



Caradoc Presbyterian Church

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Happy Spring!

Spring has arrived! Vaccines are here! and "normal" may be just around the corner?

What's New?

I don't know about you but these days I cringe when people ask me, "what's new?" because really it's the same old, same old, right? Pretty much is it for me personally, professionally and for the church. We continue to move forward the best we can. Many of you may be wondering what will happen with worship in the coming months, Caradoc session continues to stay in a holding pattern of caution, concern and knowledge. As soon as it is reasonable and safe, rest assured decisions will be made about returning to some kind of "new normal" regarding worship and fellowship within our faith community. We ask for your continued patience and know that we will be in touch when we are ready to begin to return.

Caradoc Session wishes to announce: It is with regret and with great thanksgivings for all her dedicated work for the church over many years but most recently as an elder, rep elder for presbytery and the clerk of session that

we announce the retirement of Theresa Glithero as a ruling elder of Caradoc church. Theresa has made the difficult decision to move to a new community to be closer to her family. We will miss Theresa's enthusiasm in the choir each Sunday, her willingness to teach Holy Moly & sit with our young worshippers as well as her care in times of need and her wisdom as clerk of Session and in many other leadership roles within the church. Theresa will be moving during the summer and assures session she'll be back to visit as often as she can! We wholeheartedly thank Theresa for all her work on behalf of the church and wish her well and many blessings in this new season!

I am happy to report I have chosen to be vaccinated! I received my first shot of the Pfizer vaccine just about two weeks ago now. I look forward to receiving my second shot in August along with many of you! If you have not received your vaccine yet please consider making an appointment soon!

In the eNews you'll find encouragement about staying informed, reminders of things that are happening in our faith community which I strongly encourage you to get involved in if you can and some thoughtful considerations. I leave you with this blessing ...

Deep peace of the forest's layered greening to you.

Deep peace of the birds returning to you;

to nest and surround you with their beloved songs.

Deep peace of the seeds sprouting to you;

the swelling buds and the sweet scents of blossoms.

Deep peace of the days lengthening to you;

its warming, and its brightening.

Deep peace of the morning fog to you;

its refreshing dew and lingering mist.

Deep peace of God's colourful flourishing love,

Deep peace of Christ's trillium-white grace,

and deep peace of the Spirit's embracing breeze. Amen.

Deepest Peace to you my friends, *Rev. Shelly*

NEW on the vaccine front!

*Starting Thursday, May 13 - **Adults**

**Middlesex-London COVID-19
VACCINE BOOKING SYSTEM**



www.covidvaccinelm.ca



Call 226-289-3560

**Please confirm eligibility before
booking**

[CLICK HERE TO CHECK ELIGIBILITY](#)

40 years of age and older and there is a new list of **At Risk Health Conditions**

Please follow this link (or click picture to the left) to health unit webpage will all current eligibility

Do you still have questions about the vaccines?

Please click here to follow link to Canada.ca: Vaccines for COVID-19

If you need help finding or booking an appointment for or a ride to receive a covid19 vaccine please do not hesitate to call Rev. Shelly.



There are good facts sheets about vaccines and related issues on the **This is our shot Canada** website in 27 languages. As well as a t-shirt campaign with proceeds going to Kid's Helpline.

[is our shot Canada](#)

[Click here to follow a link to the website: This](#)



Giving Thanks!

Philippians 4:4-8 (NRSV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which

surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ

Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

As we continue to consider the "new normal" emerging before us let's be mindful of where we are now. As more and more people choose to be vaccinated the hope of this pandemic coming to an end can grow. It's been a challenging and at times difficult year however, we are taught that thanksgiving even in hard times is part of who we are as Christians. How will you be thankful, praise God for the blessings found or seen during the pandemic. What are you doing to guard your hearts & minds in Christ? One way we can protect our hearts from being hardened and our minds from becoming clouded with darkness is to open our lives up to see our blessings. When we can see our blessings it is then time for a response! How are you responding to your blessings and gifts given during this season of a time of pandemic?

[Click here for A thoughtful reflection](#) on receiving the vaccine: from the PCC Moderator: The Gift of Vaccination.



A prayer for Mothers enduring & after the Pandemic

Dear God,
The past year and more our lives have been marked with much anxiety, fear, hopelessness and for some even death. So much has happened in our country and across the globe. Everyone has been

affected by a horrible pandemic, including our mothers. Some have been unable to see their children, and grandchildren. The isolation has been unreal. We pray that you bring comfort to mothers. We pray that you restore them in relationships that have been strained or lost. Help them to keep safe from the coronavirus as they seek to reestablish these relationships.

Please reunite parents and children who may have been at odds politically due to the pandemic. We ask that you help them to prioritize the relationship over

being right, that they would prioritize love over winning.

Thank you God for those mothers you kept in good health. May those who passed away rest in your everlasting peace.

No one is quite sure what the future of schooling or work life will look like for some places tomorrow let alone the future. Please help the mothers affected in these areas to make smart and wise choices. God, guide them in continuing to live lives that are devoted to you and are of service to those around them.

Pandemic or not, we know your promises are true, you are watching over us. Comfort us all with that knowledge today. Amen.

(adapted written by Aaron D. Brown)



Spring Coffee Break

10:30am every 1st and 3rd Wed.

Join your faith family friends on Zoom for friendship and fellowship!

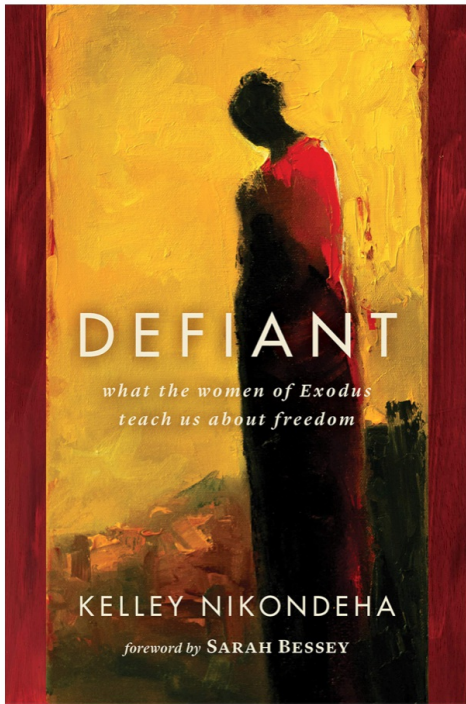
New to coffee break? Email Rev. Shelly for the invite.

See you next on Wed. May 19th!

Spring/Summer Book Study

Defiant: What the Women of Exodus Teach Us about Freedom by Kelley Nikondeha

There would be no Moses, no crossing of the Red Sea, no story of breaking the chains of slavery if it weren't for the women in the Exodus narrative. Women on both sides of the Nile exhibited a subversive strength resisting Pharaoh and leading an entire people to freedom. Defiant explores how the Exodus women summoned their courage, harnessed their intelligence, and



gathered their resources to enact justice in many small ways and overturned an empire. Women find themselves in similar circumstances today. The Women's March stirred the conscience of a nation and prompted women to organize with and for their neighbours, it is worth reflecting on the resistance literature of Exodus and what it has to offer women.

Join together with Rev. Shelly to explore this fascinating book starting Monday May 31st every other week through to Monday July 12th. We will read and reflect together, so you will need the book in advance to beginning by reading the

intro & first two chapters.

Please let Rev. Shelly know if you are interested by May 21st. If you would like Rev. Shelly to order the book for you please contact ASAP. or alternatively order [from Amazon by clicking here.](#)

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How can we help support Goba concerns?

Support Presbyterian World Service & Development today!

PWS&D is one way Canadian presbyterians can reach out to support global concerns. Currently the world is watching India struggle with a huge and tragic impact of a second wave of the COVID19 virus. It is difficult to watch such a crisis in our

world. Please consider supporting the work of the Humanitarian Coalition directly or through PWS&D. As presbyterians through this fund we support many partners that are on the ground and in real time reaching out in helpful way to respond to global crises around the world.

For more information on PWS&D partner Humanitarian Coalition [click here](#).

For more information [Click here to go to the PWD&S website](#). You can donate directly to PWS&D or you can send a cheque or etransfer to Caerdoc's treasurer - *please indicate in your communication that your donation is for PWS&D and if you wish it to directly support a specific crisis.*



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