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### In Person & Online Worship May 19, 2024



Please join us for 'in-person' and 'online' worship, this Sunday at 10 am. Rev Susan is on vacation, and the service will be led by Richard O'Coner Fenton. It is PENTECOST, so you might consider wearing something red to celebrate!

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

Psalm 118; Acts 4:18-21, 23-33

John 15:26-27

# 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 will be taking some vacation, returning to the office on Tuesday, May 28th. In her absence, the Rev. Stephen Ambury of Cooke's Portsmouth United at 613-876-2563 will be providing emergency pastoral care. For all other inquiries/requests please leave a message at the church office at 613-542-6112.

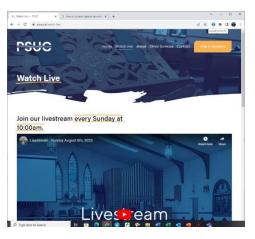
## Happy Birthday!

Mabel Smith
Joan Westcott

May 14 May 22



## 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. <u>Click Here</u>

If you miss a service, they are always available online. Simply visit our YouTube Channel: <u>Click Here</u>

#### The Folk Choir

The choir plans to sing on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to join them! Practices will be on Mondays from 7-8 pm, May 13 and June 3. 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.

# M&S Together: Connecting for Global Peace and Security

## "Project Ploughshares is committed to making the world a better place.

Project Ploughshares is a Canadian peace research institute with a focus on disarmament efforts and international security. It is also one of our dedicated Mission and Service partners. Project Ploughshares' important efforts come with many barriers, including discouragement, pushback, and regular exposure to mentally draining work.

Duncan Etches started his journey with Project Ploughshares as a supporter. When

he saw an opportunity to be The United Church of Canada representative on the management committee, he felt it was time to step into the key role. He comments on how wise and inspirational the whole team is, sharing that "they keep hope in impossible situations."

Project Ploughshares includes people from diverse backgrounds who are all deeply committed to making the world a better place. Rooted in the ethics of Christianity—peace, reconciliation, and justice—their work connects with people inside and outside faith communities. Members are respected and invited to be part of important conversations.

Your support through Mission and Service provides encouragement and hope to leaders of Project Ploughshares, a vital connection point for those passionate about global peace and security. Thank you.

#### 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>

May 28, 2024 Mad Honey J Picoult & J Finney Boylan

June 11, 2024 Whalebone Theatre Joanna Quinn

You're Invited to Princess Street United Church's <u>The Happy Bookers</u>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!

# From St. Luke's: FAST - Fighting Against Sex Trafficking)



Last December, St. Lukes, along with our friends from PSUC, created a Winter F.A.S.T. 101 First Response Kit. This involved gathering up a list of items to be given to a person who has been a victim of Human Trafficking. The response was inspiring! People gave generously and we were actually able to donate a kit that included every single item on the list. The organizers of F.A.S.T. were so grateful for our contribution that they posted pictures of what we had given along with the following note of appreciation on their Facebook page. 'Huge "Thank you" to St. Luke's Anglican Church and all those who contributed to putting a "First Response Bag" together for victims of Human Trafficking. This will now

## be handed over to Victim Services Kingston to have on the ready. Good job St. Luke's! Thank you so much!!"

We are aware that F.A.S.T. is in need of more First Response Kits and have decided to make a Spring/Summer Kit: it is a way that we can do something practical to help those who are in need. When many small contributions are all put together, it turns out to be something BIG that we can give!

Contributions can be in the form of items on the list or financial contributions (cash or gift cards). Items can be brought into the church and put in the labelled box at the back of the church. Any financial or gift card contributions should be handed in to Debby in the office or to Cathy Secker or Greg Westlake.

Let's all work together to help someone in need! ~ Cathy Secker



#### F.A.S.T. 101 First Response Bags

#### SPRING/SUMMER FRB ITEMS

- JOURNAL & PEN & POCKET BOOK CALENDAR (non-religious)
- \$10 TIM HORTON'S CARD
- \$25 WALMART/SUPERSTORE CARD FOR CLOTHES
- \$25 GROCERY STORE CARD FOR FOOD (common stores)
- REGULAR SIZED SHOWER GEL & POUF (light or no scent)
- REGULAR SIZED SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER (light or no scent)
- TOOTHBRUSH/TOOTHPASTE TRAVEL TOOTHBRUSH HOLDER, DENTAL FLOSS
- REGULAR SIZED DEODORANT (light or no scent)
- REGULAR SIZED BODY LOTION (light or no scent)
- LIP BALM
- COMB & BRUSH, HAIR TIES
- PACKAGE OF TAMPONS & PANTI-LINERS (slim/slender/thin style)
- 3 OR 5 PACKAGE OF PANTIES (cotton suggest hipster) (no bikini/thong)
- 2-3 PAIRS OF ANKLE SOCKS/SPORT SOCKS
- CAPRI STYLE YOGA PANTS (size small/medium)
- 2 Short Sleeve T-SHIRTS (size small/medium) (plain no logos)
- FLIP FLOPS (size small/medium)
- FACE CLOTH AND REGULAR BATH SIZE TOWEL
- COZY PLUSH BLANKET (\$25 CASH DONATION) (LAP STYLE not for a bed)
- SPRING COAT (Small/Medium) (\$40 CASH DONATION)
- KNAP SACK
- SMALL BOOK OF MOTIVATING QUOTES FOR WOMEN



Our Annual Bake Sale, in conjunction with the folks at St. Luke's, will be held on May 26. 2024, with the folks at Crossroads. The plan is that this event will be held indoors, so no worries about rain! 9-2 pm.

Please, your donations of baked goods: pies, cakes, cookies, squares, loaves, scones, etc., and gently-used smaller household items would be greatly

appreciated. If you can assist in any way, please be in touch with Annabel Campbell or Joan Westcott, or call the office.

There are posters available. Please take some and post them (apartment lobbies, information kiosks, library bulletin boards, grocery stores, etc.) Let's get the word out!



#### Save the Date:

There will be a Congregational Meeting on June 9, 2024 after church. At this meeting we will receive reports from the various committees, have an update regarding Kingston Homebase Housing, and Rev. Susan will share information and answer questions about the ways in which the congregation, with support from Regional Council can move forward, following her retirement at the end of August. Please plan to attend.

# Reconciliation in Tsrael/Palestine: Introducing Musalaha

#### Saturday June 8 2024, 10:30-12:00 at next church, 89 Colborne Street, Kingston K7K 1C8

Against a backdrop of the war in Gaza, we introduce the work of a joint Palestinian-Israeli peacemaking project, Musalaha, a faith-based civil society organization that has been working on reconciliation for the past 32 years. They struggle for mutual recognition and bridge-building, working among all groups in the land based on Christian understandings of reconciliation, in practical, everyday contexts.

Daniel Munayer, the current Director, who lives in Jerusalem, will explain and discuss the work of Musalaha, from his expert knowledge and his lifetime experience. In 1948, when his family was expelled by the new State of Israel from the city where his family had lived for generations, his grandfather told his family that they would never retaliate, never hate. Jesus taught us to love our enemies, he said. Daniel has had opportunities not only to engage locally in reconciliation projects but also, for example, to have an audience with the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby in September 2023, and Antony Blinken at the UN Security Council in May 2022.

Daniel will be accompanied by Courtney Reeve, also living in Palestine, currently as a doctoral student examining reconciliation at Musalaha. Before this, she pastored at a Toronto church, after completing her theological studies at Wycliffe College. Her Queen's BA is in Global Development Studies.

All are welcome to learn more about Musalaha at this unique event. Bring your friends!