

HARMONY PASTORAL CHARGE

Worshipping at Cavan Millbrook Community Centre

9.30 a.m. during April (except Good Friday)

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What a joy to be back to in-person worship! Please join us at the Cavan Millbrook Community Centre Sunday mornings in April at 9.30 a.m. On Good Friday, we will gather at Centreville Presbyterian Church Hall at 10.30 a.m. We have invited the Presbyterians to join us for Good Friday. Services will also be recorded and available on the church's website:

www.harmoniypastoralcharge.com

Out of concern for others, we are asking that you please wear a mask. Many thanks!

In May, we will return to Centreville Church for worship at 10.30 a.m.

SERVICES DURING APRIL

April 3, Fifth Sunday of Lent,
Rev. Lynda

April 10, Passion & Palm
Sunday, Rev. Bob

April 15th, Good Friday, Rev. Bob

April 17, Easter Sunday, Rev. Bob & Rev.
Lynda



April 24, The First After Easter, Rev. Bob Justin Hiscox will be providing music leadership all month.

SANDWICH OUTREACH PROJECT

Many thanks for all of you folks who have jumped in to help with our new Sandwich Outreach. This project supplies much needed and deeply appreciated sandwiches to One Roof Community Centre in Peterborough. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Lynda.

NEWS FROM HARMONY BOARD

Harmony Board continues to meet monthly quietly supporting the pastoral charge and congregations in their ministries. Decisions were made concerning in-person services with all the details that includes. Reports from the ministers and various committees were received. It was recognized that following the annual congregational meetings, positions on the Harmony Board will change:



Harmony Chair will come from Bailieboro
Springville;
Worship Chair from Bailieboro Springville;
Ministry and Personnel Chair from Millbrook
Cavan.

Myrna Thompson and Dorothy Bloom have
graciously offered to remain as Secretary and
Treasurer respectively.

We're grateful to the Board for all they do!

WEBSITE

Have you checked out our website recently?
www.harmonypastoralcharge.com. We are trying
to update it and make it attractive and welcoming.
There is some great material on the "Reflections"
page as well as news of what's happening in our
individual congregations and pastoral charge as a
whole. Current and past worship services are
there, as well as musical offerings from Lenore and
Justin and links to the wider life and work of The
United Church of Canada. **If you would like to
write a reflection which could be shared with
others**, please contact Rev. Bob. It would be
welcome!

A PRAYER FOR THOSE STILL WONDERING....

Lord, You have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always
given
strength for the
coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.



Lord, You have always given
peace for the coming day;
an though of anxious heart,

today I believe.
Lord, You have always kept me
safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am,
today, I believe.

Lord, You have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today, I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken
when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now,
today I believe.

*(This expression of faith comes from the
Northumbria Community in Northern England.)*

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Dave van
Loon who has been providing medical
care in the area for fifty years – and no
signs of retirement!



WELCOME, BILL SHAW to the new Cavan
Monaghan Councillor, taking the seat of his wife,
Cathy Moore, who died December 22, 2021. Bill
wants to carry on Cathy's good work on behalf of
the people of this area.

FROM THE MILLBROOK TIMES

Twenty-five years ago, Millbrook/Cavan United
Church Minister John Sloan spearheaded the
packing of approximately twenty Christmas
hampers in the basement of the Lions' Den for
distribution in the community.

Since then, the congregation has continued to support the good work of Millbrook Food Share – what a difference you have made!

Following Easter, Rev. Lynda will be offering a four-week **April 20, 27 May 4, 11**) opportunity to gather



for a 'Virtual Coffee Break' via Zoom. This will be a chance to gather virtually to chat, explore

topics of interest or explore a time of guided meditation. The group will help select topics and guide the direction of the gatherings. . For more information or to register, please email Rev. Lynda at unitedchurch@nexicom.net

SPECIAL HARMONY PASTORAL CHARGE MEETING – Sunday, April 10 following worship. We will be continuing the



conversation about a faith-full future for our pastoral charge. Please plan to stay.

Questions to Think About:

- What feelings does having these conversations raise for you?
- What possibilities do you imagine?
- What concerns do you have?
- What one next step do you think it is important to make?



MILLBROOK CAVAN ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, April 24 following worship.

BAILIEBORO SPRINGVILLE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, May 1 following worship.

In June of 2018, the Baillieboro-Springville congregation agreed to partner with Habitat for Humanity to build a home in our area for a family of limited resources. Pat and Don Wood generously



offered land for the home build. The series of steps to allow the land to become a registered building lot have progressed slowly and are near completion.

The transfer of ownership from the lot from the Wood family to Habitat is expected shortly. The hope is that building will start this September.

WHAT CAN WE DO NOW

A family needs to be selected. If you know of a local family who would like to own a home, cannot make the regular down payment and would appreciate moderate monthly payments, have them check out the Habitat for Humanity website for details. Contractors will be required for well drilling, septic system installation, excavation. Trades people are required: plumbers, electricians, carpenters. Many volunteers could



assist in a multitude of jobs. Let us know of anyone who might be available to volunteer. We welcome any suggestions. Make your ideas known to the Habitat committee: Murray Thompson, Myrna Thompson, Ron Larmer, Don Wood, Robin Maughan-Chair.