

# Email Blast

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## In Person & Online Worship April 14, 2024



Please join us for 'in-person' and 'online' worship, this Sunday at 10 am. Rev Susan will be presiding at the service; we will celebrate the service of holy communion.

You're invited to read and reflect on the following:

**Psalm 4; Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7**

**Luke 24:36b-48**

***We worship at  
St. Luke's Church, 236 Nelson Street.***

# Staff Office Hours

**Kevin** - Kevin will be in the office next week on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon 1-4, and Monday and Thursday Morning 9-12.

**Rev Susan** - Rev. Susan plans to be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon 1-4, and Thursday Morning 9-12; other times by appointment. Please call 613-542-6112 to ensure that she is in to receive you.

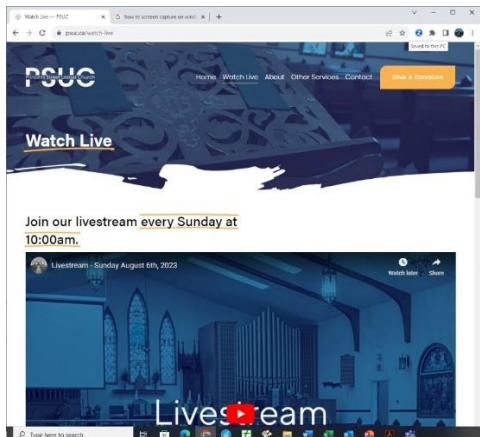
## April Happy Birthday!

Kevin Guthrie	April 2
Fern Murray	April 21
Muriel Laird	April 23
Colleen Flindall	April 26



The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overtake it.

# Our Church Service Online



If you're unable to be with us in person on Sunday, you can always join our 'online' community. We broadcast live every Sunday, starting at 10 am. [Click Here](#)

If you miss a service, they are always available online. Simply visit our YouTube Channel: [Click Here](#)

## The Folk Choir will

practice on April 15, 7-8 pm in the church. The choir plans to sing on April 21. Everyone is welcome! For information about joining the Folk Choir, please speak to [Cathy Secker](#) or [Sandy Hubbard](#).



## The Social Circle



*You are warmly invited to join this pleasant group of folks from both Princess Street Church and St. Luke's Church, for conversation, games and refreshment!*

*For more information, please call Joan Westcott at 613-329-0342.*

# *Supporting a Rights-Based Approach to Growing Food*



***ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador.***

The Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES), a

Mission and Service partner, is located in an area of Central America that is very vulnerable to climate change. This hot, dry region regularly experiences drought. Mining projects have also negatively affected the environment and the people in the region. ADES and other community organizations decided to act to protect the community's right to a healthy environment.

An example of how ADES has responded is a three-year agroecology project co-funded by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and The United Church of Canada Foundation, along with Mission and Service. Agroecology benefits the land and water because it recycles nutrients back into the soil. It also reduces production costs, lessening the financial burden on rural farmers.

In this project, ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador, promoting sustainable agriculture that protects biodiversity, maintains the integrity of the land, and upholds rural culture.

At the centre of the project is the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm, where rural families, mainly led by women, learn about agroecology. The school

provides training, technical expertise, and seeds indigenous to the region. It focuses on preserving the surrounding environment and on upholding gender and human rights as part of its approach to food security.

Your gifts to Mission and Service help support ADES' agroecology project. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Partners in Mission Food Bank** Princess Street



United Church continues to encourage our folks to remember donations of money and food for the Partners in Mission Food Bank. Alan Constantineau kindly makes sure that the donations are delivered to the food bank in a timely manner! The following

items are most needed: Money (your dollars contribute to higher purchasing power), Canned meat & fish, Peanut butter, jam, canned stews, canned tomatoes; Baby food, formula, diapers, pasta, pasta sauce, Cereal, 100% Fruit juice.

## The Happy Bookers 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<u>April 30, 2024</u>	<i>Wicked Dreams</i>	Lisa Jackson & Nancy Bush
<u>May 28, 2024</u>	<i>Mad Honey</i>	J Picoult & J Finney Boylan
<u>Date TBA</u>	<i>Whalebone Theatre</i>	Joanna Quinn

***You're Invited to Princess Street United Church's The Happy Bookers Book Discussion and Refreshments - Tuesday Evenings 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.*** All the books are available to borrow at the Kingston Public Library or can be purchased at your preferred bookseller.

***Our last meeting of the season (date TBA) will start with a potluck dinner!***



***The votes have now been counted!  
Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous  
National Indigenous Organization  
HAS PASSED.***



The church's National Indigenous Council, its 16 regional councils, and 80% of pastoral charges in The United Church of Canada participated in the vote on Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

In response, the National Indigenous Council shares their vision statement with the whole church. They offer words of thanks for all who have brought the church to this moment, and state their commitment to moving forward together on the path of Right Relations.

*The Vote: National Indigenous Council and Regional Councils: Yes: 17 No: 0  
Pastoral charges: Yes: 1482 No: 93*

The voting process engaged many across the church in in-depth and sometimes challenging conversations about right relations with Indigenous Peoples in the church. Throughout this process, it became particularly clear that there is a need for deeper and ongoing work to address the issues of systemic racism which persist in the church despite our commitment to reconciliation. We will re-engage this important work this year.

Meanwhile, there is one final phase in the remit process. The 44th General Council will be asked to enact the remit at its Annual Meeting on October 19, 2024. To "enact" the remit is the final phase of approval for this remit, and is the same process for all Category 3 Remits.

In anticipation of the General Council enacting the remit in October, the National Indigenous Council, the National Indigenous Elders Council, and the

Executive of the General Council will continue to work together to identify and lay out a framework for the autonomous Indigenous organization within the United Church.

Now that the voting results are in, it is time for us to travel together in a new way. May God be with us as we support one another's journeys.

Find out more detailed information about the [remit result](#).

The National Indigenous Council has also shared [a statement](#).

Thank you for your votes!

## ***PSUC - How to Contribute***

Here is a list of ways to make your financial donations! If you have any questions about any of these, call the office!

- **e-transfer** - We are happy to receive your donations through e-transfer (also known as 'Interac'). If you do 'web banking', you will know that first you have to setup Princess Street United Church as a payee and use this email address: [psunited@kingston.net](mailto:psunited@kingston.net) Please note: In the e-transfer Message Box, please enter your name and mailing address. All donations through e-transfer are automatically deposited into the General Fund. If you wish your e-transfer to go to other funds, (Mission & Service Fund, Benevolent Fund) then please enter that information into the Message box along with your name and mailing address. You will be required to enter a security question to ensure that the funds get to us! Please send a separate email to the church at [psunited@kingston.net](mailto:psunited@kingston.net) to inform us of the answer to the security question.
- **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)** This is a convenient way to ensure that your offering makes it to the church each and every month. Funds are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the same day each month. Enrollment is easy - just give the office a call, and we can set you up!
- **Cheques** - You can mail cheques to the church office at 484 Albert St., Kingston, K7L 3W3, or drop them in the mail slot at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 236 Nelson Street.
- **Cash** - If Cash is your **only** option, call Kevin in the office, and we will arrange a drop off.
- **Canadahelps** - Donations can be forwarded to PSUC through Canada Helps which can be found at [CLICK HERE](#)