

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 13

March 1, 2021

Lenten greetings from your friends at Knox and St. Andrew's.

We often associate the colour red with the month of February. It seems fitting then that the end of February finds us in the Red Zone. Businesses and restaurants are now open on a limited basis. Children are back in school. Some churches have resumed services. While this is a far cry from "getting back to normal", it is a relief from the many weeks of shut down.

We have many things to look forward to. The end of the bleak winter. The coming of spring flowers. The promise of Easter.

Worship Update

The Sessions of St. Andrew's and Knox will be meeting in the next month to discuss plans to resume in-person worship services. At this point, I cannot put a date to when that will happen. Rest assured that both Sessions will make that decision when they feel confident that it is safe to do so.

With Sadness

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Nora Stone on February 5, 2021. Nora was a faithful member of Knox and will be particularly missed by our friends of the Thursday morning Bible Study. A celebration of Nora's life will be held in the spring.

It is with deep regret, that we also acknowledge the passing of Liz Riddell on February 21, 2021. Liz was an enthusiastic member of the Service Club and will be greatly missed. A Celebration of Liz's life will be held in the spring.

Annual Meetings and Reports

The 2020 Annual report for Knox is now available. Dates for the St. Andrew's and the Knox's Annual meetings are pending. We will let you know as soon as the respective sessions decide that it is safe for these meetings to be held. Income Tax receipts have been distributed. If you did not receive yours, please contact Beth (St. Andrew's) and Loretta (Knox).

Presbytery Pandemic Grant Money

The Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington has created a Covid project fund. Up to \$10,000 in grant money is available to congregations to assist with pandemic related outreach projects or programs. Both congregations are eligible for the grant. The Sessions of Knox and St. Andrew's are looking for your suggestions. We have already received a number of great suggestions. Please direct your ideas to Jo-Anne, Shelley, or myself.

Winter Bible Study

Coming in March on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. a four week Study based on the book "Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief and Anxiety" by Walter Brueggemann. The Study begins March 2 at 7:00 and runs to 7:40. (Zoom is free for meetings of less than 40 minutes. Quick update here, I heard from a couple people that all you have to do at the 40 minute mark is sign in again and you can continue the discussion. Hopefully we will be able to continue passed the 40 minutes.) I have sent out the Zoom information for the first two meetings but I will re-send them on each Tuesday. This is my first attempt at running a Zoom meeting. Hopefully this will open some new avenues for us.

Topic: Winter Study

Time: Mar 2, 2021 07:00 PM America/Toronto

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87085034653?pwd=bEdWL2FMOHA0OXkvejJoVytWdFpEdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 8503 4653

Passcode: aTxF0v

Prayer Chain

A quick reminder that our prayer list is first names only. If you have a prayer request, please let me know. (Even if you do not wish to have that person's name to appear on this list.)

Prayer List

Don's family	Brian	Bob	Bob's family
Nora's family	Bill's family	Jeff	All those living in seniors' buildings
Robert	CW Food Bank	Alma United	Liz's family
Teachers	Lorraine	Carolyn	School Children
Stephen	Elora United	Jo-Anne	The Alma Optimists

Maundy Thursday

This year, we will have a Maundy Thursday service. The service will be available on line on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Givings

A reminder, that both St. Andrew's (8 Peel Street, Alma) and Knox (51 Church St. E, Elora), are able to accept donations by cheque. Knox also accepts e-transfers via email and online donations through our website at www.knoxelora.ca (via CanadaHelps).

And finally, the funny

In honour of St. Patrick's Day

Joe: Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

Bob: Tell me.

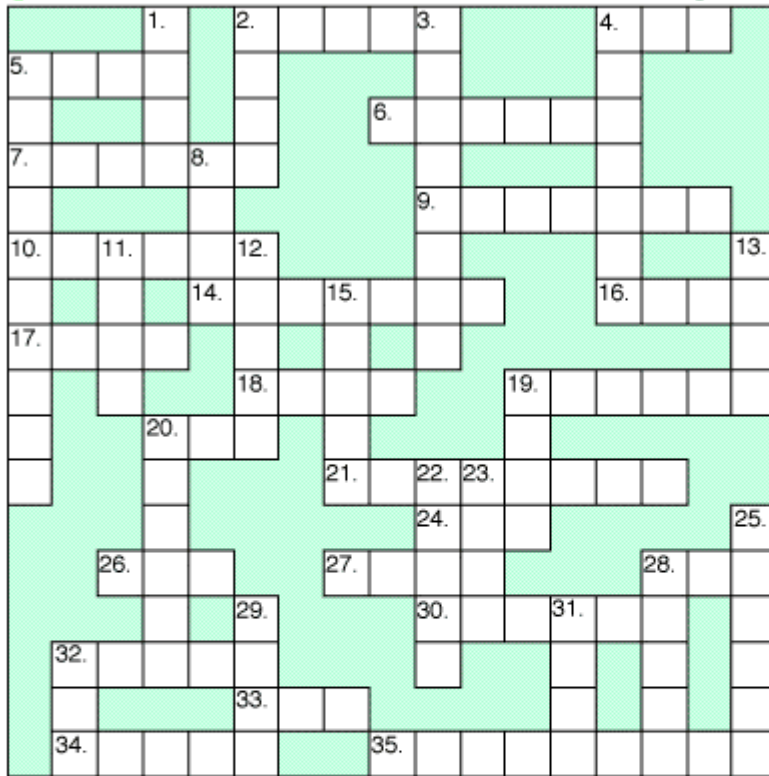
Joe: You might press your luck!

If you have anything you would like to include in an upcoming newsletter, please contact me at revsvclarke@yahoo.ca/minister@wightman.ca or call 226 369 0131. Our next newsletter will be April 1, 2021.

Susan V Clarke



Crossword



Down

- 1. Body covering?
- 2. Heal
- 3. 3 leaved clover
- 4. St. Patrick was a missionary there
- 5. Mystical being
- 8. Short form for corporal
- 11. Actor's part
- 12. _____ Patrick
- 13. X marks the _____
- 15. Peels of fruits
- 19. Layer
- 20. Procession or march
- 22. To arrive at a final destination
- 23. Walkway
- 25. Wrist or ankle injury
- 28. Household task
- 29. Measurement
- 31. Destroy
- 32. Valuable stone

Across

- 2. Loose change
- 4. Pens need this
- 5. Good _____
- 6. Conditional release
- 7. King's son
- 9. Let go
- 10. Mistakes
- 14. Saint _____
- 16. Let fall, rain _____

- 17. Give aid
- 18. Number less than 10
- 19. Leprechaun's head wear
- 20. _____ of gold
- 21. St. Patrick rid Ireland of these
- 24. Hearing organ
- 26. Opposite of good

- 27. One of the food groups
- 28. Drink container
- 30. God's house
- 32. St. Patrick's Day colour
- 33. Feline
- 34. St. Patrick's month
- 35. St. Patrick's day #



St. Patrick's Day Wreath (see over for instructions)

St. Patrick's Day Wreath

Materials Needed

- Scrap Paper Double-sided or you can glue two pieces together to make double sided paper
 - 7 12 x 2" strips of paper
 - 7 10 x 2" strips of paper
 - 7 8 x 2" strips of paper
- Ribbon for Hanging
- Extra scraps of paper for center decoration and back pieces
- Hot glue

Instructions

1. Stack one of each size of paper together and glue them together on one end.
2. Loop the shortest piece over and glue the edge down.
3. Repeat with the other two pieces until you have a teardrop shape
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you have made six tear drops. Group in twos and glue the ends together to form a heart shape.
5. To make the stem, you will be making two fold marks on each of the three strips you have left. For the 12" strip, make a fold mark 5 inches from the left edge and 5 inches from the right edge, so that there are 2 inches between the two fold lines and the section between the folds is centered. For the 10" strip, make one fold mark 4.25" from the left edge and 4.25" from the right edge, so that there are 1 1/2 inches between the two fold lines and the section between the folds is centered. For the 8" strip, make one fold mark 3.5" from the left edge and 3.5" from the right edge, so that there is 1 inch between the fold lines and the section between them is centered.
6. Line up the ends and glue them all together, like this:



7. Now assemble your shamrock. I cut out a small cardstock circle so I would have something to glue all those points to. Then I added a little accordion fold medallion in the front center. It's cute and it hides the part where it's glued together.

8. Glue on a ribbon loop so you can hang the wreath.