



“As long as the earth endures seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”
Genesis 8: 22

June 27, 2021

Greetings

Summer is finally here and the stay at home order has been lifted. Shortly, we will be moving into Stage 2 of the government's reopening plan. Many have received their second vaccination (including me). There seems to be a little light at the end of the very long tunnel. I hope that this summer you will be able to get “out and about” and enjoy our wonderful communities. May God use this time for you to recharge your batteries and lighten your spirits.

When will we meet again

So here's our plan (with the usual Covid provisos)... Both the Session of St. Andrew's and the Session of Knox, have agreed to resume in-person worship services on the first Sunday of September the 5th. The same Covid protocols will be in force as when we met last fall. According to Stage 2 of the Ontario government's reopening plan, we are allowed 30% of capacity.

St. Andrew's decided to have one in-person service the last Sunday of June (27th) before closing for the month of July. Depending on the weather, the service will be held outside (please bring your lawn chair) or inside at the allowed 15% capacity.

Summer Services

For the month of July, we will be holding joint services with Elora United. Their services are conducted on Zoom and posted to their website in the afternoon. If you wish to join the Zoom service this is the contact information.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/762539878?pwd=SGx0Q3VGOG5HaXFZbGFtQWx3NnMvdz09>

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New Memory Stick ministry

We are excited to start a new ministry at Knox and St. Andrew's. Although, we were fairly quick to get our services on line, we realized early on that there was a whole group of members who weren't able to access our worship services on line. In years past, when people were not able to attend worship we were able to give them a copy of the service on a tape or DVD. We no longer have the ability to do that.

With the assistance of Loretta and tester Sylvia, we are pleased to announce that we have a new plan. Building on the old ministry of distributing DVDs, we will be making available memory sticks with the services on them. If you have a smart TV or Digital picture frame, you can use the memory stick to view the services without having a computer or the internet. We are also pleased to announce that if you do not have either of the aforementioned, we have a limited number of digital picture frames you can borrow. Knox has used part of the Presbytery Pandemic Fund to cover the cost of additional memory sticks and frames. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact the Knox office at 519 846 0680 or 226-369-0131 (the Manse). This program is available to members in both congregations.

KnECT News

The **Glen Jackson Golf Tournament** is Saturday, September 25. Admission price is \$125/golfer which includes 18 holes of golf, use of a cart, a meal and a chance to win some fabulous prizes. To register, please contact Aileen through KnECT's Facebook page.

The **Knect Quilt Raffle** winner is Marilynne A. Congratulations Marilynne. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and to Joan Munn for donating the quilt..

Presbytery Pandemic Fund

Knox

In the article about the Memory Stick Program, I mentioned that Knox has used part of its Pandemic Grant to purchase memory sticks and digital picture frames. The Session has also decided to purchase new video equipment and a new lap top to assist with the recording of services of worship. We still have \$5000 in grant money left to use on other projects.

St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's has applied for \$10,000 in grant money to purchase a new church sign. This would replace the static sign that is in front of the church now. The new sign would have movable letters and would allow St. Andrew's to advertise upcoming events.

Thank You and Well Wishes

A big Thank You to Cindy R. for her years of service with the AV at St. Andrew's. Cindy is moving to Port Dover to be nearer her children. We wish her all the very best and we will miss her presence at the computer and in the gardens at St. Andrew's.

At their June meeting, the Session of Knox accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jane B. as wedding co-coordinator. Jane and her family have done a fabulous job of making "that Special Day" run smoothly. Thank you and all the best in your new endeavours.

And in related News

St. Andrew's is looking for volunteers to assist Grace with the AV during the services of worship. Carol has agreed to continue assisting, however it would be good to have at least one more person who could help out.

Knox is looking for a new wedding co-coordinator. We host approximately four weddings per year – mainly in the summer. For more information on what this job entails, please speak to Susan or Jane.

Taping of Hymns for the month of August

At the end of July, I will be getting together with Jim M, John S. and Loretta to record the hymns for our on-line worship services. At this point, with the province moving into Stage 2, I would like to invite anyone who would like to sing along with Jim and John to give me a call 613-246-3090 or email revsvclarke@yahoo.ca . I will let you know when we arrange a time and date. All welcome. (We will be well under the 30% maximum.)

Knox Box

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Knox Box by bringing in your donations of food and books. At the moment, we are running low on books for all ages and simple grab and go meals (cans of soup, soup mixes, macaroni and cheese, side kicks, microwave rice, dried fruit, trail mix, snack packs of cookies, granola bars, peanut butter, crackers, noodle packs etc.) All donations welcomed and can be placed in the box or dropped off at 55 Church Street (the manse).

The Knox Box will be closed for a couple days at the beginning of August for painting.

Prayer Chain

A quick reminder that our prayer list is first names only. If you have a prayer request, please let me know. (At your request, the person's name will appear on this list.)

Brian	Bob	Richard	Gerry's family
Stephen	Donna	Jeff	Farmers
Carolyn	Richard	The Alma Optimists	Mark
Robert	CW Food Bank	Alma United	KnECT
Cathy	Front line workers	School Children	Elora United
Struggling businesses	Lois	Those effected by the residential schools	

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).

Pastoral Care for July

During the month of July, I will be on holidays. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Greg Smith at 519-846-0122. I can also be reached by going through the Knox office 519-846-0690

And finally, the funny

A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

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

Susan

Make musical instruments using fruits and veggies

The Viennese Vegetable Orchestra may be the world's weirdest group of musicians. All of their instruments are carved out of vegetables and fruit! From pumpkin drums to celery guitars, each instrument is made fresh for each performance. Audiences enjoy the unique sounds of whistling carrot flutes, crackling onion skin, squawking red pepper horns, and more. At the end of the performance, fresh vegetable soup is served!

Here's how you can make your own musical fruits and veggies with instructions from the Nat Geo Kids book [*Weird But True!: Ripped from the Headlines*](#).

YOU WILL NEED

- 1 half watermelon
- 1 melon baller tool
- 1 cutting board
- 2 carrots for drumsticks

STEP 1

Use the melon baller to scrape the flesh out of the watermelon half.

STEP 2

Turn over the watermelon and place it facedown on the cutting board.

STEP 3

Play the drum with carrots, your hands, or even the melon baller! See how you can change the sound by lifting the edge of the melon off the board.

For more great summer craft ideas, please check out National Geographic Kids on-line.

THE
WORD SEARCH BATTLE

Bible

Difficulty: Hard



Play this puzzle online at: <https://www.wordsearchbattle.io/topic/bible>

ACTS
CHRIST
COLOSSIANS
CORINTHIANS
EPHESIANS
GALATIANS

HEBREWS
JAMES
JESUS
JOHN
JUDE
KING

LORD
LUKE
MARK
MASTER
MATTHEW
NAZARENE

PETER
RABBI
REVELATION
SAVIOR
TIMOTHY
TITUS