

## MISSION MOMENT

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support international partners through leadership development grants. In 2023, the National Council for Higher Education recommended that the position of Assistant Librarian at Zomba Theological University in Malawi should require at least a bachelor's degree. So, the Rev. Dr. Takuze Chitsulo, Vice Chancellor, requested support from the PCC for Assistant Librarian Jane Mwalabu Makupete to upgrade her Diploma in Library Information to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Records Management. Jane was ecstatic and very grateful when she heard of the PCC's support.

**Reflection May 19<sup>th</sup>** In this coming week consider the many ways and through which persons you are shown a new path for your life. Watch for startling nudges or sudden epiphanies; listen for sighs that signal letting go of something pressing so that you can hear the Spirit's guidance. What have you learned? How can you give thanks?

**May 26<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17

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**May 26<sup>th</sup>** Aziza, a mother of four from Pakistan, faced numerous challenges, including a physical disability and the tragic loss of her husband in 2019. Left to support her family as a young widow, Aziza and her eldest son worked tirelessly. Her son earned a small income as a shepherd. Despite their best efforts, the devastating floods of 2022 destroyed their home and village, forcing them to seek refuge in her brother-in-law's house. Aziza struggled to feed her children. In response to the disaster, a local partner, with support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, began a cash assistance project to ensure families could meet their basic food needs. Aziza used the funds wisely, allocating them for immediate needs like wheat flour and groceries.

**Reflection May 26<sup>th</sup>** Jesus invites us to be born from above to receive new and abundant life. Salvation, or abundant life, is understood as a present reality in the Gospel of John. If the gift of God's love made known to us in Christ through the Spirit is stirred up by gratitude, what daily practice could increase your sense of gratitude? How could a simple practice of thanking God at any given moment in the day enliven your experience of salvation?

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings:** Samuel 3:1–10, (11–20) and Psalm 139:1–18 2 Corinthians 4:5–12; Mark 2:23–3:6



**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/>



**Speaker Series - Knox Presbyterian Church**  
Bayfield is hosting a Speaker Series on topics of interest to seniors and their families. Our first session will take place on Sunday June 2 @ 1:30 PM at Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield. Jeanette Sear, Public Education Coordinator at the Alzheimer Society of Huron County, will be our first speaker in the series. The Alzheimer Society offers programs and support services, in communities like Huron County, across Canada. Jeanette will speak on topics such as: education, awareness programs and resources for health care providers on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Learn more about dementia help available in our community today. No cost to attend. Free will offering. All are welcome! This is the first speaker of our line up of individual speakers who will present information over a period of time. The next speaker will be shared in the coming weeks. For more information please speak with Deb Cosford or Rev Lisa.



**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.

Follow us on [YouTube!](#)



**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!



# Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield

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



## Announcements May 2024

## DATES TO NOTE

05 May	Congregational Lunch. All are welcome!
12 May	Mother's Day
13 May	Session Meeting 10 AM
14 May	Maintenance & Finance Committee Mtg 6:30 PM
20 May	Victoria Day Stat Holiday
26 May	Ascension Day - Communion Sunday
02 June	Congregational Lunch. All are welcome!
02 June	Speaker Series 1:30 PM: Alzheimer Society

### **Healing and Reconciliation Sunday 2024**

On Sunday May 26, our worship service will be in observance of Healing and Reconciliation Sunday. This important day was designated by the 2006 General Assembly, recognizing the need for healing and relationship building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. As a church that ran 12 residential schools, we bear a collective responsibility to truth and healing. In the 1980s and 1990s, the truth about abuses children suffered at residential schools began to be heard. Over the next decades, more truth about the pain and harm inflicted at the schools have become part of our common memory, in large part because of the courage of Survivors and intergenerational Survivors who are standing against a legacy of colonial violence and racism, seeking to heal from their harmful and deadly impacts. June 3, 2024 will mark 30 years since the church adopted its 1994 confession, which acknowledges the church's complicity in a deadly assimilation effort that targeted Indigenous children.

### **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)



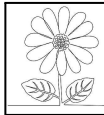
**Sunday May 12 is Mother's Day, a day celebrating and honouring all mothers, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.** It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in March or May. The gospels of Matthew and Luke describe Mary as a virgin who was chosen by God to conceive Jesus through the

Holy Spirit. After giving birth to Jesus in Bethlehem, she raised him in the city of Nazareth in Galilee, and was in Jerusalem at his crucifixion and with the apostles after his ascension. The origins of Mother's Day date back thousands of years ago, but it was only in 1915 that Canadians began commemorating a dedicated day for mothers. While not an official public holiday, it consistently falls on the second Sunday of May. No matter what we call our mothers—mom, mum, mama, or mummy—we share a common desire to ensure their day is memorable as a token of appreciation for their love, care, and continuous support. **Happy Mother's Day!**

### **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)



**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 BGC 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.**



**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.

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**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Sydney Nkhata, a 27-year-old from Northern Malawi, is the chair of a youth network made up of 12 clubs. His management journey was significantly influenced by the "Every Youth Empowered" project, which provided valuable leadership training and is funded by PWS&D. Equipped with new skills, Sydney has become a mentor—guiding and nurturing club members. His efforts ensure that youth actively embrace and take ownership of the project, where they learn about sexual and reproductive health rights—turning it into an integral part of the community. As a result, girls and boys are more aware of the risks related to early pregnancies and transmission of diseases and are changing behaviours. Sydney's story highlights the transformative power of leadership training and showcases his commitment to mentorship and community development.

**Reflection May 5<sup>th</sup>** In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend and lover—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

**May 12<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Acts 1:15–17, 21–26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19

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**May 12<sup>th</sup>** Somalia faces an acute hunger crisis, worsened by the most severe drought in four decades. With failed crops, widespread water shortages and reduced livestock productivity, Nafiso Hussein's family and thousands more had to abandon their homes in search of relief. Hunger and extreme conditions affected Nafiso's son Hadi, whose health had deteriorated critically. In the displaced persons camp where they had sought refuge, Hadi was quickly referred to the stabilization centre for treatment, and under this initiative, his health significantly improved. Nafiso is grateful for her son's recovery, "He is well now, and I am happy to see him play and laugh like before." PWS&D, with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, provides funding to train community nutrition workers who identify and screen severely malnourished children.

**Reflection May 12<sup>th</sup>** In the first chapter of Acts, when the eleven seek to replace Judas with a new apostle, they ask God to reveal who that should be by casting lots. How do you think God's will is revealed to us today? Is it revealed in more than one way?

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Readings:** Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b; Acts 2:1–21; John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15