



An anniversary looms ...

Snow filled greetings friends!

Happy New Year to anyone I haven't had the pleasure to speak to this month! As we welcomed in 2021 this month we have begun to hear the words, "a year ago today ..." and it occurred to me that an anniversary looms. Like the momentum that began to take over the airways of 2020 a year ago we need to prepare now for the weeks before us. We will continue to listen, flabbergasted I'm sure, to all the events that begin with "a year ago today." How, when we are in the middle of an extended lockdown, again, and filled with new anxieties, are we suppose to cope with the looming anniversary of this global event?

I'll answer that question in the wise words of Helen Keller, "Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."

Resolve to keep happy and keep your joy- find the determination to greet each day with a happy heart and keep all that brings you joy close at hand and this as Helen Keller says, "will form an invincible host against difficulties!" Yes the days ahead will be difficult however we have a God who says, you are never alone.

*It is the Lord who goes before you.
He will be with you;
he will not leave you or forsake you.
Do not fear or be dismayed.
~Deuteronomy 31:8*

Together with the promises of God and the wise words of Helen Keller I think we have a formula for the days ahead. Bring into focus your faith in God, a happy heart and keep your joys close and a protective barrier will erupt all around you!

If you need help keeping focus on your faith this winter consider joining the **Let's pray together** challenge starting February 1st or join me for our Lenten daily devotionals and weekly bible beginning in just a few weeks! Or perhaps join

Caradoc Coffee break on Zoom to connect with your faith family friends every Wednesday at 10:30am.

One thing I know for sure, I'm committed to not letting the everyday routines of this lockdown stop me from the MIRACLE of LIVING every day! Join me in this prayer

Creator God, we lay each day before you. We ask that our attitudes be filled with your grace and compassion. We ask that our faces be filled with your beauty. We ask that our hearts be filled with your wisdom and joy. We pray in Jesus name, may it be so! (amen!)

Peace be with you friends, *Rev. Shelly*

Public Health Information:

In my role as presbytery's Co-Moderator, I was asked to attend the national public health video conference with Dr. Tam this month. As leaders of worshipping communities we were asked to continue to circulate the latest information regarding Covid19 and vaccines. Below you will find a link to all things related to the government's Covid19 response and Vaccines. If you do not have an online connection please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Shelly for printed resources of information provided by the government.

Make sure you are always getting information from credible sources!

[Government of Canada - Public Health Information](#)

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Let's pray together!

I challenge **YOU** for the remainder of the winter to join together for prayer. You can choose to pray each day or at your convenience. Each day Rev. Shelly will post on Facebook and our website prayers and prayer helps & challenges to inspire you to pray together!

Prayer can be a community event even though we are apart - we can join together in prayer each day!

The challenge begins Monday February 1st! Comment on our Facebook page posts to let everyone know you accept the challenge! or email Rev. Shelly at rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca

As part of our prayer challenge consider sending a prayer request to be included in the eNews/website for others in our challenge to join you with specific prayers.

Public prayer requests for our time of challenge can be received by Rev. Shelly via email or voicemail and will be published in the eNews/website for everyone to include in their prayer life. All prayer requests (including confidential) can also be sent to the Caradoc Prayer Team via Theresa Glithero tmglithero@gmail.com.

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Announcements

2021 Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars & note the change of date!

Caradoc Presbyterian Church's 2021 Annual meeting will be Sunday March 21st at 1pm on Zoom.

Video conferencing and phone connection will be available for this meeting. The annual report will be circulated and up on the website two weeks ahead. Everyone will receive more information about connecting to the Zoom meeting via a special eNews the Sunday before. *For those not familiar with Zoom a practice meeting will be held the Sunday before at 1pm.* If you have any questions please email Rev. Shelly at rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca or leave a message at the church.

Congratulations!

We and great grandma, Anna Tapai are happy to announce the birth of Harper Brooke, daughter of Melissa and Dan Atkinson and new little sister to Lauren. Harper was born just about a week before Christmas 2020. Welcome to our world Harper it just got better because you are now a part of it and our family!

Knox Property

The Knox task team has agreed to extend the closing date of the sale of the Knox property until February 26th, 2021 at the request of the buyers. All is well and continued thanks to the task team and volunteers who care for the property.

Worship

New Worship Series - Follow Me!

This Sunday **Join us for worship** on Facebook Live!

10:45am Musical Prelude | 11am Worship

Please let us know you've joined us, or greet your faith family in the comments!

Links to the order of worship and worship activities can be found on our website or in Facebook posts announcing worship.

[Follow this link to our Worship Page!](#)



Worship Videos

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Not on Facebook?

Sunday Worship videos are now available on our website. *Worship videos may take up until late Monday to load, we apologize for the delay.*

[Click here or the picture to go to the worship video page on the CPC](#)



Offering

Continued thanks and appreciation for your financial gifts to Caradoc Church. In 2021 offerings will continue to be received by e-transfer and through the mail.

VIA MAIL: Please send offering by Cheque 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

VIA 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

Staying Connected

Caradoc Coffee Break

Take a Coffee break every Wednesday 10:30am with us!

Please consider joining in every week or once and awhile.

Coffee Break is a time of connection with our faith family and to share in our journey together.

Rev. Shelly will look forward to

hearing from you if you wish to join in, please call, email or message on Facebook your interest.

Coffee Break happens on Zoom and email invites will be sent out Wednesday

morning a half hour before Coffee Break

From Where We Stand - Connecting With God:

Daily devotional & Bible Study

This Lent join Rev. Shelly for daily devotionals and a weekly bible study.

With being home so much, not attending worship, and not having opportunities to grow and be nurtured through faith events - it's hard to feel connected to God. The good news is that **from where we stand** we can connect with God - anytime, any place - *we can connect with God*. Join Rev. Shelly each day on Facebook or our website for daily devotionals and weekly on Monday evenings on Zoom at 7:30pm for an hour study of our theme: From Where We Stand - Connecting With God.

Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Clean up your lives, you sinners. Purify your hearts - James 4:8

Daily devotionals begin Wednesday February 17th and bible study begins Monday February 22nd, please let Rev. Shelly know if you'd to be involved in bible study.

Paying Attention

January Reflection from the Moderator

Rev. Amanda Currie

[Click here to watch a video of the Moderator's reflection](#)

Greetings to you, friends in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

I've been feeling tired this week. Not tired in a physical sense, as I'm still getting enough sleep and exercise, and I'm eating well. But I'm tired of the COVID-19 Pandemic. I miss seeing my congregation, and hugging them, and sharing food together, and all the other things we used to enjoy before this terrible plague began. And I'm tired of worrying – about the ones that are sick, and the ones that are grieving, the ones that are on the front lines, and the ones that are not staying as connected to the church community.

[... to continue reading click here.](#)

Praying for Peace in Ethiopia

A serious humanitarian situation is developing in the Tigray region of Ethiopia – with large numbers of displaced people and refugees hosted in South Sudan. A long-standing political disagreement between the Ethiopia federal government and the northern regional state of Tigray’s regional government led to the outbreak of hostilities in November 2020.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimates that 950,000 people were in need prior to the crisis, with a further 1.3 million people projected to require aid as a result.

After several months of fighting, the humanitarian situation is dire. Supply routes have been cut off and the harvest season has been impacted by the conflict—leaving many incredibly food insecure.

PWS&D is monitoring the situation and is prepared to respond as soon as possible, using available mechanisms. ACT Alliance has issued [an appeal](#) in response to the situation, for which funding is desperately needed.

The ACT Ethiopia Forum has also [released a statement](#) calling for the establishment of a humanitarian corridor to allow relief operations and the protection of civilians and humanitarian aid workers.

Furthermore, the Canadian Council of Churches recently released a call for prayer and action in response to the conflict.

[Click here to make a gift in response to the crisis.](#)

You can also make a gift through your church
OR by mailing a cheque or by calling 1-800-619-7301 x291. Please mark your donation “Ethiopia Crisis.”



Peace be with you!



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