

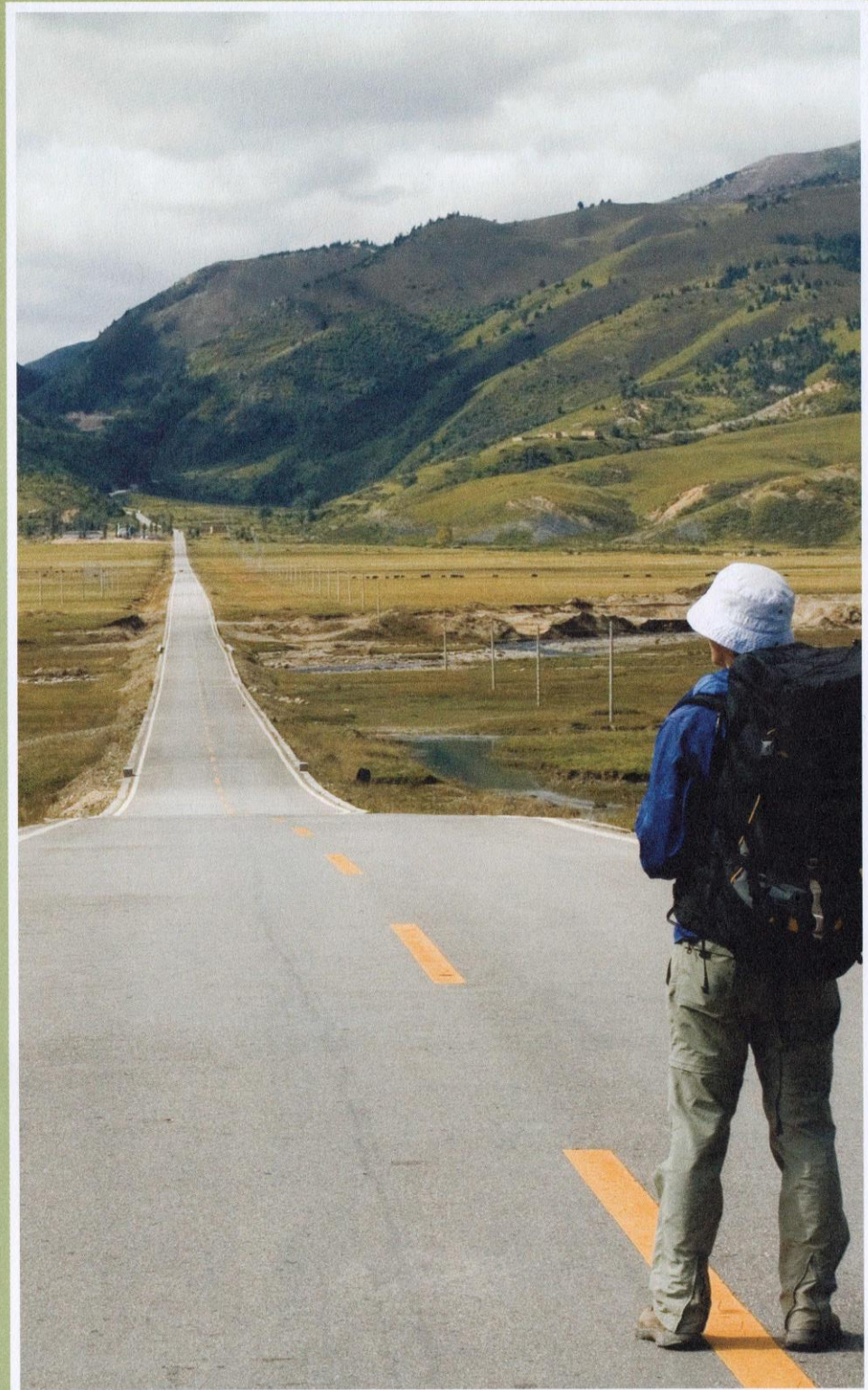
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth...

(John 14:16 and 17a)

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. We pray as a church to be guided into truth knowing that such truth may disturb and judge us. The presence of the Holy Spirit is seen in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, loyalty, gentleness, and self-control.

The Holy Spirit accompanies us on our journey of faith. We may not always be sure of this presence. Yet God's Spirit is with us, sometimes gently, sometimes powerfully, guiding us in the midst of life, our comfort and our help. Christian life is a pilgrimage: it begins, continues, and ends in God.

*Living Faith* 4.3.2, 4.3.3 and 4.2.2



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church  
May 18, 2014 –Easter 5

GATHERING

\*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

\* ENTRY OF THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 95) Duty Elder, Marilyn Repchuck

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!**

\*PRAISE Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise Hymn #265

PRAYER OF APPROACH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**You know us, O God**

**But how little do we know you.**

**We confess that we are like the disciples.**

**We have spent much time “with you”**

**Yet we still do not know you.**

**We have listened and listened,**

**But we have not heard or understood.**

**Our minds and our hearts are slow.**

**Forgive us.**

**Show us, again, the way, the truth and the life.**

**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, 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 Hail, Our Once-Rejected Jesus Hymn #353

THE WORD in conversation

FIRST READING Acts 7:51-60 (p. 130 NT)

PSALTER Psalm 31:1-5;15-16 Refrain 1 Marilyn Repchuck

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2:2-10 (p.251 NT)

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14 (p. 112 NT)

ANTHEM The Call Herbert/Williams

SERMON “How can we know the way?” Rev. Cathy Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

\*PRAISE Spirit, Come Dispel Our Sadnes Hymn #380

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION Marilyn Repchuck

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

\*PRAISE I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Hymn #678

\*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.

**WESLEY URBAN MINISTRIES CASE FOR KIDS WALK** will take place on Sunday, June 1 at Bayfront Park. Once again Marilyn Repchuck will walk on behalf of MacNab and the hope is to raise over \$1,000 for children in poverty in our city- one in four is the shocking statistic . We have supported the walk for more than 10 years now, and your generosity is appreciated. Marilyn will be available in Johnston Hall each Sunday in May to receive your donation or pledge.



## 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.

## CAN YOU HELP?

*The University of Dubuque Concert Choir will sing a concert at MacNab on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00.*

*This concert is free to the public - a free-will offering will be taken.*

*The choir is also asking if any families at MacNab can billet (overnight) pairs of singers. Please contact Chris Teeuwesen if you are interested.*

*This means taking two students home following the concert - giving them breakfast - and having the students brought to the Fortinos Plaza(between King & Main at 403) by 8:30 a.m.*

## 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:

- ❖ Family & friends of Jean Phimister who died April 26<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Stewart conducted the service April 30<sup>th</sup> at the funeral home.
- ❖ 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: Kathy Shields

Greeters: George & Marina Watson

Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan

Coffee Servers: Grace Maynard, Jean Hartman, Gerda Wolf, Lynda Milmine

Duty Elder: Marilyn Repchuck

### ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Jennifer Van Hartingsveldt

Greeters: Joyce Boyle & Chris Dawson

Ushers: Mary Kerr, Seona Moore, Anne Hunter, Merle Jones

Coffee Servers: Warren & Jean Currie, Jim & Fiona Myers

Duty Deacon: Lila Stanfield

### THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

Mon	May 19	7-8:30pm	Over-comers-Church House
Tue	May 20	10:30am 12 Noon	Prayer Group-Parlour Friendly Circle-Johnston Hall
Wed	May 21	7:00pm	Session - Parlour
Thurs	May 22	1:30pm 7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall (prev. Tues pm) Choir Practice
Sun	May 25	10:30am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Baby Shower Sunday

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.  
*Winston Churchill (1874-1965) British Prime Minister*

**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.

**PSALM 31: 1-5; 15-16**

**Refrain 1 – O let your heart take courage, all you, who wait for God.**

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
**Do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.**

Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
**Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,  
**take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
**you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. R**

My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love. R**



FROM  
THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE  
COMMITTEE:  
*We are planning a*

## WORK PARTY

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 1-4 p.m.

Task #1 - glue Camp Kintail logo onto cups for the fundraiser "A cup of Coffee for Camp Kintail" taking place on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Task #2 - make more wind chimes to sell at the "Downton Dometown" event Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> with Whitehern Museum (we need more spoons! Can you donate?)

Questions?

Speak with Kathy Shields.  
See you on May 31<sup>st</sup>!

## COMMUNITY NOTES

THE CONGREGATION OF HERITAGE GREEN, with the leadership of Rev David Moody and Alex Douglas, will begin to launch a "re-plant" initiative in July. Their goal is to nurture inter-generational (inclusive of all ages) worship and education. All the congregations of Presbytery are invited to consider ways we might partner with this adventure: seed families to join with them, regular financial support and prayers. See brochure in the narthex.

**ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**  
Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-12 noon

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