusive). Rev Joe has served in full time Christian ministry for over 35 years Pastoring churches in the United States and Canada. He served as the Canadian National Director for Chosen People Ministries. "Retiring" in 2018 as the Senior Pastor of Grace Church in Scarborough, he has remained active in ministry preaching, teaching and leading tours to Israel. In 2018 he moved with his wife Beth of over 47 years to Bayfield.

### **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)



**Pancake brunch and Schilbe Sugar Bush Tour!** Saturday, April 6, is pancake breakfast time! Volunteers with, and friends of, **Trinity St James Anglican Church**, are joining together to host **The 12th Pancake 'N Sausage Brunch and Schilbe Sugar Bush Tour**. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 12

noon at Pine Lake Campground. On the menu for brunch will be genuine Maple syrup poured over hot pancakes and sausage accompanied by coffee, tea and juice. Visitors can hop on a wagon for a short tractor ride from the campground through Rick and Rusty Schilbe's Sugar Bush to the shanty. Once at their destination they will see first hand how Maple Syrup is produced. **Tickets will be sold at the door: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12; and preschoolers free.** All are welcome!

### **Housing Equity For All**

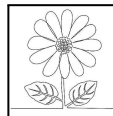
Health, social and economic wellbeing diminish when housing is unstable. There are steps we can take to advocate for cooperative / social housing initiatives. **Please join the discussion held after Service most Sundays at 12:30 PM. What can you do?**

- 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>



### **Bayfield's Communities in Bloom has announced**

that their colour of the year is orange, so if you choose to support the theme, this colour is sure to brighten up your flowerpots. The Bayfield Garden Club (BGC) has another exciting year planned with several garden tours and speakers. Purchasing a \$10 membership will provide you a discount at most garden centres as well as helping to beautify the village. The BCG maintains several gardens in town and is now looking for more volunteers. **Anyone who feels they could spare an hour or two a week to assist, is asked to please call Lori Hill at 519 565-5278.**

## MISSION MOMENT

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** Katia Bien-Aime, a senior nurse and coordinator for a nutrition program in Haiti, recalls a time when a significant number of children failed to return for follow-up care after initial treatment at the nutrition clinic. She knew something needed to be done. In response, PWS&D's partner, who also runs the original clinic, decided to begin mobile clinics. Today, these mobile units have proven successful in bridging the gap and allowing healthcare providers to get closer to their patients, easier follow-ups and enabling the delivery of crucial basic medical care directly to villages and homes. "It worked," Katia says. "We were able to get to the really sick kids faster and earlier." In addition, the mobile units provide tools to make water safe for drinking and to promote better sanitation and hygiene practices.

**Reflection April 7<sup>th</sup>** It was on "the first day of the week" -the same day Jesus rose from the dead (John 20:1)—when the risen Lord appeared to a group of disciples in a locked house and offered them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then, one week later - Jesus came again to the disciples (still shut inside the house), this time allowing Thomas to see and touch his hands and side. Think about the place where you gather for worship on Sunday. Is it open to the surprising presence of Christ and the liberating gifts of the Spirit? If not, does the Spirit still move? Does Jesus show up anyway? Are there times when your questions and doubts grow deeper? Are there times when your faith is strengthened and renewed?

**April 14<sup>th</sup> Readings** :Acts 3:12–19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1–7; Luke 24:36b–48

## MISSION MOMENT

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Two Rivers Church (TRC) in Guelph, Ontario, is exploring creative new ways of being the church. Two values that support their purpose of "inviting all to come alive in Christ" are "face-to-face church" and "every voice matters." These commitments have literally shaped the way the congregation worships God. TRC's Living Room and Liturgical practices invite people into circles and semicircles to be seen and heard. Opportunity for conversation, asking and answering questions, offering testimony, and sharing in discernment of the Spirit's voice creates space for the whole body of Christ at TRC to participate in worship and mission.

**Reflection April 14<sup>th</sup>** When Jesus appeared to the disciples, "he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" . What is it to understand the scriptures" . What is it to "understand" God's word?