



Hello, Friends!

Warm greetings ...

I hope you are staying cool in these days of summer heat!

Our new worship series has reminded me of my love for my ancestor's Celtic prayers. Especially this week as begin to talk about the warmth of the Sun as an experience of God's love. The Celtic people, whose lives like most ancient people, intertwined their understanding of God with nature. The warmth and light of the Sun was often woven into their prayer life to represent God's provision over human life. Like the old Irish Blessing, 'May the road rise up to meet you ... May the sun shine warm upon your face, ...' And so this week I wish to bless you in this way -

May the blessing of light be on you—
light without and light within.
May the blessed sunlight shine on you
and warm your heart
till it glows like a great peat fire. Amen.

I hope to see you at our "virtual" potluck gathering on Zoom this Friday or in the comments after worship in the Sundays ahead! Continuing to be safe my friends and may health be always within reach!

Deepest Peace, *Rev. Shelly*

Congregational Meeting Update:

The second and concluding letter of our congregational meeting that began with the

congregation letter dated June 22, 2020 has now been sent out.

On Tuesday July 7, 2020, 21 members and adherents met over the virtual platform Zoom to address questions, concerns and comments in favour or against the motions. There is no additional information to share from this meeting. If you still have questions or concerns please contact your elder or Rev. Shelly.

It's now time to vote. Please submit your vote as soon as possible.

Instructions on how to vote are included in the letter. Each member in your family needs to indicate their votes separately in order to be counted. If mailing in vote please follow instructions on the mail in ballot for more than one member.

Adherents may vote in this matter.

If you have not received your letter for this [Link to concluding congregational meeting letter](#)

Please remember to submit your vote as soon as possible.

In Christ Service, *CPC Session*



Worship

Join us for worship on FaceBook Live this Sunday July 5th!

Join us for our summer worship series - "Beguiled by Beauty" - we are learning what it means to live a contemplative life, how easy it is, how living this way will deepen our faith and lead us to a life of compassion & justice. We are also learning the

importance of recognizing and understanding our own sacred worth.

You may wish to prepare a worship space with a candle, and a blanket this Sunday.

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

[Order of Worship | July 12 2020](#)

[Worship Activities for All Ages | July 12 2020](#)

Beguiled by Beauty Summer Study

Interested in deepening your learning further throughout the week? Join us for bible study! Please let Rev. Shelly know if you're interested. Resources will be provided weekly at no cost and we will be meeting over Zoom & independently.

Dates for Summer Study are as follows:

Wed. July 15 7:30pm - on Zoom

Weeks of July 22 and 29 - study independently Wed. August 5 - no Study

Wed. Aug. 12, Wed. Aug. 19 - on Zoom



Simple Contemplative practices

Each week during this summer's worship series we will be encouraged to introduce a weekly contemplative practice. Week 1 contemplative action is to pour yourself a glass of water. As you drink it, think about how water sustains us and is a source of LIFE! And then refill that same glass and water another living thing... offering a glass of water to someone else (maybe use a clean glass) or water an indoor plant, refresh your pup's water dish, a tree on your property, your favourite garden beauty, a bird bath etc.

Consider creating a reminder note that says,

“Water is life. Water your life so you can water other life... for the beauty of the earth.

You are encouraged to keep this an a contemplative practice all summer - try picking a day to remind you that "Water is LIFE!" and complete the action that day! There will be six weeks of contemplative practices for you to continue through out the summer months.



Staying Connected

Friday July 17th 6:30pm

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 in mind although not necessary) by Sunday July 12th.

Rev. Shelly will compile and load onto the website.

Prepare someone else's recipe and join us for dinner, music and activities. **RSVP to rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca by JULY 15!**

[Follow the slink to recipe ideas!](#)

Then join us on Friday July 17th at 6:30pm on Zoom for a "virtual" potluck dinner.

Rev. Shelly will send via an eNews with "virtual" potluck dinner Zoom invite information Friday morning.

[click here to see our Potluck webpage!](#)



Reaching Out

July & August Special Offering

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!

[Follow this link to visit 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!



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Paying Attention

Ministries with Indigenous People

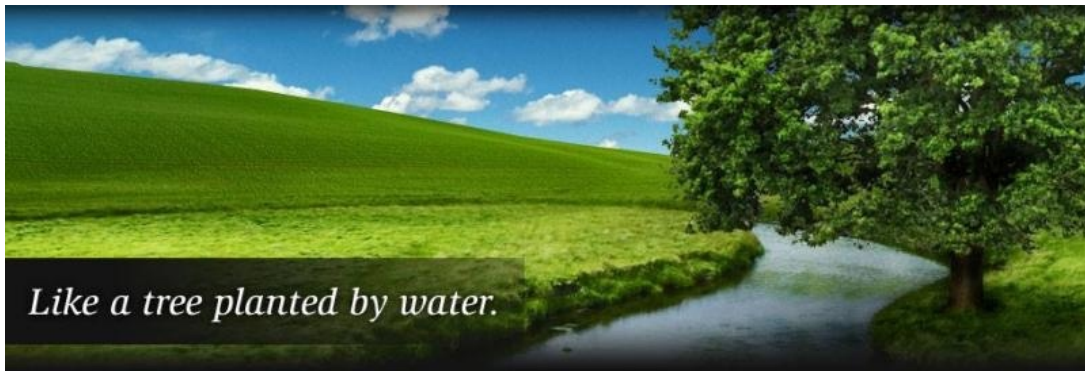
All summer we are learning more about Presbyterian Ministries with Indigenous people. This week we highlight **Edmonton Urban Native Ministry – Edmonton, AB**

Edmonton Urban Native Ministries (EUNM) operates under the call to “lift up your H.E.A.D.S.” The acronym points to the five pillars of their mission: healing, evangelism, awakening, development, and sending. With this mission in mind, the ministry offers a range of services to First Nation individuals through their drop-in centre, located at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church.

In addition to providing for physical needs with hot meals, a clothing bank, an emergency food bank, bus tickets, and haircuts; EUNM also caters to spiritual needs through morning devotionals, prayer, Bible sharing, and worship services. Additionally, they offer tae kwon do lessons, music lessons, vacation Bible school, and local camp scholarships for First Nation children and youth. Where complex issues of addiction, violence, sexual exploitation, homelessness, and poverty exist, EUNM attempts to meet affected individuals with the love of Jesus.

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!

[Follow this link for more information on Ministries with Indigenous Peoples](#)



Peace & Health Friends!

Stay well! Stay safe! Stay Home!

Wash your hands!

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