



Caradoc Presbyterian Church

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Time for us to head to the beach, go camping, to the cottage for the weekend or travel to another part of our province or country for a vacation!

Realistically, some of those things I just listed, may not happen for us this summer ... we need to create new summer traditions for during this Covid19 summer.

Hopefully we'll be able to share our bubbles with more than our household and see family or friends in the least at a close distance and create some new traditions and memories!

In the mean time, as we consider the events and climate of our world today contemplate the words of Fred Rogers.

Mr. Rogers once said,

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

How will we share responsibility in our world? Do we see the need? Will we respond? I know we will do our best because I have HOPE. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was known to say, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." ... words of hope.

Let's plant some apple trees friends! Our world is a place of wonder and beauty

with extraordinary possibilities!

I leave you with an evening blessing as it seems most fitting through these nights of unrest.

Bless us this night, O God,
and those whom we know and love.
Bless us this night, O God,
and those with whom we are not at peace.
Bless us this night, O God,
and every human family.
Bless us with deep sleep.
Bless us with dreams that will heal our soul.
Bless us with the night's silent messages of eternity
that we may be set free by love.
Bless us in the night, O God,
that we may be set free to love. Amen
(blessing by John Philip Newell)

Peace & health my friends, peace & health - *Rev. Shelly*



In the last two weeks

we have experienced on live TV and on social media troubling sights, the energy of a movement that affects us all and a call to address racism in our everyday lives.

Anger, rage and helplessness have been expressed along with calls of lament and for action and for justice. Together, in ***Living Faith***, we affirm

that,

"God's justice is seen when we deal fairly with each other and strive to change customs and practices that oppress and enslave others. Justice involves protecting the rights of others. It protests against everything that destroys human dignity."

It is our collective task and responsibility as followers of Jesus to witness to the truth of the Gospel, to speak clearly against evil in this and all of the forms and to continue Christ's ministry of reconciliation in the world. Black lives matter, and to

say anything other rejects the biblical affirmation that all are lovingly made in the image of God.

In 2019, the General Assembly said that,

“The Presbyterian Church in Canada affirms that all doctrines, policies and practices based on or advocating for superiority of peoples or individuals on the basis of national origin or racial, religious, ethnic or cultural differences are racist, scientifically false, legally invalid, morally condemnable and socially unjust” (A&P 2019, p. 35).

This underscores the kinds of just relationships we are called to build, in both the great commandment to love God and each other, and as ambassadors for reconciliation.

Please consider reading these links below:

[PCC Moderator, Rev. Amanda Currie's Words on anti-black racism](#)

[Undoing racism resources from Canadian Council of Churches](#)

[What I need from white people by Adele Haliday](#)

[A Prayer in a Time of Anger and Unrest](#)

[Pastoral Prayer: Come by Here, Lord by Jerome Curtis Del Pino](#)

Worship



Join us for worship on FaceBook Live this Sunday June 7th!

You may wish to prepare a worship space with a candle, and a cross.

Our Order of Worship & worship resources for worshippers of ALL ages can be downloaded from links below:

[Order of Worship | June 7 2020](#)

Click here to visit our website worship page!

"It was very good" Worship Activities

Don't forget to let us know you're watching!

Offering & Donations

If you are not on PAR, please send offering by Cheque via mail to: c/o Brian Huston at 8677 Glengyle Drive, Strathroy, ON, N7G 3H3.

Cheques will be deposited to the bank on a bi-weekly basis.

OR

We are accepting eTransfers: e-transfers can be sent to the treasurer's email address for direct deposit. treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca

If you wish to donate using electronic transfers please contact Joanne Grivich at treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca for instructions.

We are sincerely thankful for your continued support.

Thank-you, Rev. Shelly, Caradoc Session and Board of Managers

For more information please follow [this link to our webpage.](#)

Reaching Out ...

We continue to reach out this month

To our community by supporting local food banks. Our next Food Drive is June 15-21. Food items can be dropped off to the front porch of the Kocis Family home.

June Special Monthly Offering

Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation - Covid19 Fund, funding is needed as the hospital shifts to dedicating the former long-term care wing to a COVID-19 overflow area, with additional beds and equipment to sustain it. As we know there is still the possibility for a second wave of Covid19 we endeavour to support our local hospital in the hopes it stays ready for all possibilities. Donations will be accepted through CPC treasurer, Joanne Grivich.



Staying Connected ...

Caradoc Coffee Break

Coffee Break this Wednesday June 10th 10:30am

Join friends for coffee break this Wednesday on Zoom. It's super easy! RSVP via email: rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca OR comment in next week's Facebook invitation in order to receive information to join.

Walk & Pray with the Moderator

Join me (Rev. Shelly) and hundreds of Presbyterians who have committed to Walk & Pray with the Moderator, Rev. Amanda Currie. Amanda has committed to walking each day of June, July and August and pray each day for 10-11 congregations & ministries of the PCC and our ecumenical partners in the World Council of Churches.

For the June list of the ministries follow link:[For the list of the ministries to pray for each day follow this link!](#)

Walk with us! (no matter how far or long)
and - or Pray with us! Blessings for each journey!

I Miss Your Face! Campaign

If you haven't checked it out do so by going to our website ... consider sending Rev. Shelly a photo and be included!



For more info on zoom Coffee Breaks click here!



More info on "Walk and Pray with the Moderator" click here!

Paying attention to ...

The month of June highlights

Pride month for the globe & Indigenous Ministries Focus in the PCC.

Caradoc Presbyterian Church has been working to make known that we are a faith family that celebrates life and love without boundaries, that God's love is for everyone and that CPC is a safe place where diversity is valued. This is not an arrived at conclusion, we continue to grow and learn about what it means to be an inclusive community for those who identify as LGBTQi+ Please seek out local or virtual ways to celebrate Pride month during June!

[Pride Toronto link](#)

[Pride London link](#)

Throughout the month of June let's take time to consider some of our Indigenous Ministries and Justice Ministries involving Indigenous Peoples of Canada. To begin ... *We acknowledge with gratitude the traditional territory upon which we live, work, and play. Caradoc Church is on the traditional territory of the Anishnawbe, Haudenosaunee and Attawadaron peoples. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.*

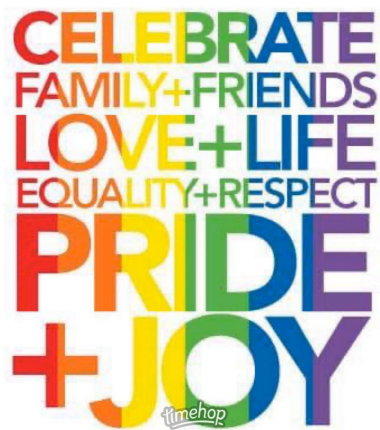
We acknowledge that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been a part of the residential school system. Caradoc Church, with the Presbyterian Church, seeks a new relationship with the First Nations of this land, one based in honour and deep respect. Our Neighbours are the Oneida Nation of the Thames and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

Justice Ministries Initiative:

Below are two links for resources regarding the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. This spring was the 5th anniversary of the Calls To Action from the TRC. Sadly it seems very little momentum has taken root for these actions. Yes, it will take many years to heal as well as for those outside the indigenous community to fully understand the necessity to follow through. *"No single person can address all 94 Calls to Action alone, but if we each choose one Call to work toward and check on regularly, we might stand a chance at making meaningful change. Even as we are physically at a distance from one another, we can seek ways to form communities of accountability. Will other members of your congregation read and pray with you? Are there local Indigenous organizations or movements you can follow on social media for updates and that you might work alongside?"*(quoted from article below) Is there something our congregation can do? Time of reflection is over, it's time for action.

Healing and the TRC Calls to action

PCC Article on "Five Year Anniversary since the TRC's Calls to Action



Keeping busy ...



**JUNE'S TOP TEN
MOVIE
SUGGESTIONS**

June's Top Ten!

Movie Night at Home:

In our family one of our favourite summer traditions is going to the movies! Visit our website or click the pic! for this month's Top Ten List!

Drive In Theatres are beginning to open for the summer!

Mustang Drive In London
Grand Bend Drive In

KIDS CREATE CHANGE!

Do you love to draw? Are you great with a camera?

Do you and your friends like to make up stories?

PWS&D wants to hear from you!

From now until July 31, 2020, we are accepting submissions of short stories, drawings and other creations **by kids from across Canada**, i_nspired by the stories of people embracing abundant life with help from PWS&D._

You'll receive a prize, and your story, artwork or other creation could appear on our website or in future resources.



Are you up for the challenge? Follow link below!

[Kids Create Change!](#)

[Caradoc Presbyterian Church website](#)

Peace & Health Friends!

Stay well! Stay safe! Stay Home!

Wash your hands!

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