



Welcome ...

Many people would consider their church a friendly and welcoming church. Here, at Caradoc Presbyterian Church, many of us would say that was true of our church. In small communities though we sometimes become too comfortable with one another at the expense of new comers. Our desire to care about each other lives and the lives of our families and generally spending time together can at times leave new comers on the side lines. So much so, that once and awhile, we need to make sure we are reminded to keep ourselves in check, open to new possibilities, new faces and friends. It is our job as a whole community to be welcoming and to work at including others in our community. It is also our job as a whole community to invite people to join our community, to be excited about events, activities and worship. In this New Year let's consider ways we can be a welcoming community and ideas of how to invite friends, family and neighbours to join us!

What does it take to be a welcoming congregation for all of God's Children?

- Begin
with
prayer:
pray
for
new
people
to
come
to
our
church,
pray

they
will
find
a
welcoming
community,
pray
that
God
will
guide
you
to
opportunities
to
offer
hospitality
and
to
inspire
you
to
greet
others
well
with
God's
love
and
compassion.

- Smile
and
speak
words
of
welcome
to
everyone!
- Be
friendly
and
warm

to
everyone
no
matter
how
someone
looks,
who
they
may
appear
to
be
or
even
how
they
are
dressed,
they
should
be
welcomed
wholeheartedly.

- Be
attentive
to
new
people,
your
friends
can
catch
up
with
you
later!
- Don't
forget
to
introduce
yourself

and
provide
information
and
invitation.
For
example:
explain
we
do
not
use
bulletins
anymore
and
the
parts
of
worship
will
appear
on
the
screen
however
we
do
have
an
announcements
sheet,
"did
you
receive
one?"
or
when
worship
ends
invite
new
comers

to
coffee.

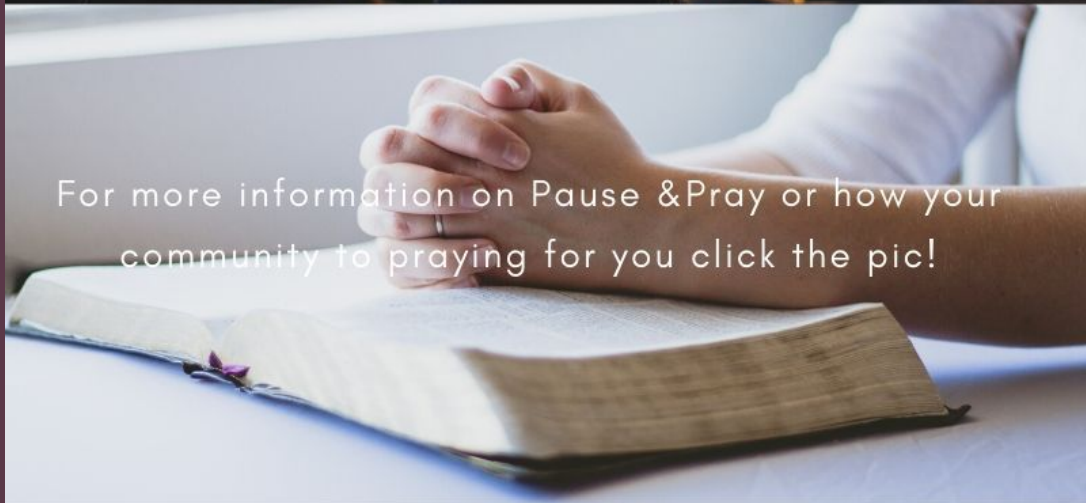
**Did you know the number one reason new comers arrive at
worship in a church?**

They were invited by a neighbour, friend or acquaintance.

Mark your calendars!

Caradoc Presbyterian Church Website

**Note: On our updated website you can access the Welcome page
and "recent announcements" __slides by clicking the arrow on the
right or simply moving down the page. Updates and changes will
continue to be made in the coming months.**



For more information on Pause &Pray or how your community to praying for you click the pic!

Volunteering in our Community:

The VON Middlesex-Elgin are always looking for volunteers. You can help improve the physical and mental well being of others by giving one hour of your time each week as a SMART Exercise and Falls Prevention Instructor. (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together includes exercise tailored to a client's abilities and mobility)

Or consider volunteering as a Transportation Volunteer for 3 hours a week to provide a client with vital access to medical appointments or necessary errands to stay independent in their home.

A Poem to consider:

“The Church: A Collection of Connections”

Here in this place we reenact and rehearse the story
of a poetic, prophetic, priestly God.
In liturgy, in litany, in prayer, in psalm, in meal, in hymns
we remember and call into the present
the story in which we live and move and have our being.
Here we are woven into the wisdom story of many generations;
we conspire with the Spirit towards a future garden
for we are grounded
in the names, dreams, signs and wonders of God’s communal story
and in this place, we become anguished poets
storied prophets
creative priest.
to each other
and to a searching world.

Cherwien, Susan Palo, “Calling Into the Present” From Glory Into
Glory: Reflections for Worship (Saint Louis: MorningStar Music
Publishers, 2009), 337.



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