

Pastoral Care Update June 7, 2023



JUNE BULLETIN BOARD



Sunday June 11: Rev. Dr. Karen Horst is our guest minister

THANK YOU to "100 Women Who Care"

Thank you to church neighbour, Deborah Ise, for nominating our Love Your Neighbour (LYN) program to the "100 Women Who Care" Organization. Last week, our First Pres LYN program was the recipient of close to \$20,000 in funds from these generous women, whose numbers have now reached 200.

The money will be used to help support needy families in the community with weekly food boxes, monthly dinners, grocery cards & other essentials. God has richly blessed this ministry.

Prayer Requests for:

- Ray Conn, Annie Leal, Brian Leno, Joe Tomilson
- those taking treatments, in hospital or rehab
- June 8(World Oceans Day): we pray for increased reduction of plastics pollution
- in thanksgiving for the volunteers who have been working in the church garden (photo of John Gowing & JoAnne Fleming)

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Some Pics from "A Little Night Music"



A LETTER TO FIRST PRES from Michael Mariano & Jenni Menon

Jenni and I conclude 3 magnificent years in Collingwood with hearts filled with gratitude. The First Presbyterian community has supported our efforts to make sure all kids and refugees get to ride bikes regardless of the ability to afford them. Together children and youth who never owned a bike got to learn to ride and benefit from the greatest part of life here.



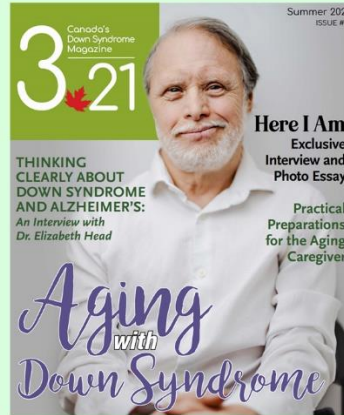
Being outdoors brings us closer to nature and closer to God. We have decided to make Collingwood our summer home while Jenni continues to be of service in the United States through the academic year. We shed tears of joy 3 years ago and now just shed tears as we leave.

Thank You, Presbyterian Community!
~ Much Joy, Michael & Jenni

CONGRATULATIONS - Craig Distin

Craig Distin is a 60-year old member of our congregation who has Down's Syndrome. He was recently featured on the cover of the May edition of the Canadian Down's Syndrome Magazine 3.21 (you may wish to research why the number 321 relates to Down's Syndrome).

Craig lives with his mother, Barbara, who has been a strong advocate for Craig his entire life. He is an excellent swimmer and skier, winning many medals in the Ontario Special Olympics. Craig loves to watch TV, make puzzles and walk the dog several times a day. Many thanks to his loving family and members of our Pastoral Care Team, Brian Hickey & his wife Wendy, Sharon McFarlane & Ken Milley, for being instrumental in Craig's success.



You should be able to relate to at least one of these!

I just cleared out some space in the freezer sounds much more productive than I just polished off another pint of ice cream.

Just failed my driving test. When the examiner asked me "what sign would you expect to see down a narrow country road?" Apparently 'fresh eggs for sale' wasn't the answer...

The longest drum solo was 10 hours and 26 minutes and was performed by the child sitting behind me on Delta flight 963 from LA to Tokyo.



**Cop: You were going fast.
Me: I was just trying to keep up with traffic.
Cop: There isn't any.
Me: I know! That's how far behind I am.**



In the Garden

And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share
as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.