



Up and Coming News and Noteworthy

March 2023

Upcoming Dates at a Glance

Lenten Lunches – Ongoing for 6 weeks through Lent, see ACW report below for further details.

April 1st – Children's activity morning, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, see Easter Garden report below for further details.

April 2nd – Passion/Palm Sunday Service at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

April 6th – Maundy Thursday Service at 11:00 a.m. (There will **NOT** be a Seder Supper as to the results of the Poll)

April 7th – Good Friday Walk and Service, walk begins at 10:00 a.m. from the Presbyterian Church and ends with a 11:00 a.m. service at the United Church.

April 9th – Easter Sunday Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead.....Sun. May 28th – The Day of Pentecost and Sun. June 4th – Trinity Sunday

St. John's Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Eucharist Service at 11:00 a.m.

To keep up to date on what's happening around St. John's, check out on our website at:

<https://www.stjohnslakefield.ca> and follow us on Facebook here: [St. John's Lakefield - Home | Facebook](#) 

ACW Update



Lenten Lunches are back! Thursdays in Lent enjoy a hearty soup, bread, and dessert lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 along with a guest speaker each week. All of this to enjoy for only \$5.00. Open to all in the community, **to book call Prim Lowry at 705 652 7574**. Thank you to all who are helping to make this happen.

- **Feb 23rd Rev. Peter Gachira** – St. John the Baptist Anglican Church
- **March 2nd Pastor Ben Peltz** – Curve Lake Church
- **March 9th Fr. Raymond Rick** – St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
- **March 16th Dr. Kerrie Perry** – Lakefield United Church
- **March 23rd Chris Jones** – Lakefield Youth Unlimited
- **March 30th Rev. Ann Blane** – St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



All Christmas Practical Gifts have been finished and total amount raised was \$846.40.

If anyone knows of a young person who needs help to go to a summer program or camp please let ACW know. We have a youth fund to help for this.

Submitted by: Prim Lowry in behalf on the ACW members

Lakefield Community Food Bank

The Food Bank volunteers are privileged and happy to be able to offer food to people who are struggling in our community.

We are excited that we have recently had a couple of volunteers join our team. We have a wonderful team of volunteers that offer their time and energy to provide this essential service. Our volunteers come from many denominations and walks of life, creating a uniquely diverse and representative community ministry.

We continue to be amazed and blessed by the wonderful support from the community. Because of this generosity we can offer a wonderful selection of items to our recipients.

Here are highlights of a few things that have happened recently.....



Lakefield District Public School (LDPS) hosted "A CEREAL BOX FOOD DRIVE". They collected 587 full boxes of cereal to donate to our food bank. Before bringing the cereal to us, they created an amazing 2-course maze in the gym where 2 students had a race guiding a remote-controlled ball through the Maze. Classes were invited



to come into the gym and watch races to see who could complete the maze the fastest. Students cheered as the Sphero robots were guided through the maze. The boxes of cereal were then loaded into 4 vehicles and driven to the food bank.



THANK YOU TO THE RESIDENTS OF WINFIELD SHORES! Marg Harding, Gord MacLeish, and Bill & Rose Stewart organized another neighbourhood food collection in Winfield Shores. They brought 2 car loads of food and several monetary donations to our food bank!



Selwyn Firefighters. We received 2 boxes of food and a generous cash donation.

We were happy to receive donations from the hockey game held during Polarfest between the local OPP and



During the Christmas Holiday season, Foodland stores held a campaign inviting customers to donate to food banks. As a result of this campaign, we have recently received \$1610.14 in Foodland gift cards from our local Lakefield Foodland

In celebration of Pancake Tuesday our food bank guests were able to take home pancake mix and syrup.



And looking ahead.....

The Lakefield & District Lions Club is planning to hold a food drive at **Lakefield Foodland on March 11th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.** This will certainly help us provide food for our recipients!

As an Easter Blessing, the Food Bank is making plans to offer (on April 4th) our recipients a wide variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, fresh bread, desserts, and a ham! We are preparing for approximately 100 families. All donations are gratefully encouraged to help make this a bountiful distribution. We want to celebrate the joyful Easter story of resurrection and spread the message of love and hope.



You are invited to visit us on our "Lakefield Community Food Bank" Facebook page.

It is an honour to be part of this St. John's ministry to serve God's people.

Respectfully submitted by: Sandy Peacock

The Faces of FaithWorks – 1st Quarter 2023

As I look out my window at the cold snowy scene. The branches are bare but those who walk past are very warmly clothed. It is the last day of January and spring warmth is still far off. This Quarter of our Faces of FaithWorks Campaign we are supporting two local FaithWorks Ministry partners dedicated to the support those who are homeless or are facing that possibility in the near future. These ministries are One City Peterborough and A Place to Call Home, which is located in Lindsay. Fifteen percent of the money donated to the general FaithWorks account in January through March will be divided between these ministries. Any donations designated to either of them will all go to your listed choice. Write in the name of the FaithWorks Partner Ministry of the quarter (or your personal preference) when you bring your blue envelope to church. If you want to make your personal decisions go to the FaithWorks website <https://faithworks.ca/how-will-my-gift-be-used/> for a full list of all the ministry partners. Click on any or all of them to see what they do and who they serve.

One City Peterborough



Accessible Community Living



Supportive Housing



Haley House – Reintegration Housing

A Place Called Home



A Place Called Home – former facility
front and back



Rendering of New Building scheduled
to be completed in the winter of 2023
This is a 19 bed shelter

Easter Garden



Do you know of kids in and around the community that would be interested in this special event? Please share....**On Saturday, April 1st from 9:30 a.m. – Noon** there will be a fun filled children's activity morning followed by lunch. Children will help make some crafts to be displayed in the Easter Garden. **Following on Good Friday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m.** join in as we set up the Easter Garden display including the large tomb in the church yard to be enjoyed by the community. Contact Rene at rene.jackman@gmail.com for more information.

We are also looking for lots of artificial spring like flowers for one of the crafts. If you can help with this, please drop off at St. John's in the labelled box in the upper hall.

Thank You for Packing Shoebox Gospel Opportunities!

Dear Sandra,

I wanted to connect with you to let you know how much I value you and your church and your partnership with Operation Christmas Child.

The Gospel is reaching to the ends of the earth, and you are a part of it as you pack and promote shoebox Gospel Opportunities. In 2022, over 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected worldwide, and even now children are hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ! The 20 shoeboxes your church packed are bringing children to Jesus.

Be encouraged, your involvement in Operation Christmas Child is having an impact in your community and around the world. To hear more of how shoeboxes are transforming lives, please visit samaritanspurse.ca/celebrate

I have attached a PDF which gives some really interesting facts that you can share with your church. If you would like any other resources or if I can support you and your involvement in Operation Christmas Child in any way, please reach out to me at 905-447-1664, or by responding to this email.

It's my privilege to serve alongside you. I can only imagine what God will do in 2023!

Thank you!

Kindest regards,

Lisa Timoll

Church Relations Coordinator
Operation Christmas Child,
Peterborough & Area Team
Cell: 905-447-1664





THANK YOU FOR PACKING SHOEBOXES IN 2022!





10,599,907
Shoeboxes packed worldwide



415,072
Shoeboxes packed in Canada

88,717 Alberta	7,693 Newfoundland	13,254 Quebec
52,488 British Columbia	9,564 Nova Scotia	19,004 Saskatchewan
30,690 Manitoba	80 Nunavut	603 Yukon
243 NWT	151,788 Ontario	
5,959 New Brunswick	2,720 PEI	

Over **100** receiving countries worldwide



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Sea containers shipped from Canada

Shoeboxes from Canada went to

Guinea	The Philippines
The Gambia	El Salvador
Senegal	Guinea-Bissau
Sierra Leone	Ukraine
Costa Rica	

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AT THE HEART OF THE UNIVERSE

It is, humanly speaking, hard not to despair. It seems that however hard the peacemakers work, it is all in vain. Are we really at the mercy of those whose religious or political fanaticism leads them to believe they have the right to kill indiscriminately? If so, then it does indeed seem that it is to evil and violence that the victory ultimately belongs.

Yet Christians have another vision and another hope. As we have journeyed through the season of Lent, we have kept company with Jesus as the forces of evil and violence closed in. The earthly story of Jesus looks like a tragedy, a victory for evil and despair, it seemed that the last word had been spoken. Supreme goodness and ultimate love had come to this world, and had been decisively rejected. ... But this was not the last word. The resurrection is not a nice neat tidy ending, rather it is God's great 'Yes' to everything that Jesus was and embodied. It is the final declaration that, despite appearances, love - God's love - is at the heart of the universe and so the final triumph of such love is assured. This is the reason why Christians must live in hope.

Pauline had kept this article which was in a magazine from the church her sister attended in England. It was written by Rev Michael Townsend who, at the time was the Chairman of the Leeds (Methodist) District – comparable to the Bishop in the Anglican Church. Although it was written some years ago, I felt it was very relevant to the situation in the world today. As you will see it was written around Easter.

Submitted by: Pauline Delamere

Lakefield Refugee Sponsorship Project



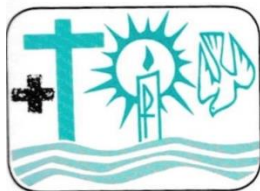
An update on the family that was sponsored by our community and arrived in Lakefield, June 2017 from Ethiopia. The picture to the left some of you may recall from St. John's fall harvest and potluck lunch held after church on September 22nd, 2019. The father, Daniel, had just arrived in May, joining his family.

The family is doing very well and more recently they celebrated this joyful occasion, receiving their Canadian citizenship, not Daniel as of yet. Congratulations and blessings for new adventures ahead in life!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Daniel, Esaye 13, Tsige, Lily 16, Betty 18



THE EASTER CYCLE

Because Jesus' death and resurrection constitute God's most complete saving action for humankind, the seasons of Lent and Easter can be understood as a unit. One compound symbol draws on many rivers of experience: the ashen black cross from Ash Wednesday, the waters of Baptism, the Latin cross of Good Friday, the light of the paschal candle, the resurrected Sun which is Jesus, and the coming of the Spirit.



Remembering those who have passed.....Grace Bolton on January 2,
Betty Hagerman on January 10th and Greg Devlin on January 28th.
May they rest in peace †

A Welsh Prayer

*I said a prayer for you today, and know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I knew that you would not mind)
I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind.
I asked Him to be near you at the start of each new day, to grant
you health and blessings and friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small.
But it was for His loving care I prayed for most of all.
Amen*

Submitted by: Jacquie Thompson

