

HARMONY PASTORAL CHARGE

**Worshipping IN PERSON at the Centreville Presbyterian Hall
at 10.30 a.m. during March**

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With pandemic restrictions beginning to lift, the Harmony Pastoral Charge Board has decided to go back to in-person services! We're excited that we will be able to be together again in this way. You will need your Vaccination Passport. Please use hand sanitizer and be respectful of physical distancing.

In March, we will be at Centreville Presbyterian Church for a service in the church hall beginning at 10.30 a.m. Please use the rear door to enter unless you need the ramp.

In April, we will be at the Cavan Millbrook Community Centre for worship at 9.30 a.m.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE.

As we hear of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and of the suffering of the people now living with war, let us offer our prayers. Sometime we feel as if we have no power to change much in the world, but one tool we have is prayer. God hears our prayers and responds, though sometimes that response is not through a sudden turnabout of events, but by turning our hearts; softening them, awakening in us a

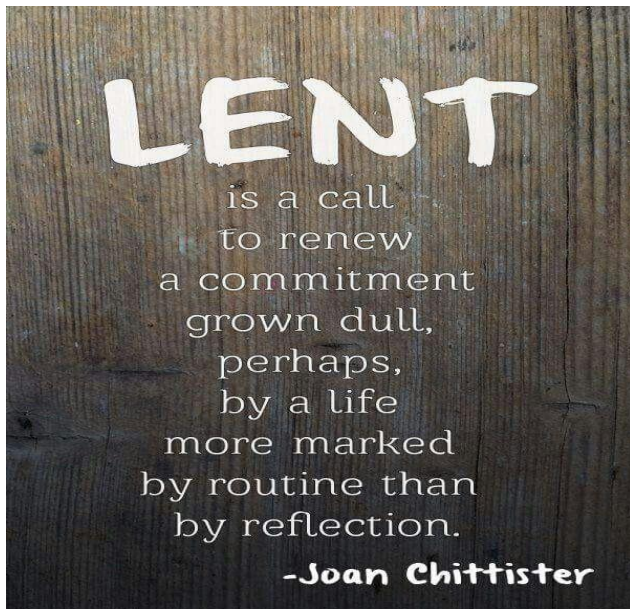
sense of compassion and even anger over injustice. God both acts and moves us to act. Jesus greatest hope was for peace and unity in the world.

Let us pray;

All Loving Spirit, our hearts are moved by the situation in the Ukraine. We pray for the folks caught up in this war and we hold them in the light of your love. May the hearts of those consumed with greed and violence be moved to peace we pray in the name of Jesus, the Peacemaker. Amen .

SERVICES DURING LENT

**March 6, First Sunday of Lent, Rev. Lynda
March 13, Second Sunday of Lent, Rev. Bob
March 20, Third Sunday of Lent, Rev. Lynda
March 27, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Rev. Bob
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**



LENT...

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter.

So Why 40 days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Why is it called Lent?

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

The colour **PURPLE**

Purple is the symbolic colour used in some churches throughout Lent. Purple is used for two reasons: firstly, because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the crucifixion, and secondly, because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Jesus' sovereignty.

Lent is a time for us to examine ourselves and to consider how we live our lives of faith. How are we doing as disciples of Jesus? Lent is the time for us to change direction so we are better aligned with Jesus teachings and guidance.

Blessings on your Lenten Journey this year.

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.

One Roof has been in operation in Peterborough for many years. Prior to the pandemic One Roof provided hot sit-down meals to folks in Peterborough who live with food insecurity. With the pandemic, stay at home orders and shut downs, all that changed.

As difficult as 'stay at home' and 'shut downs' were for all of us, they were especially hard for folks who did not have stable housing and food supply.

One Roof was also not able to continue with sit-down hot meals so they moved to a hot takeout lunches daily from 1:00-2:00. They offer these hot lunches to about 150+ people every day.

As well as the hot takeout lunch, the One Roof offers a brown bag meal later in the day. These brown bags are where our sandwiches go along with the sandwiches from other participating groups.

Harmony has had one 'sandwich day' so far on February 24th. We will continue to make our sandwich offerings on the first and third Thursday of each month. Our sandwich days in March will be MARCH 3rd and MARCH 17th. If you can help by making and donating a loaf of sandwiches, please call Rev. Lynda at 705 559 1774 or email her at unitedchurch@nexicom.net for more info.

If you would like to support this project, but are not a sandwich maker, we would be delighted to receive your financial support. An offering (tax receipt provided) to support this project can be made through Dorothy Bloom for Millbrook Cavan folks or through Dianne Beebe for Bailieboro Springville folks. Please just include your 'Sandwich' offering with your regular offering and make note of what

amount you wish to direct toward this outreach project.



**Jesus, Bread of Life!
Thanks for your support.**

Congregational Zoom Meetings.

On Tuesday February 8th Rev. Bob and Rev. Lynda met with about 30 participants from both congregations for a Zoom meeting which was designed to help us begin the conversations about the future of Millbrook Cavan and Bailieboro Springville United Churches. Rev. Bob presented a PowerPoint presentation that shared many options that various United Churches have embraced as they deal with the reality of dwindling church attendance and we enjoyed some small group conversations.

On Tuesday March 1st there will be a Zoom meeting for folks from Bailieboro Springville congregation to take this conversation one step further and to look at what the options are that best suit that community.

Here's the link:

Time: Mar 1, 2022 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85227230937>



On Wednesday March 2nd, there will be a Zoom for the Millbrook Cavan congregation to come together for a similar conversation.

Here's the link for that meeting:

Time: Mar 2, 2022 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88505663203>

No decisions will be made at these Zoom gatherings but we will hope to go a bit deeper into exploring the possibilities and having difficult, honest and faith-filled conversations about what the next steps might be. We are on a journey with no road map but we give thanks for Spirit's presence and leading.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

If you have any questions, or need technical support to get into the meeting, please contact Rev. Lynda or Rev. Bob

A Lenten Prayer by Kate McIlhagga

God of the ages,
you are our beginning and our end.
Everlasting God,
we place our days in your care.
Eternal One, we trust you.
For your faithfulness in the past, we
thank you
for your constant care, we praise you;
for our future in your love, we place
ourselves into your keeping
and offer our lives for your service;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal
Son, our Saviour.

May God keep us in all our days.
May Christ shield us in all our ways.
May the Spirit bring us healing and
peace.
May God the Holy Trinity drive all
darkness from us and pour upon us
blessing and light.

