

North Caradoc - St Andrews Presbyterian Church

Newsletter April 14, 2019

Announcements from NC-St. A's Session:

April 18 - 5:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday pot luck dinner.

- April 18 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday communion worship
- May 5 11:00 a.m. North Caradoc St. Andrew's 166th Anniversary. Lunch provided

May 25 - 9:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Westmount Church (Village Green Ave., London) is hosting a day long conference - Faith Formers. This is for anyone who cares about passing on faith to the next generation. Speaker will be Rodger Nishioka. Cost is \$10. Lunch and refreshments provided.

August 12-16 - VBS at North Caradoc - St. Andrew's. Kintail on the Road staff will provide programming for a maximum of 40 campers. Volunteers to assist will be needed. It will be a full day program with snacks provided. Registration will begin shortly. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Creating community for new Canadians

Life in Christ Ministry provides support and assistance for Arabic and Farsi speaking refugees living in the Greater Toronto Area.

Each year, the ministry offers a New Beginnings Training Program that provides practical workshops aimed at helping refugees adapt to local Canadian communities, including learning English and developing other life skills. By offering games and activities for children at the same time as adult workshops, the program responds to the need for parents to attend programs with their children.

In addition, the program provides meaningful job opportunities for students and volunteers.

Presbyterians Sharing welcomes refugees

Hungarian Speaking Communion Worship:

Today, April 14 @ 2:00 p.m. *Please note the change in time for this service*

Responding to the Cyclone Idai:

Over 2.6 million people across Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe are in need of humanitarian aid due to flooding from Cyclone Idai.

Roads, schools, houses and crops have been severely damaged. Access to electricity and safe water is limited.

PWS&D is raising funds to support relief efforts as part of the Humanitarian Coalition Cyclone Idai appeal, in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank—a member of the Humanitarian Coalition. Until April 14, the Government of Canada is matching all donations made to the Humanitarian Coalition and its members, up to \$2 million.

Through PWS&D's membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, donations to PWS&D's Cyclone Idai response are eligible to be matched. We need your help to save lives. You can make a donation through your church, online, by mailing a cheque or by calling 1-800-619-7301 x 291.

Please mark your donation "Cyclone Idai."

Spring Clean up Day:

April 27, 2019, 9am to noon

A Time of Transition:

The bullet list below are steps in the process of Transition taken thus far. Throughout this time of Transition a process list will be provided every Sunday and updated on a regular basis. If you have any questions, concerns or comments Rev. Shelly and Knox or NC-St. A's elders will do their best to address them.

Transition Steps taken so far and those approaching:

- Knox voted to begin the process COMPLETED MARCH 3, 2019
- NC-St. A's informed of decision COMPLETED MARCH 10, 2019
- Knox informed Presbytery of decision COMPLETED MARCH 18, 2019
- Presbytery will grant Knox permission to begin process APRIL 9, '19
- Knox Session meets with Presbytery Committee
- NC-St. A's Session meets with Presbytery Committee
- Knox Congregational meeting May 26, 2019 (decisions: date of process completion & dissolution or amalgamation?)

For more information about the process ahead see **Guidelines for Dissolution and Amalgamation** which can be found on the <u>A Time for</u> <u>Transition</u> page of Knox's website or contact Rev. Shelly for a paper copy.