



Gale Gatherings

THE MISSION OF GALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS TO BE A FAMILY OF EMBRACING AND DYNAMIC DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WHO GLORIFY GOD IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

February 2018

What's happening at Gale this season:

Tuesday Communion—Feb.
20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Lenten Services—Feb. 14,
21, March 7, 14, 21

**Congregational Annual
Meeting and Pot Luck
Lunch**—Sunday, February 25

Tuesday Luncheon—
February 27

Communion Sunday—
Guest Minister Rev. Keith
McKee—March 4

Tuesday Luncheon—March
20

Mark Cutis Event—March
25

Good Friday Service—
March 30

Easter Sunrise Service—
April 1

Camp Sunday—April 22

**Café Church/Volunteer
Appreciation Sunday**—April
29

**Gale Fellowship Retreat at
Camp Kintail**—May 25-27

GALE'S ICE MELTERS

*"You are the salt
of the earth; but if
salt has lost its
taste, how can its
saltiness be re-
stored?" (Matthew
5:13)*

Two things seem to be prominent in our south Ontario winter season. Snow is one of these. We're usually buried in it by mid-January. Everybody will do their share of complaining about it.

Only a few of us will travel to points south to get away from it. In response to too much snow, our communities offer up another prominent element – salt.

We'll complain about that, too, as it leads to premature rusted cars and soiled leather boots, but also something we won't do without as a safety feature in our automobile lifestyle.

Salt minimizes the dangers and effects of snow and ice on our sidewalks and roads. It's an important part of



our winter. But just as rock salt makes our winter travel possible, so we Christians make an important impact in our community, as salt of the world.

When Jesus compared his followers to salt in the Sermon on the Mount, he probably didn't know of its ability to melt ice and snow. He was thinking more of flavouring and preserving food.

But it's an interesting use of the image of salt to see how we, who follow his teaching today, are an important force in the relief of the cold world's icy attitude.

When the world is cold toward someone, remember, we can be the agents that make the difference and warm up someone's life. No matter how cold this world becomes, do not let your saltiness be lost but rather use the Lord's spirit in you to make his light shine and warm those around you.

*"You are the salt of the
earth."*

*Shalom
Rev. Scott Sinclair*

Camp Corner

Even though these February days are cold and snowy, it is time to start thinking about the 2018 Camping season! There are many great camp programs available for our children and families through our church. If your children haven't experienced the fun of Christian Camping, we encourage you to give it a try! Check out these camps online—Cairn, located in Baysville, and Camp Kintail in Goderich. Both camps have great websites

which are fun to explore with lots of news about the exciting things they have planned for our children this summer. *Registration forms are also available on these sites. It is a good idea to register early to ensure you get your first choice of week and program.*

This year, **Camp Sunday** will be held at Gale on Sunday April 22. We have Robynne Howard, the Director from Cairn joining our

worship and sharing some of her favourite camping stories, songs and videos! Plan to join us and learn about all the many exciting things Christian camping has to offer our children and youth.

Our Campership Fundraising Lunch will be held following worship, featuring a favourite camp meal! Please plan on joining us and supporting our Campership Fund. This important fund subsidizes up to



60% of summer camping fees for the children of Gale, as well as supporting the cost of families attending our Gale Fellowship Retreat weekend. Donations may also be made through your envelopes by marking "Camper ship Fund" on the other line.

Kintail On The Road (KOTR)

Kintail on the Road will be returning for its sixth year at Gale this summer! This very popular week long program has become a much anticipated tradition in the Gale Community. It will be offered the week of **August 20 – 24** and is open to children from Sr. Kindergarten to Grade 6. Registration forms will

be available by early April through our web site or from the church office. It is a good idea to register early as space is limited and it fills up quickly!

Volunteers Needed - It takes the efforts of many volunteers to make this great program available at Gale. While Kintail staff are leading the programming aspects of the day,

Gale volunteers play an important role, essentially that of a counsellor at camp. Building relationships between volunteers and campers is important. KOTR staff are only in the community for a week, but hopefully relationships built with volunteers will continue long after the week is over. We increase the number of children who can attend based

on the number of adult volunteers we can recruit. We often have a 'wait list' and hate to disappoint anyone! So if you are able, plan to set aside some time this summer to volunteer and experience for yourself how Gale is sharing God's love and joy with children in our town!

Gale Fellowship Retreat

Our annual Gale Fellowship Retreat this year will be from Friday May 25 to Sunday May 27. This will be the **25th year** our congregation heads to beautiful Camp Kintail on the shores of Lake Huron for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

With the guidance of Kintail staff, we have use of all the great activities Kintail has to offer such as The Rock Wall, Disc Golf, High and Low Rope courses and the "Adventure Tower" climbing wall!

Registration forms and more information will be

available in early April. The retreat is a great opportunity to get to know other Gale friends and families better, while enjoying nature's beautiful surroundings, sharing great meals and worshipping God together. All ages are welcome and we hope you will come and



join us this year! For more information or if you would be willing to help with the planning team, you can speak with Mel Dow or other members of your CE committee.

Noon Hour Lunches

COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH

The third Tuesday of every month

(*except February which will be the fourth Tuesday of the month)

From 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Only \$12.00

Note - no lunches July and August

<p>February 27th (*note change of date) Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Hot Vegetable, Salad, Roll Cherry Cheesecake, Beverage</p>	<p>May 15th Russian Chicken with Noodles, Hot Vegetable, Bread, Salad Rhubarb Dessert, Beverage</p>
<p>March 20th Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Vegetables, Salad, Chocolate Oven Pudding with Ice Cream, Beverage</p>	<p>June 19th Cold Ham, Salads, Bread, Dessert, Beverage</p> 
<p>April 17th Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Vegetable, Bread, Salad, Dessert, Beverage</p>	

Music, Music, Music—by Julie Donaldson



2017 was filled throughout the year with many wonderful music highlights. We also endured tragic loss from our musical family but continue to remember them through each melodic note we play and sing.

As we begin 2018 it's the time for snowbirds, winter getaways, flu and bad weather. So although our numbers are down right now, these wonderful faithful members continue to show up at all times possible and share their musical ministry.

The anthems the choir pre-

pare are not easy pieces. I love that they all are willing to learn new and share the old. On the clavinova, I am able to record and layer multiple tracks of different instruments and voice parts to make the accompaniment extra special which allows me to also direct. Being able to do both jobs at the same time, really helps pull us all together.

2018 is going to be another great year filled with special music and I look forward to working with all of our music family members and sharing with you our musical ministry.



Along with the new Gale 150 banner, we were blessed with a new pulpit to enhance our worship celebrations of our 150th anniversary.

This pulpit was made possible by a donation from the legacy of Terry Coupal and created by Barry Keen. We are truly grateful for this beautiful addition to our sanctuary.

A Book I think You Should Read *by Rev. Sinclair*

Celtic Prayers From Iona

By J. Philip Newell

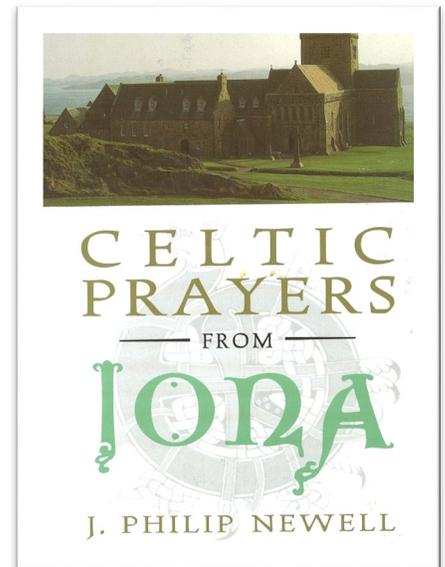
It may be my Scottish descent, or my Presbyterian preference, but something in me has always been drawn to the Celtic influences of life and spirituality. So I picked this book up from the discount rack

at our local thrift store. It is one of those finds of serendipity that make thrift store exploration so rewarding. This book has been a blessing.

Borrow it from our library for a week and go through its daily regimen of simple prayers presented in flowing calligraphy that serves to enrich

the contemplativeness of the words. Each day reflects themes of justice and peace, healing, creation, hospitality. You are going to be caught up by the Celtic sense that God is present in all of creation, especially you.

This book will be available in our church library for the year.



Getting to know Gale's Business Administrator *by Kim Denstedt*

There are so many ways one could start to tell the story of Milly Siderius, Gale's new Church Business Administrator. After all, she is Bryce Siderius' mother (and Christina Smith's mother-in-law) but did you know she is also a certified minister?

Co-author of "Advancing Stewardship" volumes 1 and 2.

Called to work in church administration after years of working as a trouble-shooter at Royal Bank of Canada branches.

Just under 5 feet tall and a whirlwind of activity and experience in the church office.

Educated: Personal Financial Planning (PFP) degree, a Certified Executive Fundraising (CFRE) designation, and a Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE); she is a certified minister and a Master's candidate in Christian Leadership.

But if all of this has you concerned that she may be overqualified for the job, the grandparents among us will be comforted by the knowledge she wants to work fewer hours and not miss out on the important milestones of her grandsons' lives.

She and her husband, John, met in Brampton, where despite a determination to "swear off church," she ended up at a youth group gathering and meeting him. John and Milly have been a team ever since, raising three

sons, initially in Mount Forest, while supporting each other in their professional careers. John works as a technician at Geonics in Mississauga while Milly has held a variety of business positions over the years. And gone to school.

The result is a close-knit family, one that sees each other "almost every weekend" and a family that enjoys "boating, board games, vacations, and pokemoning" together. Their sons all live close-by, Dweyt in Listowel; J.C. and Bryce in Waterloo.

Milly worked for the Royal Bank of Canada as a Sales/Branch Manager. Her job took her "all over." A casual discussion with a colleague one day about what she would really like to do revealed the answer: "Bible school and ministry." That revelation led to some soul-searching and a decision: she went back to school full-time.

Full-time except for the fact the Hanover Missionary Church asked her to be Pastor of Discipleship and Missions. So began the combination of studying, providing leadership to some 52 small groups in what the church termed spiritual journeys, traveling on mission trips, and speaking engagements at conferences. She was one of six pastors at the church where she discovered her strength in administration, rather than pastoral visiting, and a new challenge captured her interest in 2007.



She became the Manager of Stewardship Services for The Canadian Council of Christian Charities in Elmira and served on various boards, including the Mennonite Foundation of Canada. This led in 2012 to a new job, Director of Stewardship, with the Mennonite Foundation. The job involved travelling across the country, giving guidance and training to Stewardship Representatives and speaking at conferences to a variety of denominations.

She knew she wanted to remain in ministry but also use her administrative strengths. She continued to work on her Masters in Christian leadership (as well as recently an accounting course called SAGE) when her son Bryce mentioned the position at Gale.

"I believe in life that certain things are God-things, and Gale was that." After being assured by Bryce and Christina, as well as Barb and Randy (Christina's parents) that it would not be "too awkward" if she took the

job at "their church," she accepted.

"I have been astounded by the welcoming. Gale is very unique. You can't take for granted how welcoming people here are," says Milly.

John has joined the choir (he is a member of Twin City Harmonizers), they have moved to Elmira, and you may see Milly with a grandson in tow on Sundays. She remains aligned with the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada and represents them on the Emmanuel Bible College Board.

Gale is fortunate to have found someone with such a unique blend of faith and financial administrative skills to work in its church office.



LENTEN COMMUNIONS

TUESDAYS IN LENT – 7:00 pm

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday – February 14th this year. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation leading us to Good Friday and Easter – April 1st. Many people do special tasks, sacrifices or rituals to mark these 40 days. At Gale we will hold special mid-week communion services, each Tuesday starting on February 20th and concluding on March 27th. Beginning at 7 pm and lasting about 30 – 45 minutes, these meaningful and non-traditional communion services will be another opportunity for us to enrich our walk with God. Come and join us in the chancel for these special services.

- February 20th – A heritage style
- February 27th – A ritual of bread
- March 6th – Party Time!
- March 13th – Communion in the Labyrinth
- March 20th – A service of anointing
- March 27th – Stations of the cross



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Date	Location	Preacher
Feb. 14 th , Ash Wednesday	St. James Lutheran Church	Scott Sinclair
Feb. 21 st	Elmira Mennonite Church	Susan Campbell
Feb. 28 th	St. Teresa's RC Church	Paul Dyck
Mar. 7 th	Floradale Mennonite Church	Fanosie Legesse
Mar. 14 th	TBA	Hans Borch
Mar. 21 st	Trinity United Church	David Lewis

PAGES

(Presbyterians At Gale Enjoying Stories)

Date	Book	Leader	Host	Dessert
Mon. March 26 2018	The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George	Myrna Shantz	Myrna Shantz	Joan Moyer
Mon. June 4 2018	Discussion and Book Selections for our 8 th year!	Jan Parsons	Gale Church	Pot Luck

