

## What happens at the General Assembly...

doesn't stay at the General Assembly.

This Sunday, ministers, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries, and ruling elders from across Canada, along with young adult and seminary student representatives, committee conveners, national office staff and others, will have gathered for the 140th General Assembly within the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

What happens at the General Assembly? Old friendships are rekindled and new friendships are forged.

Commissioners sing, pray and contemplate the word of God together. They eat and drink, laugh and sigh, grow weary and are energized. They hear interfaith, international and ecumenical guests tell faith stories. They consider reports and vote on all the recommendations. Lofty thoughts and deep prayer will be employed to discern the mind of Christ for our church.

By God's grace, decisions made at the Assembly don't stay at the Assembly but travel across the land to shape, guide and bless our denomination.

Please remember the General Assembly in prayer.

**The Rev. Don Muir is Deputy Clerk,  
General Assembly Office.**

Top photo: Barb Summers. Bottom photo: Zachary Lancaster, Brandon, MB



*Pray for the General Assembly*



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church  
June 1, 2014 –Easter 7

GATHERING

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

\* ENTRY OF THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Duty Elder, Bill Wright

God is our refuge and strength  
**A very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear,

**Though the earth should change**

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea

**Though its waters roar and foam**

Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God**

The holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city**

It shall not be moved;

**God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Come, let us worship God together.

\*PRAISE Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Hymn #267

PRAYER OF APPROACH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**Enfold us in your mercy and forgive us,**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways**

**to the glory of your name.**

**Christ in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA

Hymn # #298

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,**

**Glory be to God the Spirit, God almighty, Three-in-One!**

**Glory, glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run.**

\*THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**With one another: The Peace of Christ.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

\*PRAISE Let All the World

Hymn #271

THE WORD in conversation (children's time)

FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11 (p.122)

PSALTER Psalm 47 Refrain 2

Bill Wright

GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53 (p.93 NT)

ANTHEM Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

D. Grotenhuis

SERMON "Bookended by Angels"

Rev. Cathy Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

Bill Wright

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise father, son and holy ghost.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

APOSTLES' CREED

#539

\*PRAISE Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn #548

COMMUNION LITURGY

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People shall come from east and west,  
and north and south, to sit at table in the presence of God.**

Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Most Holy God, in the beginning You made the earth and all that is in it.

**You said: "Eat and be satisfied.**

**All that I have is yours. All that you need is here."**

So we join with all of creation, lifting our hearts in joyful praise:

**(Congregation & Choir sing):**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

But we did not know how to eat from your hand.

**We turned away from the food that satisfies.**

Communion was broken.

**We lost appetite for what was good**

. . . silent prayer . . .

But You did not forsake your creation

**You would not forsake the work of your hands.**

You fed us with manna in the desert.

**You called to us through prophet and judge.**

And then Jesus came. He ate with sinners.

**He broke bread with anyone who wanted to draw near.**

In his death and resurrected life he became living bread.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn #523

**(Choir & Congregation sing 2x) :**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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**We give you thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
who continues Jesus' life within us, praying for us and for the world  
with sighs too deep for words.**

On the night he was betrayed . . . (words of institution)

Waiting for the day when all of creation will be renewed,

**we eat this meal; we taste and remember that the Lord is good.**

Come Holy Spirit, pour over us and over this bread and wine;

**make us a new creation.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth

into your will, where peace and justice rule

**that we, with all peoples of every language, race and nation**

**may share the banquet you have promised**

**through Christ, with Christ and in Christ we pray.**

*Sharing of the meal*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*PRAISE Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

Hymn #370

\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

**WELCOME TO MACNAB**

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning.

***MacNab is a child friendly church. The church school is located in the parlour ( through the front door in the sanctuary -lectern side- and to your right)- children who wish to stay with their parents for the church service will find colouring materials in the narthex (entrance) Ushers will be happy to assist with any questions.***

Everyone is invited to Johnston hall following the worship service for fellowship and refreshments.



**Today is "A Cup for Camp" Sunday.** We invite you to "pay" for your tea or coffee in Johnson Hall by giving a donation to Kintail's new staff scholarship fund. Our

donations will go towards scholarships to supplement counsellor's summer wage, encouraging the young people who so faithfully serve the camp and Synod. Please give generously.



**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY** are placed in loving memory of **Donna Theresa Cree**, beloved daughter of Alex and Jeanette Cree, devoted mother of Cody and Kyle. Sleep peacefully, Princess.

**VINTAGE MACNAB WIND CHIMES**

We have transformed old MacNab silverware into wind chimes (hanging in the narthex). We will sell them to the public at Downton Downtown on July 6. In the meantime, members of MacNab may purchase them, for \$20. Please see Kathy Shields or Alex Abraham. Proceeds will go towards anniversary year expenses

**COPIES OF SERMONS** are available, hard copy or electronically, on an occasional or regular basis. Call the church office if you would like to make an arrangement.

**THE NEWS & VIEWS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!**

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY**

**SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY BIBLE TEXTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX**

**MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:**

Thursday afternoon 2-5pm but call or email before coming. Occasionally Cathy will be attending to other congregational needs

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30am-12:30pm

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- ❖ Kathy Shields undergoing medical tests
- ❖ Ethel Pfander in St. Joseph's Hospital
- ❖ Heritage Green replant congregation
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

**ASSISTING US TODAY**

Church School: Irene Duffey  
 Greeters: Jean Hartman, Grace Maynard, Gerda Wolf  
 Ushers: Ken & Diane Hopkins, Don & Sheila Campbell  
 Coffee Servers: Doug & Nancy Coutts, Josephine Patterson, Marina Watson  
 Duty Deacon: Bill Wright

**ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK**

Church School: Seona Moore, Abby Teeuwsen  
 Greeters: Bill Stanfield, Mina Beatt  
 Ushers: Jim Myers, Kay Robertson, Myrtle Inwood, Juanita Taylor  
 Coffee Servers: Bill & Maureen Wright; Bob & Marion Cameron  
 Duty Elder: Alex Abraham

**THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>7-8:30pm</b>	Over-comers-Church House
<b>Sun</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
		<b>1:30pm</b>	Tower Society Poetry - Garden

**You are invited to sport the colour RED to church!**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – JUNE 1ST**

**We Should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess.**

*John Stott (b.1921) Anglican clergyman*

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING DONATIONS OF CEREAL FOR THE INNER CITY BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

## MacNab Prayer

Loving God, by your Spirit  
the congregation of MacNab was  
formed, 160 years ago.

This congregation has loved and  
served the city of Hamilton and the  
world in many ways over the years.

Now we are in a new place  
and we need the help of your Spirit  
to see what you are calling us to do  
and be.

Open our eyes and our hearts, we  
pray, so we can, Like Abraham and  
Sarah, find life in this new land.  
Help us both "hold on to what is  
good" and let go of what we no  
longer need.  
Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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## FROM THE SESSION MEETING – MAY 21, 2014

- ❖ The meeting opened with 10 minutes in a "new" kind of intercessory prayer suggested by our book "Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership"
- ❖ Interim Moderator Rev. Bob Geddes provided an update on the preparation of the Church Profile and the naming of a search committee. The congregation will be informed once the process is complete, which should be soon.
- ❖ The Session commended all who participated in the Easter Services
- ❖ and the Anniversary Service on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ It was reported that 390 visitors attended the Doors Open May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Kevin Russell and the volunteers were commended for organizing and the warm welcome offered to all who came
- ❖ Dedication of the Manse Studios will take place Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ It was reported that of the 16,000 plus meals that were served by Out of the Cold programs in Hamilton this past winter, MacNab served 7200 – the Monday program serves the greatest number in the city.
- ❖ Thank you cards were received from various members of the congregation for the Easter Lily delivered to them
- ❖ Summer services will be joint with St. Paul's this year. MacNab will host July and St. Paul's will host August. Worship will begin at 10:30am at both churches. St. Paul's is not wheel chair accessible.
- ❖ The annual church barbeque will take place June 15
- ❖ MacNab will participate in Whithern Museum's "Downtown Downtown" event July 6<sup>th</sup> – Additional wind chimes will be available for sale at the event
- ❖ The Mission & Service Committee reported \$1940 was received from the Easter offering. The total amount for 2014 is \$3,980. The Committee will meet soon to discuss distribution of the funds.
- ❖ The Anniversary Committee reported that pictures continue to be taken in and around the church. The committee is planning a slideshow later in the fall to showcase the various pictures and events of the church year.
- ❖ Rev. Cathy reported on pastoral care, worship services through Easter and into May, educational, national church and presbytery meetings.
- ❖ Session will next meet Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – one week early

**PSALM 47 – REFRAIN #2**

**R      God is gone up with a triumphant shout!**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great ruler over all the earth.

**The Lord subdued peoples under us  
and nations under our feet.**

**The Lord chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom God loves.**

**R**

God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;**

**Sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.**

For God is the ruler of all the earth;

**Sing praises with a psalm.**

**R**

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on the holy throne.

**The princes of the people gather**

**as the people of the God of Abraham.**

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;**

**the Lord is highly exalted.**

**R**