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Happy Canada Day friends!

As we celebrate our country's birthday this Wednesday I hope you will lift up with me this prayer for Canada!

Creating God,

Thank you, for this piece of the world called Canada, a slice of land broad and wide, blessed with rivers and great lakes, wide skies and great forests, high mountains and gracious plains, beautiful from sea to sea to sea.

As we mark the anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, we remember and give thanks for the Original people who have been the stewards of this land, and commit ourselves to the work of justice, healing, and reconciliation.

Thank you for our system of government, for the right to speak freely, and to elect our leaders. Thank you for the freedom of religion and conscience that we enjoy.

Thank you for universal health care, and a social safety net, even though not all are caught by it, and not all dwell in safety.

We want a country that is the best it can be, a home for all, welcoming refugees and newcomers, sharing this wealthy country with the world.

Bless our leaders; guide their steps, and empower us to use our voice to help them as they make difficult and far-reaching decisions.

Together we pray for and dream about the country that we hope to become, a country where all are free to be their best selves. Amen.

Congregational Letter/Meeting

This week you will receive a letter from Rev. Shelly. The letter is actually going to act as the beginning of a congregational meeting - this meeting is the rescheduling of the meeting for Sunday March 29 that did not take place because of COVID-19. This meeting was called to address the sale of the Knox church property

The letter you receive this week is asking you to consider 3 motions regarding the sale of the Knox Property. Any questions or concerns about the motions can be addressed by joining a Zoom meeting on July 7th at 7:00 pm. - please email Rev. Shelly if you are able to join the meeting. Please indicate to your elder if you are joining by telephone (this will ensure that you receive the appropriate information and instructions to join the Zoom meeting virtually or via telephone). If you do not want to join the meeting either virtually or by phone, please express any questions or concerns to your elder so that they can bring those concerns to the meeting.

After the meeting on July 7th another letter will be sent out to share any additional information that was brought up at the Zoom meeting. This second letter will give instructions on how to vote for the motions. The second letter will conclude the congregational meeting.

The Session and I know this is an awkward way for us to meet as a congregation to make an important decision. We ask for your patience and cooperation in moving this matter along. Do not hesitate to contact me or your elder with questions. Please continue to pray for those being deeply affected by the pandemic and for the many who put their lives at risk everyday in order for us to feel slightly normal. Let go of the "could and should be" scenarios before us and embrace the possibilities of grace among us!

I wish you the rest & relaxation and the play & celebration of summer!
Peace & Health, *Rev. Shelly*

**Join us for worship on FaceBook Live this
Sunday June 28th!**

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 28 2020](#)

[Worship Activity Bulletin](#)

[Follow link for more information on Offering and Donations](#)



July/August Special Offering

Reaching Out

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Camp Kintail has been a part of the lives of children and youth at Caradoc church for many years. Camping ministries has become an important experience of faith formation for many children and youth within our Presbytery, Synod and beyond for

over 90years! We hope that this ministry will continue to inspire the lives of children, youth and young leaders in our church for another 90 years!

Unfortunately, due to the Covid19 pandemic, like many other charitable entities it is suffering a lack of income that could put this ministry at risk!

Please consider donating to this extraordinary ministry!

[Camp Kintail Blog](#)

Summer Food Drive

During the summer months there will be one week for Food Drive. July 12th - 19th. Please drop off food items on the Kocis family front porch. The Strathroy Salvation Army gives thanks for the generosity of Caradoc Church!

Canada Day "virtual" Potluck

Remember potlucks? It seems so long since the last time we gathered together for a potluck! Let's share potluck together, submit a recipe (with the Canada Day theme) by Sunday July 12th. Rev.

MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Health & Wellness



Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:23

Shelly will compile and load onto the website. Then join us on **Friday July 17th at 6:30pm** on Zoom for a "virtual" potluck dinner. Prepare someone else's recipe and join us for dinner, music and activities! RSVP by Wednesday July 15th.

Coffee Break is on a BREAK!

Due to Canada Day falling on a Wednesday this seems to provide a good time to take a break from Coffee Break. Coffee Break will resume on Sept. 9th for a fall season. During the break consider joining other virtual social events like the Virtual Potluck. Thanks to everyone for all the conversation, laughter, gardening tips, friendship and wisdom shared!

I miss your face!

The *I miss you face* campaign continues! In light of our continued separation please consider submitting a recent picture to add to the *I miss your face* webpage. We look forward to "seeing" you!

Speaking Out Against RACISM AND HATE IN CANADA

 The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Racism and Hate in Canada

Justice opposes prejudice in every form. It rejects discrimination on such grounds as race, sex, age, status or handicap. Justice stands with our neighbours in the struggle for dignity and respect and demands the exercise of power for good.

Living Faith, 8.4.6

Racism and hate of black, indigenous and people of colour *is a part of Canadian culture*. As believers in Christ, we believe all people are created in God's image and are to be valued and respected.

Please consider reading a study guide provided by the national offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to learn more about Speaking Out Against Racism and Hate in Canada.

[Follow this link to Racism and Hate in Canada Study Guide](#)

Pride Month

As Pride month wraps up let us consider how the intersectionality of the discrimination, that is experienced by those who identify as LGBTQi+ and those who are black, indigenous and people of colour, is strikingly similar! Scripture says, "The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance." - 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 Prejudice and discrimination, hurt and pain are a part of the history of our country and our church. We need to continue to grow and learn in order to be active in the healing of the body of Christ. Please consider reading the following blog post written by elder of St. James, Charlottetown PEI, David Robinson.

[Follow this link to blog Pride is both a Celebration and a Protest](#)

Ministries with Indigenous People

All summer we are learning more about Presbyterian Ministries with Indigenous people. This week we highlight **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry – Saskatoon, SK.**

Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (SNCM) provides prayer, crisis counselling, nourishment, clothing and a weekly worship Circle to people on the margins of society. The ministry provides a sense of belonging, care, and inclusion for people of all nations, though the activities uphold Indigenous cultural practices.

Through a mid-week worship Circle and an art program, people from all walks of life experience the love of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Some individuals who seek refuge at SNCM face poverty, abuse, alcoholism and life on the streets, and the ministry honours those stories, while sharing the good news of Jesus' love.

[Follow this link to watch a video about this ministry](#)

During the covid19 crisis challenges to the ministries with Indigenous people have multiplied and funding has been problematic like many charities which provide essential services to communities where poverty and crisis are often a part of everyday life. Consider supporting one of our many indigenous ministries today!



[Caradoc Presbyterian Church Website](#)

Peace & Health Friends!

Stay well! Stay safe! Stay Home!

Wash your hands!

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