

**HARMONY PASTORAL CHARGE
MARCH NEWLETTER**

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

Everybody welcome.

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Greetings folks. How welcome are these longer days, glimpses of sunshine and the promise of spring yet to come! Please see below our worship schedule March- May.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 5 Kevin Adams Lent #2
March 12 Rev. Lynda Lent #3
(Millbrook Cavan Annual Meeting)
March 19 Kevin Lent #4
March 26 Kevin Lent 5

April 2 Kevin Palm Sunday
April 9 Lynda Easter Sunday
April 16 Kevin
April 23 Lynda with Healing Service to follow regular service of worship
April 30 Lynda

May 7 Kevin
May 14 Lynda with Healing Service to follow regular service of worship
May 21 Kevin
May 28th Lynda



Your Transition Team, Board and Ministry and Personnel Teams have continued to work behind the scene.

I am pleased to be able to offer an update. I (Rev. Lynda) have agreed to return on a half time basis again next year, so following my Annual summer pilgrimage to PEI , I will return from October 2023 to the end of May 2024. Kevin Adams has also agreed to return two Sundays a month from October 2023 to May 2024. We hope this will bring some consistency to our worship life as we continue to discern where the future of our Harmony Centreville conversations will take us.

Celia Hunter and Kevin Adams have agreed to cover service during the summer months. Many thanks to Kevin and Celia!

Healing Services

I would like to offer Healing Services once a month following our regular worship service and have scheduled two services for April 23 and May 14. I was involved with Healing services for the first time during my time at Iona and found them to be powerful and deeply moving.

Iona, a tiny island off the west coast of Scotland, is an ancient holy place settled by St Columba. It has for hundreds and hundreds of years been a place of pilgrimage and prayer. Over the centuries there has come to be a belief that prayer from Iona is powerful and as a result of this understanding, folks send request for healing prayers to Iona from all over the world. Every day letters and emails arrive with names of those to be held in prayer. The staff and volunteers of the Iona community wanted to honour these requests, and as a result decided to hold a Healing service following the regular service of worship every Tuesday evening.

During these services the names of folks are read out and all those in attendance are invited to add the names of those they wish to add to the prayers for healing. Folks at the Healing service are also invited to come forward as they wish to receive a laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing.

Recognizing how healing was a vital part of Jesus' life and ministry I would like to offer Healing services. I invite you to our first Healing service on April 23. I expect our service

to be brief, no more than 20 minutes. Although you will have an opportunity to come forward to receive a laying on of hands/anointing with oil this will be entirely optional.

After these two Healing services we will reevaluate and decide if Healing services are part of a Ministry we wish to continue offering next year.

Sandwich Outreach

We continue to provide outreach to our community through our sandwiches for One Roof. One Roof provides food and support to the folks in Peterborough who are living with food insecurity.

Our Sandwich makers prepare sandwiches in their own homes on the first and third Thursday of each month and then deliver them to 'Millbrook Farm and Pet Supply' where they are picked up and delivered to One Roof for distribution. Many thanks to our wonderful and faithful sandwich makers! If you would like to be part of this important outreach project, please call or email Rev. Lynda. We are also grateful for the financial donations to this program and are delighted to report that we have also been able to pass on a \$1600.00 donation to One Roof to support their work.



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