



Caradoc Presbyterian Church

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*Plant your roots in Christ
and let him be the foundation for your life. - Col.2:7a*



Friends, there is a lot going on ... my prayer is you continue to connect with each other in supportive ways as the lockdown looms on, that you look to the future with hope, that you support our continued effort to make good decisions for our community of faith, that you reach out in love to all people no matter what! and that you join our indigenous neighbours and friends in grieving the loss of all children lost during a time when many thought "we are doing good" when really "we

were harming" generations of humans because they were *seen as less than* by those "in power." There is a lot going on ... please take time to read all the offerings in our newsletter. I wish you health, peace and a virtual hug!

Deepest peace & blessings, *Rev. Shelly*

PCC Prays for the Lives Lost at Kamloops Indian Residential School

We grieve with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, who has just

released news that the unidentified graves of 215 children have been found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in Kamloops, B.C. The devastating pain and loss this news triggers are not isolated to Kamloops, but is shared by all who lost family, friends or community members to Indian Residential Schools. So many Indigenous children never came home from the schools where they were forcibly taken, and the weight of the trauma that loss has wreaked in Indigenous communities, in which the church shared a large role, is still causing intense harm today.

In humility, the church calls for a time of prayer and lament to honour the lives of those children whose graves were just found and for all family, friends and communities who have lost loved ones through the Indian Residential School system—for whom this news opens fresh wounds. We also call for a time of reflection and recommitment to reconciliation. As we approach the month of June, which is National Indigenous History Month, we encourage all church members to reflect on the harmful history in which we have been involved, and from that reflection seek renewed ways to work for healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people.

Prayer

Creator God of love and justice, Comforter of those who mourn,

We have learned of more Indigenous children lost, more children who never were able to return to their families from schools they should never have been forced to attend in the first place. This news is devastating. We pray first for healing for the children's families and communities, who are met again today with pain no one should ever have to bear.

We also acknowledge the actions of your church, our complicity in running residential schools and taking children like these, who were just found, from their families. We repent for the pain and ongoing harm we have caused, and ask for the will and wisdom to act to end that harm. We have asked for forgiveness and committed to work for healing and reconciliation. But we recognize that for many, that change came too late.

Comforting God, we pray for healing in the communities and families of all who experienced residential schools, comfort for all those grieving, and strength for all to pursue reconciliation. Amen.

The National Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available for any former residential school students and others needing support. That help can be accessed at 1-866-925-4419.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada operated 11 residential schools and, in addition to the trauma of being forcibly taken from their homes, families, and communities, students faced abuse, neglect, non-consensual experimentation, increased illness and death. The church has confessed its role in running the schools and is seeking a path of reconciliation with Indigenous people ([see this web page for the Confession, and a study guide to work through it.](#)) But the trauma those schools caused for individuals, families and communities continues to significantly impact Indigenous people today. As a church, we are called to repentance and to action.

[Click here:](#) To learn more about Indian Residential Schools operated by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, see an online narrative history available on the Presbyterian Archives website .

[Click here:](#) To learn more about how the PCC is pursuing reconciliation and supporting Indigenous Rights, see the Indigenous Justice section of the Social Action Hub.



Join Caradoc for worship with a new worship series: **When the Spirit Moves**

10:45am Prelude | 11am Worship

We continue to worship on FBLive each Sunday. Worship videos from the beginning of this series can be found

on our website - [click here to access our worship video webpage](#)

Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday June 6th -

Please prepare to have the elements of bread & juice(wine) ready before worship [remember we are at the table together you are free to use whatever elements are available]





Offering

Continued thanks and appreciation for your financial gifts to Caradoc Church. ___ In 2021 offerings will continue to be received by etransfer 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

What's New? Sunday Morning Coffee Time Experiment

Immediately following worship

Sunday June 6th and June 20th join Caradoc Church on Facebook.

Facebook provides a platform to create a video chat room. Immediately

following worship Rev. Shelly will post an invite to join a **Facebook room called Caradoc Coffee Time** please grab a coffee and click to join for a time of greetings & fellowship with the Caradoc faith family. We will meet for a half hour or so, we look forward to seeing you!



Announcement & Thanks!

Dear Friends: Thank you all so much for your kind words. It has been my honour and pleasure



to serve this congregation over the years. With God as head and a team of disciples at Caradoc – and the churches before – great things happen. Everyone of us has God given gifts and strengths. I personally was nudged – sometimes forcefully pushed – when God’s calling was not in line with my plans. I am humbly grateful for your faith in me to serve as clerk and elder. I’m only up the road about an hour – 40 East Morningside Circle, New Hamburg, N3A 2G5 – as of September 1. I’m staying with my daughter from July 16 th to September 1. I will miss all of

you and will worship with you currently on line and as often as I can in person when that again becomes a reality. May you continue to be blessed. With love,
Theresa

10:30 AM
1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH

Spring Coffee Break

Join us
for friendship and fellowship!
Comment below
or email Rev. Shelly



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. June 16!
and additionally on Wed. June 30th.

re:animate prayer gatherings

THURSDAY JUNE 3-7:30PMEST
DATE:TBA-10:30AMEST
FRIDAY-JUNE 11 7:30PMEST

TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST VISIT THE VIRTUAL PRAYER WALL

Prayer Gatherings and Prayer Wall

Much prayer is needed as our denomination heads into General Assembly. The Spirit has led the church to this moment in our denominations history and we pray that the Spirit will continue to move and work in the hearts of

Commissioners and in the wider church.

In light of this need to pray, we will be gathering before, during and after General Assembly for intentional times of prayer. Register using the link below and you will be sent a Zoom invitation and the link for all three prayer gatherings. Each gathering will be led with some prepared time in prayer and will last 30-40 minutes.

Prayer Gathering #1: Thursday, June 3 @ 7:30 PM ET

Prayer Gathering #2: Date TBD @ 10:30 AM ET

Prayer Gathering #3: Friday, June 11 @ 7:30 PM ET

[Click here to go to Prayer Wall to submit prayer requests](#)

[Click here to register for re:animate Prayer Gatherings](#)

re:animate is a movement within the PCC Drawn by the Spirit toward acts of courageous, inclusive and creative ministry within The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC).

As a small and imperfect reflection of the Church, animated by the Spirit, we gather in heart, mind and body to actively seek the Way of Jesus Christ by nurturing the following core values within The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC): Courageous Leadership; Inclusive Community; Creative Ministry. Rev. Shelly is a co-convenor of the co-ordinating circle of this movement. For more information please visit the re:animate website.

[click here to go to re:animate website](#)



General Assembly is the highest court of our denominational church. Many presbyterians only pay attention when a decision will directly impact the regional or congregational ministry they are involved in (no judgement just a historical fact.) However this year is a pivotal year. After many, many, many years of bold leadership encouraging our denomination to move toward to full inclusion of 2SLGBTQI+ persons, including

ordination as clergy and same sex marriage, we have entered the last leg of such remits moving through our polity. These remits if they are passed will finally recognize ordination for our 2SLGBTQ+ siblings in Christ and will support same sex marriage as a practice of the PCC. You can watch General Assembly as it goes ahead online this year OR please find time to pray for commissioners of GA.

[Click here: To watch General Assembly or to join in opening worship and for all GA info including reports](#)



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VACCINE BOOKING SYSTEM


www.covidvaccinelm.ca


Call 226-289-3560

Please confirm eligibility before
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Get your shot!

If you need help with booking a vaccination appointment or need a ride or any kind of support please let Rev. Shelly know and our faith community will be happy to help!

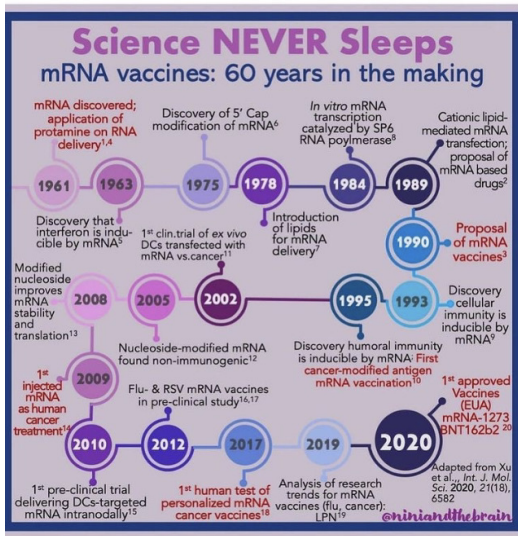
[Click here: to find out eligibility and how to register](#)

Nervous? Got questions?

[Click here: to find information about vaccines](#)



The following information has been circulated on social media by **this is our shot Canada** [Click here: for more information thisisourshot.ca](http://thisisourshot.ca)



CORONAVIRUS VACCINE RUMOURS DEBUNKED

Helping to separate fact, from fiction

@afrankphd

#1 THE VACCINE HAS BEEN RUSHED

People are expressing concern at the speed that this vaccine has been developed, compared to the usual time it takes (8 months vs 10 years).

What is not being taken into account are the *huge barriers* faced when trying to get a drug or vaccine to market, that this vaccine has *not* faced.

Potentially the most important rumour to be debunked, these trials are an example of what can be done with unfathomable funding, and in science, **funding = scientists, equipment, speed.**

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#2 THERE HASN'T BEEN ENOUGH TESTING

Phase III clinical trials are the last phase of trials before a drug or vaccine can be taken to market. It is required to be on large patient groups, 300-3000 people.

The Phase III clinical trials for the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine involved over 43,000 participants.

Normally, clinical trials can be held back due to low volunteer numbers and low disease prevalence.

Neither of which were an issue in this case.

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A cheerful
disposition is
good for your
health;
gloom and
doom leave you
bone-tired.
Proverbs 17:22 (MSG)



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