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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Lent is a season of reflection, a time to turn back to God with an open, trusting heart. As I read Isaiah 55:6-9, I hear an invitation - gentle yet urgent - calling me to seek the Lord while He may be found, to call on him while He is near.

There have been times in my life when God has felt far away, but this passage reminds me that, in fact, God is near, always waiting to be found. It is I who must choose to turn toward God. Lent provides that sacred opportunity - a season set apart to draw close to the One who created me, who loves me beyond my finite understanding. We can draw closer to God in many ways - prayer, worship, meditation, reading the Bible, using our gifts to serve others. Whichever way calls to you, use this season to draw even closer to God!

But as we draw closer to God, we see aspects of ourselves that make us uncomfortable, that may need to change. Isaiah 55:7 calls for such change - to forsake wicked and unrighteous ways and thoughts. Now, you may think to yourself, "I am not wicked, or unrighteous! I am not that bad!!" I am sure you are not!!

But I know, in reviewing my life, that I am reminded of the thoughts I have allowed to shape my days - doubts, anxieties, fears, selfish desires. I am sure that, in these turbulent times, you have had similar feelings and worries. But God calls on us to surrender these thoughts to God and to trust in God's ways, not ours. These thoughts **are** unrighteous - they tempt us to rely on our own resources or the empty promises of the world, rather than on God's grace. God's promise to us is astonishing: **free** pardon and mercy. We do not have to earn God's forgiveness; we only need to receive it. How often do we struggle to believe that? We frequently measure forgiveness by human standards, where mistakes leave scars, and second chances sometimes come with conditions. But God's love is not like that. God's ways are not our ways; God's thoughts are higher than ours.

As we journey through Lent, we see, more and more, that trust is at the heart of this season. Trusting that God's mercy is real. Trusting that God's ways, though beyond human understanding, are always good. As we look forward to Easter, let us allow God to prepare our seeking hearts and souls, to turn in faith to the God who is always nearby - waiting to be found.

In Christ, Reverend Marianne



The JOURNEY through HOLY WEEK



April 13th

PALM SUNDAY - 10:30 am.

Worship with Communion

April 17th

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 pm.

Worship with Communion

April 18th - **GOOD FRIDAY**

Walk of the Cross - 9:30 am.

beginning at the Court House

Ecumenical Worship

11 am. at Wall Street United Church

April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY - 10:30 am.

celebrating Jesus' Resurrection!

All services and events are in-person.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Holy Week explained!

Have you ever wondered how the different days of Holy Week were named? Some of them are obvious (like Palm Sunday) but the other days may be less than clear. Hopefully you will find the history of these names interesting.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the **Holy Week**. The Gospels tell us that as Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road. Then hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Many churches commemorate Palm Sunday by the waving of palm fronds and processions into the sanctuary before worship.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with his disciples. During that Passover meal Jesus washed the feet of his disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other. (John 13:34) Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday---"maundy" being a shortened form of *mandatum* (Latin), which means "command." Jesus sacrificially met his followers' deepest need---that of new spiritual life and the forgiveness of sin. He even loved his enemies, and he calls us to show love to those who do not appear to deserve it.

THE WALK OF THE CROSS

A long-standing part of the Holy Week journey to Christ's resurrection, the walk began many years ago, as an event sponsored by St. Peter's (now St. Lawrence) Anglican Church, growing into the Walk we do today. The Cross and accoutrements are provided by First Presbyterian Church and the sound system by the Brockville and Area Ministerial Association (B.A.M.A.) - the current sponsor and organizing force.

This year the Walk begins on the steps of the Court House at 9:30 am. on Good Friday, April 18th. Walkers move south on William Street to George Street, West on George to Buell Street, north on Buell to Church Street, west on Church to John Street, south on John to King Street, east on King to Park Street, north on Park to Pine Street, then west on Pine to worship at Wall Street United Church at 11 am.

At several stops along the way, a significant piece is added to a wooden cross and a meditative reading, led by volunteers from many of the Brockville Churches, brings you along with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

Rain or shine, you are encouraged to join the procession and reflect on your own journey to the Cross and the Resurrection.

Contact [613-345-5014](tel:613-345-5014) or email firstkirk@truespeed.ca for information.

Good Friday

Of course, we all know what the Church commemorates on Good Friday – when Jesus was falsely accused, tried, convicted and crucified. Clearly what happened on that hill outside Jerusalem was nothing short of horrible. So why does the Church call it “Good”? Some scholars think that the name “Good Friday” comes from the German name for the holiday of “Gute Freitag”, which means “Good” or “Holy” Friday. It is considered the holiest day in the church calendar. But there is more to Good Friday than that.

Good Friday, along with the celebration of Easter on Sunday, reminds us that we cannot save ourselves from our sin. Without Christ’s selfless act, without his coming into our world and living among broken and errant humankind, we would be living by the law, and not by the grace that allows us to be in full relationship with God. So, on Good Friday, while the Church mourns the death of Jesus, it is also a day where we remember with gratitude all that Christ did for us on the cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Easter Vigil is a liturgy held in many Christian churches celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter Vigil is held in the hours between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day and is the first celebration of Easter. The observance commemorates the final day of Christ’s death, which is traditionally associated with his triumphant descent into hell, known as the “Harrowing of Hades”. It then concludes with a celebration of Christ’s resurrection; the Son of God rising from the grave on the third day as prophesized. The Great Vigil of Easter is traditionally celebrated in the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran traditions, but is increasingly being celebrated in Reformed churches as well (including the Presbyterian Church).

Easter or Resurrection Sunday

On Easter, the Church celebrates Jesus Christ’s victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. In Jesus, all of God’s promises to creation are fulfilled. The exact origins of this religious feast day’s name are unknown. Some sources claim the word Easter is derived from Eostre, a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility. This is why eggs and rabbits are so often part of Easter celebrations.

Other accounts trace Easter to the Latin term *hebdomada alba*, or “white week”, an ancient reference to Easter week and the white clothing donned by people who were baptized during that time. Through a translation error, the term later appeared as *esostarum* in Old High German, which eventually became “Easter” in English.

In Spanish, Easter is known as *Pascua*; in French, *Paques*. These words are derived from the Greek and Latin *Pascha*, which means “Passover”, and recall that Jesus’ arrest and crucifixion took place during the Jewish Passover festival. This is why Jesus is referred to as the “Paschal Lamb” or “Lamb of God” because his crucifixion echoes the ritual sacrifice of the Passover lamb. So, some traditions refer to Easter as Paschal Sunday.



Some Easter fun!


DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

CELEBRATION
CRUCIFIXION
DEATH
EASTER SUNDAY
FASTING
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY SATURDAY
HOLY WEEK
JESUS CHRIST

Holy Week

Word Search

G	R	Y	B	A	N	O	I	T	C	E	R	R	U	S	E	R	N	E
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LAST SUPPER
LENT
LITURGY
MAUNDY THURSDAY
MOURNING
PALM BRANCH
PALM SUNDAY
PASSION
PRAYER

PROCESSION
REDEMPTION
REFLECTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
SAVIOR
SCRIPTURE
SERVICE
TOMB

MATCH the QUESTIONS with the ANSWERS!

1. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
2. What's wrong with Easter jokes?
3. What did the Easter bunny say about the Easter parade?
4. How does the Easter bunny stay fit?
5. What happened to the Easter bunny at school?
6. What do you call a mischievous egg?
7. What happened when the Easter Bunny met the rabbit of his dreams?
8. What do you call an egg from outer space?
9. What sport are the eggs good at?
10. What did the Easter bunny say to the carrot?

- They lived hoppily ever after
- An "Egg-stra terrestrial"
- A practical yolker
- Eggs-ercise
- Running
- It was eggs-cellent
- They crack you up
- It's been nice gnawing you
- He was egg-spelled
- Bugs bunny

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**A CORNER
STORY**

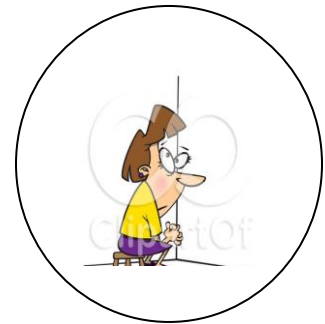
When I saw the artist's rendering of our 'lift' into the front corner of our sanctuary, with a further suggestion of putting our archives room into the opposite corner, it gave me much food for thought. I stared into both areas for a long moment (before the worship service began, of course) and came to the conclusion that the idea made a lot of sense. The existing corner seemed sad and lonely - neglected pews where no one would actually choose to sit unless there were no other seats available, or if one wished to gaze at other parishioners sitting in better locations. The view of our pastor and choir members would not be ideal.

Corners are an important part of every building.... businesses, places of worship, entertainment facilities and even homes. My once-upon-a-time suggestion to eliminate corners by building a circular dwelling did not meet with much enthusiasm, and I soon realized that would never happen! After all, corners are where we put things; the television, a fireplace, a cabinet built especially for such a space, or a favourite chair. If we have something we do not know what to do with, we just say, 'Just put it in the corner for now.'

Sometimes corners serve other more sinister purposes. I remember having to stand in the corner when I was a young girl in public school. I had seen other students occupying that space before but it was a first (and last) time for me. I cannot recall what crime I had committed to deserve such dishonour, nor do I remember how long I stood there, hands on my back, studying the darkness where the wall met the wooden floor, imagining there was a dreaded spider lurking amongst the dust bunnies. One-room schools were not necessarily super corner-cleaned, and chalk dust settled everywhere. No doubt I was sobbing knowing the other students were enjoying my discomfort.

Then there was that other corner when I was almost a bride. We were trying to freshen up the little house we had just purchased. Money was scarce so we bought some paint on sale to cover the naked plywood floor upstairs. There was only one room. In my defense, I had never painted anything before, but I got plenty of instructions before I started and was left to it! The only problem was that if you begin in one corner and do not pay attention to the direction you are going, you might end up in the opposite corner. So when the sweetheart came upstairs to check on me, he just laughed and laughed! I joined him! What else could I do?! He chose the shortest path to my rescue, hung onto me while I finished the last bit, then carried me, while he carefully retraced his steps and got us both back to the stairs. There was no paint left over and no money to buy more so his shoe prints stayed there until we renovated some years later. Aahhh, the memories!

Putting my misadventures aside, I am looking forward to seeing these plans become reality. I know we are actually adding more corners within our beautiful sanctuary but they are going to embrace such useful things and be so well matched to our existing décor that it will seem like they have always been there. And to put your minds at ease, I will not be painting anything!



Love, Margriet

THE 23rd

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He did not want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So, she had an idea of how to handle it.

She asked a neighbour if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably would not notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed. The next school day, the neighbour and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbour girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two children walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week... Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?'

'That is Shirley Goodnest, Timmy replied, and her daughter Marcy.'

'Shirley Goodnest...! Who is she and why is she following us. 'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I will just have to get used to it.'

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.



Charity Breakfast

Wednesday, May 14th

7 am. at New Hope Church, 2811 Concession 2 Road.

Brockville Beacon Bags is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting victims of human trafficking. This Charity Breakfast will bring together community members, business leaders, and individuals who are passionate about making a difference in and around our community. All funds raised will go directly towards supporting victims of human trafficking while creating awareness. We are also excited to share some great news about the upcoming development of a Beacon Bags wellness centre project and this charity breakfast is the perfect opportunity to talk about how this centre will create a huge impact towards this important cause. You are invited to take a seat and join the table to break bread over a hot breakfast at \$50.00 per plate in support of this charity event. There will be with a guest speaker to share some stories and important information about human trafficking and what it means.

If you are interested, please RSVP by May 5th
by email to beaconbags17@gmail.com or
by text to 613-213-2859.

Did you hear about the
guy that evaporated?
Yeah. He'll be mist!



NOT THAT
LONG AGO!



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

MUSIC for CHRISTMAS

NEW YEAR'S EVE

P.A. DAY CAMP





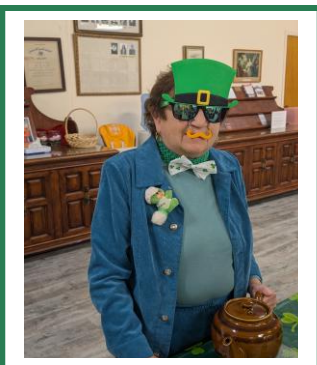
First Presbyterian Church hosted its first P.A. Day Camp of 2025 on January 31st, with a great group of campers, helpers and volunteers! We spent the morning enjoying crafts, stories and games. After lunch, we welcomed Nancy Cassie of Interval House to learn more about the work that Interval House does to support women and children fleeing violence. The campers presented Nancy with donations of personal care items, socks, and treats to assist Interval House's clients. And, of course, no January P.A. Day Camp is complete without fun outdoors in the snow! Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our P.A. Day Camp, whether with donations, financial assistance, or helping on the day!

The next P.A. Day Camp will be on April 11th. Our Mission Project for this P.A. Day Camp is in support of **QueenCare** in Brockville. **QueenCare** is a charity that equips birthing women and their families by providing education, in-home support, and community connection. Items that are needed on an ongoing basis include - diapers (size 4, 5, & 6), baby wipes and adult size M, LG and XL disposable underwear.

If you would prefer to make a financial contribution, please bring your donation in an envelope with your name and address, mark it "**QueenCare**" and the Church will make sure it is forwarded to **QueenCare**. Thank you for your support!!



First Presbyterian Church hosted a wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4th! The food was delicious, there was a wonderful turnout, and a great time was had by all! The proceeds of our Supper will go to support the table ministries at First Presbyterian Church. Many thanks to everyone who donated food items and volunteered to help with setup, cooking, serving and cleanup. A sweet way to start off the Season of Lent!



Do you know who this 'leprechaun' is? She showed up at Coffee Hour on March 16th! Makes great treats! Hope she comes back again! Give her a hug if you know!

I asked a friend of mine, by phone, what he was doing. He told me he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed. In further conversation, I learned that he was "washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision."

Where do you learn how to make a banana split?
at **SUNDAE SCHOOL!**





The Coldest Night of the Year

The 'Sunday Strollers' Team (consisting of members from First Baptist, St. Paul's Anglican and First Presbyterian, Brockville Churches) took part in the Brockville edition of the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walk on Saturday, February 22nd. The team members walked either 2k or 5k distances to reflect just some of the challenges faced by many unhoused people in our community. So far, over \$1,000 has been raised to support the programs for vulnerable people offered by the John Howard Society of Kingston & District and Connect Youth in our community. Well done, everyone!

Photo credit: Catherine Orth

LOAVES & FISHES

EMPTY BOWLS

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Memorial Centre, Saturday, April 5th 2025, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch & Live Music

\$40 for soup by local chefs and a lovingly handcrafted bowl made by local Artisans
 \$5 children under 12 • under 5 eat free (does not include pottery bowl) • Lunch without bowl \$15
 Tickets can be purchased by e-transfer financelafb@gmail.com
 (please reference Empty Bowls in message and include your email and contact number)
 OR Cash only at Scotia Bank, King St. • Loaves & Fishes 613 345 6498

The hope is that each time the empty bowl is taken from your cupboard, it will serve as a reminder that someone else's bowl was empty and that on this occasion, you helped Loaves and Fishes alleviate hunger in our community.

LOAVES & FISHES
MORE THAN JUST A MEAL



PEWS

There are currently five pews not being used. These pews were removed when the space in front of the chancel steps was expanded to allow larger bands and choirs to perform at the church. When the new lift is installed, there will be another thirteen pews removed. Below is a list of pews which will be available. If someone would like a pew cut down to a specific length, we have someone who could do that for a reasonable

charge. Cushions available at \$35 each.

Length			95"	\$270.00	no cushion
50"	\$145.00	No cushion	105"	\$355.00	no cushion
58"	\$165.00	No end & no cushion	124"	\$365.00	
59"	\$165.00	no cushion	127"	\$360.00	
75"	\$215.00		144"	\$410.00	
82"	\$235.00		149"	\$425.00	
86"	\$245.00		151"	\$425.00	

165" \$470.00

186" \$525.00

170" \$480.00

189" \$535.00

180" \$510.00

Yellow highlight indicates 5 pews currently available.

ORDER FORM

Name: -----

Phone: -----

Email: -----

Length of pew required: -----

Please email or deliver your order form to the church office. Thank you.

From Live-stream to Your TV

By now most of the congregation know that we live-stream the services and that they are shown on YourTV, channel 10/700, on Sundays. What you may not know is that to get the services on to TV and YouTube requires a bit of editing and processing.

First the recording of the live-stream has to be edited to be no longer than 58 minutes and 30 seconds long. We use the software program OpenShot Video Editor to do this.

Second, the video has to be put into a format that is acceptable for broadcast on television. This is also done using OpenShot.

Finally, the edited recording of the service is uploaded to DropBox for the TV station and to the church's YouTube Channel.

Just as we have three people currently available to run the live-stream equipment on Sunday mornings we are now looking for one or two more people who would be willing to learn how to edit on OpenShot and how to upload to both DropBox and YouTube. If you are interested in this, please speak to Quentin Robinson 613-301-4159 (leave a message) or thesession@truespeed.ca

Do you post on Facebook?

Bryson & Wood, the company coordinating the work of renovating the Sunday School wing into apartments, is creating a Facebook page dedicated to the project. We are looking for someone who can help maintain the page once it is up and running.

If you are interested, please speak
to Quentin Robinson
613-301-4159
or thesession@truespeed.ca

Where do rainbows go when they are bad?
Prism! It's a light sentence.



PEW SCRIBBLE

Note: A version of this story first appeared in the spring 2019 issue of *The Chimes*, a newsletter of St. Andrew's Church in Lindsay, Ontario.

On December 3rd, 2018, volunteers gathered in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay, to dismantle the Living Christmas Tree after another successful cantata (this annual event ran from 1982 through 2019). Towards the end of the morning, as a fellow parishioner and I were replacing Bibles and hymnbooks on the pews upstairs, I noticed something unusual on the back of Pew "A" in the westernmost end of the gallery. From a distance, it looked as though someone sitting in the rearmost pew (in front of the large stained glass windows facing William Street) had carved their initials into the back of the pew in front of them. "That's hardly unusual," I



(The name "C.H. Paton" was scribbled into the rearmost gallery pew at St. Andrew's almost 120 years ago – and has remained there ever since. What story does it tell?)

reasoned, suspecting that members of the Presbyterian Young People's Society from twenty or thirty years ago had left their mark in the gallery – just as they have on brick columns in the basement, just below the sanctuary. Then I had a closer look at the dates and names, and saw that not only were they actually pencilled, not carved, into the wood; but that my hypothesis about their provenance was off – by almost 100 years! Presbyterian young people, it seems, had been leaving their mark in the gallery; but they had been doing so when the Reverend Dr. James Wallace (ca. 1868-1955) occupied the pulpit at St. Andrew's! Among the more legible names is one C.H. Paton, who pencilled his name into the back of Pew "A" on Sunday June 24th, 1906.

Who was this "C.H. Paton" and what was taking place in the sanctuary that day? Before we answer that question, it will be helpful to contextualize the place pews have in the history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Pews used to be allotted to families, with each family paying to rent a particular pew for use during Sunday worship. This arrangement could sometimes prove contentious, and its legacy would be felt for

decades thereafter every time someone gently chided an untutored visitor with the phrase "That's my pew!" This phrase would take on a life of its own, with many a Christian cartoon, joke, and song making light of this seemingly archaic practice.

In 1906, the Presbyterian Church was among the largest Protestant denominations in Canada, and packed sanctuaries were not uncommon. A report of the Pew Committee at St. Andrew's, dated January 15th, 1907, makes this clear. "The available sittings, both in the auditorium and gallery are very few," it reads, "but each applicant in their turn is offered a choice of all that is then available." The rearmost pews at the west end of the gallery offered one a clear, unobstructed sightline down the nave to the pulpit, choir, and communion table – as they still do to this day. With nothing behind save for the stained-glass windows, they also afforded fidgety parishioners with a pencil or a pocketknife at their disposal the opportunity to immortalize themselves in wood.

One such parishioner was Charles H. Paton, better known as Charlie. Born in 1889, Charlie Paton was one of some nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mitchell Paton (1854-1947). Charlie's father was well-known in Lindsay, where he served as stationmaster on the Grand Trunk Railway at the end of the nineteenth century. Following retirement, he established a school of telegraphy on the upper floor of the town's famous Academy Theatre and oversaw the training of telegraph operators who were then sent across Canada. Alex Paton was also well-known in local sporting circles, being remembered as an excellent bowler and cricket player, while also finding time to coach amateur hockey. He was likewise a talented poet, writing poignant verses in the wake of the First World War and the death of Sir Wilfred Laurier, respectively. At St. Andrew's, Alex Paton served as chairman of the board of managers and was active in congregational life.

Less is known about his son, who vaingloriously pencilled his name into the back of Pew "A" on that June Sunday 118 years ago. We do know that the Paton family was active in community theatre. Two years prior, in 1904, Charlie Paton joined some of his siblings on stage at the Academy Theatre for a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore*, with fifteen-year-old Charlie cast as a sailor in the comic opera's Chorus. Like his peers, Charlie Paton grew up and took his place in society; his adolescent graffiti in the gallery of St. Andrew's being all but forgotten in the

ensuing years. He died on August 24th, 1970, at the Ross Memorial Hospital in his 81st year, and is buried at Lindsay's Riverside Cemetery. We know more, however, about what was going on at St. Andrew's on Sunday June 24, 1906.

Some 160 Masons, hailing from Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, and Haliburton, paraded from the railway station to St. Andrew's for a service honouring members of the Masonic Order. In the pulpit was the Reverend James Wallace, three years into his pastorate, and we can

imagine the reverend gentleman preaching the gospel, while at the very back, out of sight, a mischievous teenager named Charlie Paton quietly scrawls his name into history.

St. Andrew's, Lindsay, of course is not the only congregation to sport "markings" (whether carved or inscribed) on its pews. Does First Presbyterian Church have "pew scribbles" with stories? If you find one, please contact the editor.

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CRAFT & CHAT



PISTACHIO PUDDING CAKE

- 1 - 2-layer golden cake mix
- 1 - 99 gm. pkg. pistachio pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 ¼ cups water
- ¼ cup oil
- ½ tsp. almond extract
- 7 drops green food colouring

Combine cake and pudding mixes in a large bowl. Whisk oil, water, eggs, almond extract and food colouring in a separate bowl. Combine wet and dry ingredients and beat at medium speed for about 4 minutes. Pour into a 10-inch, greased and floured, bundt pan. Bake at 350 (F) for 50 to 55 minutes. Cool 15 minutes. Turn out. When cooled, ice with green frosting or glaze.

Variation: Substitute Buttered Pecan Pudding mix for pistachio and omit green food colouring.

**An elderly couple,
admitted by St. Peter
through the Pearly Gates,
found conditions there just
heavenly.**

**Said the man to his wife, "I
could have been here two
years ago if you had not
fed me all that oat bran!"**



Dogs do not operate
MRI machines,
but **CATSCAN.**



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ARCHIVES



In Memoriam

THE REVEREND DAVID MAWHINNEY

Reverend Mawhinney was born October 10th, 1906, at Templepatrick, County Atrium, Northern Ireland. In 1937, he responded to an invitation to serve with the Belfast City Mission in association with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He served there for 11 years.



Left to Right:

Rev. Allan Duncan, Rev. David Mawhinney
Edith Mawhinney, Eleanor Duncan.

Reverend Mawhinney and the former Edith May McCullough were married in Belfast on December 27th, 1937. In 1948, they came to Canada with their son to accept an appointment as student minister of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Rose Bay, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia. There he served for three years while continuing his studies at Dalhousie University, preparing for ordained ministry. On graduation, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island in Tyne Vally Presbyterian Church on July 27th, 1954.

During his ministry, he served the congregations of St. Giles, North Sydney, Nova Scotia; First Presbyterian Church Pictou, Nova Scotia; and St. Andrew's, Prescott Ontario. Following his retirement in 1974, his service continued as interim moderator for various congregations within the Presbytery of Brockville and for a time, he was assistant to the minister of First Presbyterian Church, Brockville. Reverend Mawhinney was active in the local ministerial associations of the towns in which he resided. He also was a District Chaplain of the Boy Scouts of Canada. The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Canada made him a Life Member in 1974. In addition, he taught religious education in local schools for several years.

Some months after the passing of Reverend Mawhinney, on December 9th, 1992, his wife Edith indicated her wish to place a memorial in First Presbyterian Church, Brockville to remember the life and work of her late husband. It was to be something both fitting in this beautiful sanctuary and something useful. After some discussion, it was decided that a cabinet that would hold both the Book of Remembrance and a Book listing those in whose memory gifts to the church have been made would be appropriate.

The next time you are in the sanctuary, take some time to look at the many plaques, paintings and furnishings that are part of the history of First Presbyterian Church, Brockville.

submitted by Bonnie Burke



is located on the shores of Lac du Castor Blanc in Gracefield, Quebec. Under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the 280 acres of camp property serve as a summer camp for youth and families, a tent and trailer loop for short- and long-term campers, and a year-round retreat for guests.

Gracefield Christian Camp offers day and overnight camping programs for children, youth and families through the summer. A Christian Camp sees God's presence permeating both nature and human activities. Campers explore the wonder and beauty of nature and in doing so, they begin to understand the character of God the creator. Every day offers opportunities to put faith into action. Campers learn through doing,

<u>Date</u>	<u>Camp</u>
July 2-11	The Way (Age 14-15)
July 6-11	Trailblazer (Age 7-12)
July 13- Aug 3	LIT (Age 16-17)
July 13-18	MADD (Age 10-15)
July 13-18	Adventure (Age 10-12)
July 18-20	The Bridge (Age 10-15)
July 20-25	Explorer (Age 7-9)
July 20-25	STEM (Age 10-15)
July 27-Aug 1	Frontier (Age 13-15)
July 27-Aug 1	Trailblazer 2 (Age 7-12)
August 3-8	Woodlander (Age 13-15)
August 3-8	Community (Age 0-99+)

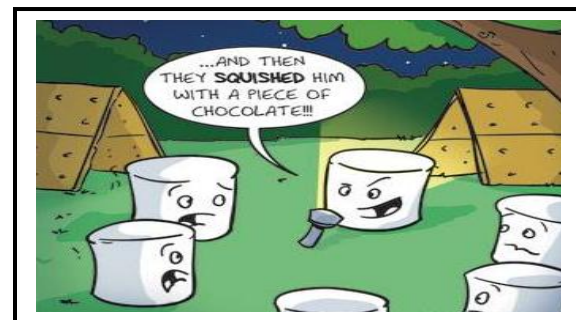
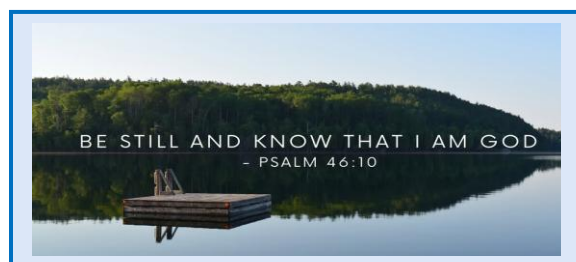
Bus transportation from Ottawa to Gracefield and back is available at an additional cost of \$40/person. If you have any questions, please contact the Camp office at 1-888-493-2267 or by email at info@gracefieldcamp.ca.

hearing, exploring and reflecting. Camp activities are designed to be accomplished through support and encouragement to one another, demonstrating what it is to be part of a Christian community.

Over the last several years, First Presbyterian Church has offered bursaries to children and families in our community to attend a week of summer camp. Many of these children would not have otherwise been able to afford to attend summer camp.

We are pleased to be offering children's and youth camping programs for the summer of 2025. If you are interested in a bursary to send your child or children to Gracefield this summer, please contact the church by phone at 613-345-5014 or by email at firstkirk@truespeed.ca.

We invite you to check out the Gracefield website (<http://www.gracefieldcamp.ca>) for more information and to see what summer camping programs are available!



I have started a business building boats in my attic.
Sails are going thru the ROOF!





OUR POWER, OUR PLANET - Renewable Energy Petition

Our planet is rapidly approaching several tipping points, and the solution is clear: we must expedite an equitable transition to renewable energy. By tripling global renewable energy generation by 2030, we can transform our future, ensuring cleaner air, improved health, and a more

stable climate for generations to come. Renewable energy offers an unparalleled opportunity to power the world sustainably while creating millions of new jobs, driving economic prosperity and enhancing global security as well as improving human health and energy equity. As fossil fuels continue to drive climate change, pollution, and health crises, the shift to renewable energy is more urgent than ever. Many countries around the world are already proving that solar, wind, hydroelectric and geothermal energy can power entire regions — and it is time for the rest of the world to follow. We call on global leaders to commit to:

- **Tripling renewable energy generation by 2030:** Advancing clean energy sources like solar, wind, geothermal, tidal and hydropower. This ambitious target supports global climate goals set out in the Paris Agreement, opened for signatures on Earth Day 2016.
- **Cutting greenhouse gas emissions:** Rapidly transitioning to renewable energy is the key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, fighting climate change and lowering energy prices for everyone.
- **Phasing out fossil fuels:** The renewable energy sector has taken off globally but the world is still producing more CO₂ than ever before because of our over reliance on fossil fuels. This needs to end with meaningful policies supporting the rapid growth of renewable energy and energy efficiency. **The world economy must favor renewable energy, ensuring that the “beginning of the end” of fossil fuels is realized.**
- **Investing in clean energy infrastructure:** In 2022 the fossil fuel industry was subsidized globally to the tune of \$7 trillion. We must realign these subsidies to support the growth of desperately needed renewable energy, including infrastructure to accelerate the transition. We need smart grids, new high voltage transmission lines, local distribution networks and long-term battery storage. This will drive economic, environmental, and energy security benefits.

This will pave the way to:

- **Providing affordable, sustainable power for everyone.** Bringing electricity to homes, schools and hospitals worldwide, and ensuring energy access and equity for all.
- **Creating millions of new jobs in the energy industry.** Driving economic growth globally.
- **Prioritizing health and health equity** by reducing fossil fuel induced pollution and improving air and water quality. Shifting away from fossil fuels will protect human health worldwide

The transition to renewable energy is about creating a future where *everyone* can thrive. Let us use the power of the Earth Day network and our global movement to demand urgent action from governments, businesses, and communities around the world. Join us in calling for a healthier, more sustainable, and equitable future powered by renewable energy by signing this petition today. Together, we can make this change happen.

To sign the petition and for more information visit:

<https://action.earthday.org/our-power-our-planet-renewable-energy-petition>



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Meet ROGER & BONNIE
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First Presbyterian Church is a dynamic, inclusive and historic church in the heart of downtown Brockville. The congregation, which has been praising God for over 200 years, is committed to creating a vibrant family in Christ and sharing the Good News of God's love with all.

First Presbyterian Church is situated on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee peoples. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it.

First Presbyterian Church continues to record and provide services of worship on YouTube and on Cogeco Cable 10 or HD700 (Sunday mornings at 7 am. and 5:30 pm.). Links to the recordings of our services are available on our website and social media accounts.

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- by **mail** to First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 885, 10 Church Street, Brockville, Ontario, K6V 5W1
- by delivering your offering envelope through the mail slot in the Church Street door. The envelopes are collected regularly.
- By **e-transfer** to firstkirk@truespeed.ca



Happy
Easter

BROCKVILLE COMMUNITY-WIDE

CLEANUP

APRIL 26TH 9AM TO NOON

WE ARE BACK!

LET'S CLEAN OUR GREEN

Register today at Brockvillecleanup.ca

[cleanup.brockville](https://www.instagram.com/cleanup.brockville)

www.facebook.com/brockvillecommunitycleanup

First Church will participate again this year, on Saturday, April 26th – 9 am. We will be cleaning up George Street Park, with hot chocolate and cookies afterwards at the church. Volunteer to help by email to firstkirk@truespeed.ca