

HARMONY PASTORAL CHARGE
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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

Everybody welcome.

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From Rev. Lynda....

Welcome to February! Already the days are getting longer. Every once in a while we get a glimpse of the promise of spring while we await to see if the Ground Hog prophecy will hold true.

February is the month not only of the infamous ground hog, but also of Saint Valentine's Day. This day, often thought of as a great excuse to indulge in chocolate, is actually a very ancient festive which had its roots in the church.

St Valentine was a bishop of the early church and is remembered as one whose love flowed out into the world and into the lives of others.

What a great thing to be remembered for.



Update

Well your Transition Team (TT) and Harmony Board have been hard at work as we continue to move toward building an Ecumenical Shared Ministry with Centreville Presbyterian church.

Reports are that folks are enjoying our joint worship services. We are gradually getting to know one another and feeling a bit more at home with some of the changes this Joint Worship has brought our way. The music is a great bonus and many thanks to Alexia, Justin and the choir !

But, much remains to be done.

The members of TT been invited to watch a webinar (mostly audio) on You Tube. I also invite you to take about an hour to check this webinar out. Just go to You Tube and search for Ecumenical Shared Ministry and it should be the first item to come up. This webinar was produced by the Presbyterian church of Canada and involves a discussion by folks involved in an Ecumenical Shared ministry formed by a coming together of a United Church and a Presbyterian church about 10 years ago. They discuss some of

the challenges and gifts to be found in this form of shared ministry.

The handbook for the Transition team is called 'Ecumenical Shared Ministries Handbook'. If you google that title you can find it. This handbook is produced by the United church of Canada and gives lots of info about the process we are involved in.

Although this may seem a simple process, it involves a lot of discussion and will require that the TT produce a detailed agreement that spells how finances/expenses will be covered by the two denominations.

We also need to decide on a form of governance which will help determine how decisions will be made.

Centreville will need to maintain its association with the Presbyterian Church of Canada which owns the Centreville church building and Harmony will continue its association with the United Church of Canada for whom we hold our investment in trust.

Other things that we need to consider; the United Church and Presbyterian Church have different processes for searching for and calling a minister Which process we would use? Would we call a full time or part time minister; United or Presbyterian?

Once all the decisions are made and the agreement written it will need to be approved by Centreville Session and Harmony Board as well as the Congregations involved. The proposed agreement would then need to go to both the Presbyterian Presbytery and United Church Regional Council for approval.

Once approved we can begin the process of searching for a minister. So as you can see, there is still some work to do as we continue to explore

how we can come together to maintain a church in this community.

Please continue to hold the TT and Harmony Board in prayer as they do this important piece of work on our behalf.

Schedule for Worship Feb and March

Feb 5 Kevin Adams

Feb 12 Rev. Lynda

Feb 19 Kevin Adams

Feb 26, Lent 1. Rev. Lynda. Holy Communion
Baillieboro Springville Annual Meeting to follow worship

March 5, Lent 2. Kevin Adams

March 12, Lent 3. Rev. Lynda

Millbrook Cavan Annual Meeting following
Worship

March 19, Lent 4. Kevin Adams

March 26, Lent 5. Kevin Adams

