



APRIL, 2024 – NEWSLETTER

EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY – Port Nelson United

☐ Thursday March 28@ **7:00 PM**

GOOD FRIDAY

☐ Friday March 29@ **10:30 AM**

EASTER SUNDAY

☐ Sunday March 31 @ **10:30 AM**

April's Theme at BEPC: Focus on children and youth

Welcome to Easter joy! Welcome to spring! Christ has risen, joy and love won, and the opportunity is here to start all over again in a restored relationship with God.

Like a putting on a new pair of running shoes instead of heavy winter boots, we think we can dance and run and skip and get going again. We're lighter, we can smile, there is colour in the world again.

But what if we could give new running shoes to a whole bunch of people new running shoes and burst into new life together?

That's the focus of our mission and worship for April. We have Easter joy and, as the people of God here at Burlington East - people who truly desire to know Christ and make him known and live every day for Jesus - we want to spread the good news that God's love is for everyone, God's grace includes all, and we ALL can have new life in Christ.

This month we're focussing on ministries that reach out to children and youth - because this joy and this freedom in Christ are too good NOT to share. We'll have a chance to support these ministries as we learn more about how we are serving God here.

Here are some of the ways we will be 'running together with our new shoes':

Sunday April 7: UPLIFT 2024 (ages 14-25): we welcome Jessica Foy, coordinator for the Presbyterian Church in Canada's team for UPLIFT 2024, which is to be held at Brock University. This national event, run with the United Church of Canada, brings together youth from across Canada to worship, praise, be equipped for leadership, learn about justice, and explore their calling in Christ. We'll hear about the story behind this conference. I'll be helping out at the event as one of the leaders for the 19-25 year-old stream, and we're supporting one of our young people who'll be attending the conference.

Sunday April 14: CHILDREN BELIEVE. For several years, BEPC has supported two children from Children Believe, formerly Christian Children's Fund of Canada. Come learn about sustainable practices and community development for two-thirds of the world's children and some of the letters we're exchanging with the girls and the communities we support. When Jesus talks about giving people food, something to drink, something to wear - this is where we are working on an international level to answer that call.

Sunday April 21: CAMP KINTAIL SUNDAY. The opportunity to combine Christian spirituality, community and nature has a profound and lasting effect on the lives of young people. Come hear Rev. Theresa Macdonald-Lee as she tells us about Camp Kintail and what God is doing there - not just in summer, but throughout the year. Camp Kintail is a camp of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and we will be supporting three of our young people to attend the camp as campers and leaders this summer. Bring your best camp hat to church this Sunday!

Sunday April 28: SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP - GOD'S BIG WORLD. It's an incredible world out there, full of dirt, bugs, water, air, plants and life! Come enjoy a 'preview' Sunday of our community ministry project for July 22-26. We'll be exploring the activities, themes, and new ways and stories to talk to children about God, as well as the ways we as a congregation can love ALL creation in the name of Christ.

I'm excited for the month ahead, looking forward to exploring new life in Christ with you in worship and learning more about sharing God's story. Now, let's get those new shoes on...

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Susan

Summer Adventure Camp at BEPC, 2018



BEPC's 2024 Summer adventure camp **GOD'S BIG WORLD** needs **volunteers** to be in charge, with a partner, of ushering a 'God pod' - a group of five to seven children - around the church. No prep needed. We also need a few with current first-aid training. Thanks from Rev. Susan to those who've already come forward to provide leadership.

Session Update – March

BEPC Session met March 11, moderated by Rev. Susan Kerr.

Stephen Shields reported on his research into how BEPC might extend its social work/outreach. He continues to investigate possibilities.

For the finance and maintenance committee, Ron Dekker reported February income of \$12,659.28 with expenses of \$19,623.22 for a monthly deficit of \$6,963.94. Year-to-date income to February was \$27,539.08 with expenses of \$38,815.52 resulting in a YTD deficit of \$10,561.75. The budgeted deficit is \$7,485.52. **With a current deficit of \$10,561.75, we are \$3,076.23 off our budget for 2024 after only the second month of the year. The F&M committee asks the congregation please to review their givings with a generous spirit.**

Rev. Kerr expressed gratitude for the leadership of Gordon Fielding, Halyna Dickison and the choir and youth group for their hard work and beautiful music during March's Lent and Easter services.

Session adopted these mission months:

January - Good Shepherd Winter Food Drive

February - Lent (Lenten Lunch)

March - Lent (Lenten Lunch)

April - Presbyterians Sharing Sunday & Youth Sunday (Camp Bursary Fund)

May -

June - Mitten Tree – the coming need for knitted goods

July - Food For Life food drive

August - Food For Life food drive

September - Indigenous Sunday Sept. 29

October - Children Believe

November - Christmas Dinner Campaign & Samaritan's Purse (ShoeBox)

December - Mitten Tree, Christmas Dinner Campaign & White Gift Sunday

Did You Know?

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has a *LEADING WITH CARE* policy for ensuring a climate of safety for children, youth and vulnerable adults in the church.

At Burlington East we have a Leading with Care Committee with responsibility for implementing and overseeing the Leading with Care process.

The committee's responsibilities include conducting risk assessments for all activities and ensuring that the required processes are in place. The committee also ensures that required documentation is held in good order for certain leadership roles in the congregation.

Members of the Leading with Care Committee at Burlington East are Gord Fielding, Ray Paquette, Ann David, Jane Wiseman, Godfrey Owen and Rev. Susan Kerr.

Gord Fielding

Men's Group



COME HELP THEM SOLVE THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS
MONDAYS AT 10 AM - McRAE ROOM

NEXT WOMENS
GATHERING IS
LUNCH @

Kelsey's

BURLINGTON MALL
777 Guelph Line

ON APRIL 11
AT 1 PM

LET ANN or JANE KNOW
BY APRIL 7, IF YOU ARE
ATTENDING

Burlington East Social Club



The Social Club continues to meet
every Monday afternoon,
from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$2.00 admission covers coffee,
snacks and future events.

New members always welcome.

See Ron or Susan for details

BEPC offers
several sound
reinforcement
& listening
options

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE
TO HEAR THE SERVICE?



Bluetooth



Headset



T-Coil

See Ron Dekker or Bob Dickison
for confidential assistance.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS



COMMITTEE / GROUP	DATE / TIME
CHOIR	EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 11:00 AM
F&M COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 @ 7:30 PM
PASTORAL CARE	WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 @ 10:30 AM
PRAYER GROUP	THURSDAY APRIL 18 @11:00 AM
SESSION	SATURDAY April 13 @ 10:00 AM
TECHNOLOGY GROUP	None scheduled

BOOK, BIBLE & BAG LUNCH CLUB



11:30 AM



Every
MONDAY



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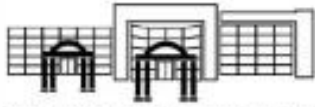
HOW TO GIVE TO BEPC



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BURLINGTON CONVENTION CENTRE

1120 Burloak Drive, Burlington, ON

**Thursday,
May 2, 2024**

**Hot Breakfast Buffet
6:45am - 8:30 am**

**Tables of 10: \$300
Individual seats: \$30**

**Cash or cheque to
committee member OR
Order tickets on-line at:**

www.burlingtonprayerbreakfast.org

6:45 am Breakfast
6:55 Piper/All Seated
• Musical Performance
• Readings
• Leadership Prayer
• Keynote Address
8:30 am Closing—O Canada

**Connect with us on
Facebook and Instagram:**

www.facebook.com/burlingtonprayerbreakfast/

<https://www.instagram.com/burlingtonprayerbreakfast/>

Overflow parking across the street.

Burlington Prayer Breakfast

With Special Guest Speaker



Sam Mercanti is the former President and CEO of CARSTAR Canada, he transformed the company into a Gold level 50 Best Managed Companies with 700 locations in North America. Sam's journey is vividly detailed in his book 'Risen' From the Shop Floor: Lessons from an Entrepreneur. Sam has achieved his success by surrounding himself with a great team that shared his vision, mission and values. Sam continues to invest his talents in business, but first always comes God, family, friends, and the community.

Join over 500 community members including local leaders, church groups, businesses, emergency services and local community groups as we pray for our community and national leaders. This is an opportunity to come together in celebration of our faith and connect our faith with the workplace and the community. You will leave the breakfast uplifted and inspired through your support of our civic leaders.

A Table for the Burlington Prayer Breakfast has been reserved in the name of Burlington East Presbyterian Church. If you are interested, please speak to Gord Fielding about a ticket.



If Thorns Could Speak

Revelation 21:5a – Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." (NKJV)

During quiet time with the Lord, I pictured in my mind the crown of thorns on Jesus' head, and heard in my spirit the words, "The day creation rejoiced."

Genesis 3:17b-18a – Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you. (NKJV)

I began to wonder, if it were possible, how the thorns might possibly have rejoiced, knowing that they were not originally created as thorns. I thought of how devastating it would have been for them when they were twisted into Jesus' crown of thorns. With those thoughts in mind, I wrote, "If Thorns Could Speak".

When Adam and Eve sinned
Creation fell under sin's curse
And the thorns said to the thistles
Can things get any worse?

On Crucifixion Day
They faced even more dread
Being twisted into a crown
To be worn on Jesus' head

The crown of thorns on Jesus' head
Added to His suffering and pain
He was mocked, struck
Humiliated, and shamed

With compassion Jesus said
As blood flowed from His brow
God is allowing these things
To be so for now

I did not create you to be a thorn
You were created perfectly, beautifully
Perfect and beautiful you will
Once again be for all eternity

I came down from heaven
To earth below to destroy
The power of sin and death
Your sorrow and dread
Will be turned to great joy
After I AM crucified
Buried and risen
From the dead

The thorns rejoiced to hear this
Brothers and sisters so do we
For like Jesus we will have
A glorified body for all eternity

1 Corinthians 15:54 – So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (NKJV)

One day, like the thorns, all creation will rejoice, for we will be restored to the original, perfect, incorruptible state that we had before the curse of sin.

When we were in Adam, we wore the crown of sin. On the cross, Jesus wore our crown so that we would be able to wear His crown of righteousness when we receive Him as Saviour from our sins.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we are so grateful for all that You went through at Calvary to purchase our salvation. You willingly chose to die for us, and it is our prayer and desire that we would willingly choose to live for You. We thank You that the day is coming when the lion will lie down with the lamb, creation will be restored to its original state, sickness, disease, sorrow, and death will be no more, and those of us who have received You as Saviour will be with You throughout all eternity. Thank You, Jesus! Amen.

Please remember, we are doing everything we can to keep all the information in these newsletters as accurate, inclusive of everyone in our BEPC family, and informative as possible. We apologize in advance for any omissions or errors. They are by no means intentional.

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