

**HARMONY CENTERVILLE CHURCH**  
**February and March 2024 Newsletter**

**By Rev. Lynda Hodgins**

**Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning**  
**At Centreville Presbyterian Church**

Everybody welcome.

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**Worship Schedule February and March**

**Feb 4 Kevin Adams**

**Feb 11 Jane Berlin Guest speaker**

**Feb 18 Kevin Adams Lent 1**

**Feb 28 Celia Hunter Lent 2**

**March 3 Kevin Adams Lent 3**

**March 10 Rev. Lynda Lent 4**

**March 17 Kevin Adams Lent 5**

**March 24 Rev. Lynda Palm Sunday**

**March 29 Kevin Adams Good Friday**

**March 31 Rev. Lynda Easter Sunday**



**Ecumenical Shared Ministry**

On Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at a Congregational Meeting Harmony Pastoral Charge and Centreville Presbyterian Church voted to accept the Ecumenical Shared Ministry Agreement prepared by our Transition Team. This Agreement then went to both the United Church Regional Council and Lindsay Presbytery for approval. It has now been approved by Lindsay Presbytery and we await final word from United Church Council which we hope to receive soon. This is exciting news.

Next step is to begin the process of searching for a new Minister for our new Ecumenical Ministry. A Search Team has been established to begin this work with three members from Harmony; Murray Thompson, Ab Cole, and Lorie Atchison and three from Centreville; Annette Fallis, Bill VanEngen and one person to be confirmed. Candidates from both the United Church and the Presbyterian Church will be considered.

Sue Pettersone, liason from Regional Council who has been part of our Transition Team will continue to work with us as we navigate our way through the Search process. The first step is to write a Profile of our Community of Faith and this is in the works and hopefully will be ready for your approval soon.

Neil Ellis who has been our Interim Moderator from Lindsay Presbytery is unfortunately not able to continue as Interim Moderator as he has accepted a new position. Many Thanks to Neil for all the work he has done to help get us to this point on the journey and we wish him well in his new role.



### Sandwich Outreach

Our Sandwich Outreach works hand in hand with Sandwich Sisters, a group founded by Jane Berlin who will be our

Guest Speaker on Sunday Feb 11. We look forward to Jane's insights into the resources and programs in the Peterborough area which support those living with food and housing insecurity.

There have been some very recent changes to the program which have had an impact on our Sandwich making Team. The local Health Unit has decided it is a Health Risk to the folks receiving sandwiches at the shelter to be served sandwiches not made in a Health Department certified kitchen.

We have decided to shift our Sandwich making and will gather in the Centreville church kitchen on the third Thursday of each month. We will meet on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and see how this works. We are happy to have more Sandwich makers and if you are able to help please feel free to join us at the church kitchen on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this project over the past few years either by making sandwiches or financially contributing to this initiative. If you would like to make a donation to this project please just place your offering your regular envelope and make a note that it is for our Sandwich Outreach.

**HARMONY ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE. THIS YEAR WE WILL COMBINE MILLBROOK CAVAN AND BAILIEBORO SPRINGVILLE INTO ONE FOR THE MEETING.**

## Centreville News...

Donations of \$50.00 each were made to the Leprosy Mission and Youth Emergency Shelter.

Christmas Craft packages including the Christmas Story were delivered to 18 children in the community. Children are always welcomed at our services and a program is available for them.

Summer Bible Adventure... I know it seems like summer is a long way away right now, but it is time to start thinking of a theme for Summer Bible Adventure 2024. Ideas, please share with Carol Oldfield.

The Church Library is located in the north room off the entry hall. All books are listed in a binder as well as many good DVD movies to sign out. Chat with Carol for more info.



The Season of Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring.

The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, as Christians, during Lent we focus on our relationship with God and growing as disciples.

### LENT, BY ANN WEEMS

LENT IS A TIME TO TAKE THE TIME TO LET THE POWER OF OUR FAITH STORY TAKE HOLD OF US,

- A TIME TO INTENSIFY OUR LIVING INTO CHRIST.

- A TIME TO HOVER OVER THE THOUGHTS OF OUR HEARTS,

- A TIME TO PONDER AND A TIME TO WONDER.

LENT IS A TIME TO ALLOW A FRESH NEW TASTE OF GOD.

