

## A Time Called ... EASTER SEASON

*In a way, Easter is a “moveable feast” which, unlike Christmas with its set date, falls on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21. It is easy to fall back into “life as normal” after Easter. But, the season of Easter – 40 days – is Christendom’s most meaningful and historic celebration.*

### Historical Roots of Easter Season

The Easter Season – or Eastertide – is seven weeks after Easter. It seems likely that Eastertide was modeled after the Jewish festival of Shavuot, The Festival of Weeks, which was seven weeks long and ended with the celebration of Shavuot on the 50th day. In Christian tradition, the Easter season leads us to celebrate Pentecost, the gift of God’s Holy Spirit on the 50th day.

### Finding Meaning in the Tradition

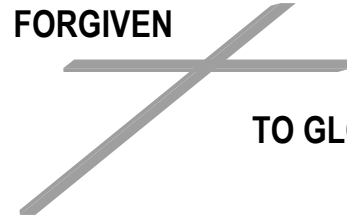
As with Christmas, there may be an emotional slump after Easter. The Easter season – Eastertide – is, therefore, a good time to engage in something new in mission, something daring and innovative. Gather up your slow cookers and serve soup on the main street of your town. Invite guests to tell you of local mission opportunities in your community, or go to the national church website [www.presbyterian.ca](http://www.presbyterian.ca) to find out about international ministry supported by *Presbyterians Sharing* . . .

### Questions for Personal Meditation

Read the accounts of the last week of Jesus’ life from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

How does the resurrection story influence your life?

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 10:30 am**  
**Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday**

**The Church of Jesus the Saviour**  
**Celebrates the Good News**  
**of God's Love for the World**  
**Made Manifest in Jesus His Son**  
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone

*Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!*

Call to Worship:

**Praise: “Come, now is the time to worship”** SB #81

Welcome, and announcements:

*Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!*

**Praise: “Pass my love around”** SB #32

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

*Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!*

Scripture: St. John 13:31-35 NLT

Message: “What do you mean, ‘Just As’?”

*Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable*

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “We give Thee but Thine own” vs 1, 3 BP #364

Prayer of Dedication

**Praise: “They’ll know we are Christians”** SB #36

*Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry*

Benediction:

**Interpersonal Benediction: “Go now in peace”** SB #80

**WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS TEAM: PRAYER REQUESTS**

Warnock Aitken – St. Joseph's Life-Care Centre, Brantford

Frank De Vries – at home

Pearl Howden – Trinity Village LTC

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg McCorriston – at home

Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Highland Place Retirement Residence

Glen Verheye – at home

**Sunday School:**

We are having bi-weekly Sunday School running in 2024: **May** 12, & 26; **June** 9, & 23. We have split the group: Grade 5 and under, and Grade 6 and up, to create a more engaging experience for our older children.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team for the fall, If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca) or Johnson (srikanthjohnson@gmail.com).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children!

Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Nicolene, & Johnson

**Please uphold Klara Sawyer** and her family as they grieve the death of her husband Tom. Tom was a retired elder in our congregation for a number of years. Visitation will be at Henry Walser's Funeral Home on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 6 to 8 pm, and the funeral will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 am at Walser's followed by a reception.

### **Grocery Cards:**

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

### **From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:**

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

**Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.**

**Offering Envelopes:** If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2024 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that changed addresses in 2023, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

### **KEPC Book Sale:**

There will be a KEPC Book Sale on Sat. June 1 in Gray Hall, 9 am - noon. Coffee/ tea / juice and muffins will be available. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the information board. We will accept all gently used books which can be dropped off at the church or call Janis Kenzie (519-893-0535) for pickup.

### **From the Mission & Outreach Team:**

The KW Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. You may contribute by cheque or online. Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. New this year, they are asking for donations of formula.

They are asking for the following types of stage 1 formula:

Enfamil A+ Powder	Similac Powder
Enfamil A+ Liquid	Similac Pro Advance Liquid

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK: 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May May2024**

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Mother's Day Worship Service;  
Sunday School; Coffee & Conversation downstairs
- Monday:** 6:30 – 10 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall
- Tuesday:** 9:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom  
11:45 – 1:30 Music Therapy  
7 pm – Presbytery meeting here
- Wednesday:** 7 – 9 pm – Scouts in Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall
- Friday:** 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Music Therapy
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Pentecost Sunday Communion  
Worship Service.

### **Church Photo Directory:**

The elders here have decided that it would be good to do a congregational photo directory, through IPC Canada. We last did an IPC photo directory in 2007, and we think that we should have an updated one done.

We will be aiming for this to take place in the fall of 2024, with the hope that the new directory would be here before Christmas. We are looking for one or two people to volunteer to spearhead the organizing of this: contacting everyone in the congregation to arrange for scheduled picture taking sessions, and gathering other pictures of our church life for inclusion in the directory. If you would be interested in this, please speak with Barb Cook or Pastor Mark.

### **Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, Spring 2024:**

- Father's Day Dinner - Sunday June 16, 2024
- Culinary Weekend with Chef Matthew Foote - Friday July 12 to Sunday July 14, 2024
- Trails
- Lamb Therapy

### **Presbyterian Men's Breakfast:**

There is a men's breakfast on May 18 at Knox presbyterian church in Waterloo, 50 Erb St. West. Breakfast is at 8 AM sharp come early and get acquainted. This is the last men's breakfast for this season, hope to see you there.



**VBS 2024:** Hello everyone:

We have started prepping for our VBS at KEPC this summer! Thank-you to everyone who has already offered to volunteer this year. If anyone else is wondering about helping, please speak with Sarah Pottier.

Dates are July 8-12 9am-noon. The theme is SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God.

The registration forms are available here with this link:

KEPC Scuba VBS Registration Link

And also on our church website at:

<https://pccweb.ca/kitchenereast/>

Please fill out one registration form per child attending.

Kindly, Sarah Pottier