



Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2: 13-14

November 30, 2021

### **Advent Greetings**

*It is hard to believe that the Season of Advent has begun and soon it will be Christmas Day. We are blessed that despite the pandemic restrictions, this year Christmas will look a little more like it used to. Although we will still have to wear masks and the return of the choir may be still a few months away, we are blessed that we can gather as God's people to await the arrival of the Christ Child.*

*On behalf of Malcolm, Maggie and myself, I wish you the very best of the Christmas season and a Very Happy New Year.*

*Susan*

### **With Thanks**

Thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the Knox annex and sanctuary. Everything is merry and bright.

### **With sadness**

Our sympathy is extended to Karen Walser on the passing of her husband Marvin on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **News from St. Andrew's**

St Andrew's is holding a Christmas Bake Sale on December 4th from 10:00am -2:00 pm. Lots of Cookies and Squares for Christmas Sweet Tooth.

### **Christmas Eve**

Our Christmas Eve Service at Knox is set for 9:00 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of great music and readings planned. Be sure to take a walk around the church before or after the service, to admire the beautiful angels standing watch on Christmas Eve.

### **Virtual Christmas Concert**

During the Second week of Advent, we will be releasing a virtual Christmas Program through Knox's Facebook page. Thanks to Loretta's wonderful editing skills, we are able to put together a program of carols and readings and maybe a Christmas joke or two. We are presently compiling selections from both congregations from our faithful musicians and choristers. It is our hope that next year we will be able to return to a live program.

## **Service Club**

Instead of a regular **December meeting**, **Knox Service Club** will gather for dinner at the Gorge Restaurant at 5 pm on Wednesday, December 15. We invite any other ladies of the church to join us. Proof of vaccination is required at the restaurant. Contact Pat Young to confirm a reservation. And please note that this is a Wednesday night.

The Knox Service Club has set up a **Giving Tree** in the front entrance of the sanctuary for donations of home created or store bought hats, mitts or socks. You can place your donation on the Giving Tree and/or in the basket below.

For Christmas Eve, Knox will once again be surrounded by **Luminaires**. If you would like to dedicate one of these Christmas Angels in memory (or in honour of) someone, please contact Shelley or the Knox Church office. 519-846-0680.

## **Communion**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated on December 5. You are reminded to bring your own bread and grape juice (Covid Protocol) This is also Food Bank Sunday.

## **KnECT**

**KnECT Pie Day** made over \$3500. Many thanks to all of their fabulous volunteers and supporters! Through your support KnECT was able to adopt two families.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. To everyone who brought in Winter Clothing for the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual **Coat Drive**. Thanks to Randy and Cindy for dropping your donations off to the Salvation Army. The boots went to Ray of Hope. Ann would have been so happy to see the grand pile of donations.

The first KnECT meeting of 2022 is Wednesday, January 17, 2022.

## **Edison Singers**

The Edison Singers will present their Festival of Carols on Wednesday December 22, 7:30pm at Knox Presbyterian Church. Join the Edison Singers for a joyous celebration of the music of Christmas with carols new and old; and readings by Marilyn Lightstone and Colin Fox of seasonal poems and stories. You'll want to make this concert a family tradition! Tickets are limited and are available by calling +1 226-384-3100 or by [contact@theedisonsingers.com](mailto:contact@theedisonsingers.com)

## **Election of Elders**

At their November 3rd, 2021 meeting, the Session of Knox Presbyterian Church moved to hold an election of elders in the Winter of 2022. It was agreed that the congregation should elect at least four Elders to add to the existing Ruling Elders already serving.

Timeline:

Distribution of ballots: January 2-9, 2022

Return of ballots: January 10, 2022 – January 30, 2022

Counting of ballots by session: week of January 31, 2022 – February 5th, 2022

More information will be provided in the December Newsletter. Ballots will be distributed with the January 2022 Newsletter. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Rev. Clarke.

## **Knox Box**

Thanks to your generosity we have a great variety of adult books. We are looking for donations of children's books, winterwear and dry goods (heading into winter we can't put cans in the Knox Box in case they might freeze). The box continues to get a lot of use.

## **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	Don	Nancy
Stephen	Donna	KnECT	Laura's family	Jeff
Carolyn	Lynn	Cathy	Anne's family	Mark
Elora United	CW Food Bank	Robert	Front line workers Karen	Vi
Wesley	Carol	St. James Anglican	Customer Service people	

## **Part Time Administrator Bookkeeper**

Knox is looking for a part time Administrator Bookkeeper Experience with Bookkeeping, computer, Quick Books and WordPerfect needed. Must be good communicator. Please send resume to Knox Presbyterian Church, 51 Church St., Elora, Ontario NOB 1S0 or email to [Knoxelora@wightman.ca](mailto:Knoxelora@wightman.ca)

## **Story Time**

During the summer, the Magic Pebble Bookstore hosted a story time on Saturday mornings at Helper park. Avid storytellers shared their love of reading with children aged 0 + and their parents. I have invited them to use our Hall for a Christmas story time on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. More information to follow regarding guest readers. Please pass the word along to any young families that might be interested for this very entertaining program.

## **Pictures with Santa**

Returning this Christmas Season, you will have an opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa and his reindeer at the home of Stephen Truchan, 45 Colbourne Street, Elora from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm on December 11 & 18. Donations will be received for the Steeple Fund. Thanks Stephen.

## **Winter Weather**

If you are unsure about the weather on any given Sunday, please stay home and join us on line. If the service is canceled your elder will contact you. When in doubt, don't go out

## **Covid Assistance Fund**

The Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington Covid Assistance Fund established in March of this year, allowed congregations to apply for up to \$10,000 for projects that would assist their congregation or community to adjust to Covid. St. Andrew's used their grant to install a new church sign. Knox has used the first half of their allotment to purchase a new computer for use during worship and a new camera (which we are now using). We have applied for the second \$5,000 for new lettering for the church sign, Coffee Day in Elora (more information to follow) and a summer street event (more information to follow.)

## **Givings**

Knox (51 Church St. E, Elora), is able to accept donations by cheque, e-transfers via email and online donations through our website at [www.knoxelora.ca](http://www.knoxelora.ca) (via CanadaHelps).

## **And finally, the funny**

Admiring the Christmas trees displayed in his neighbour's windows, Nathan asks his father, "Daddy, can we have a Hanukkah Tree?"

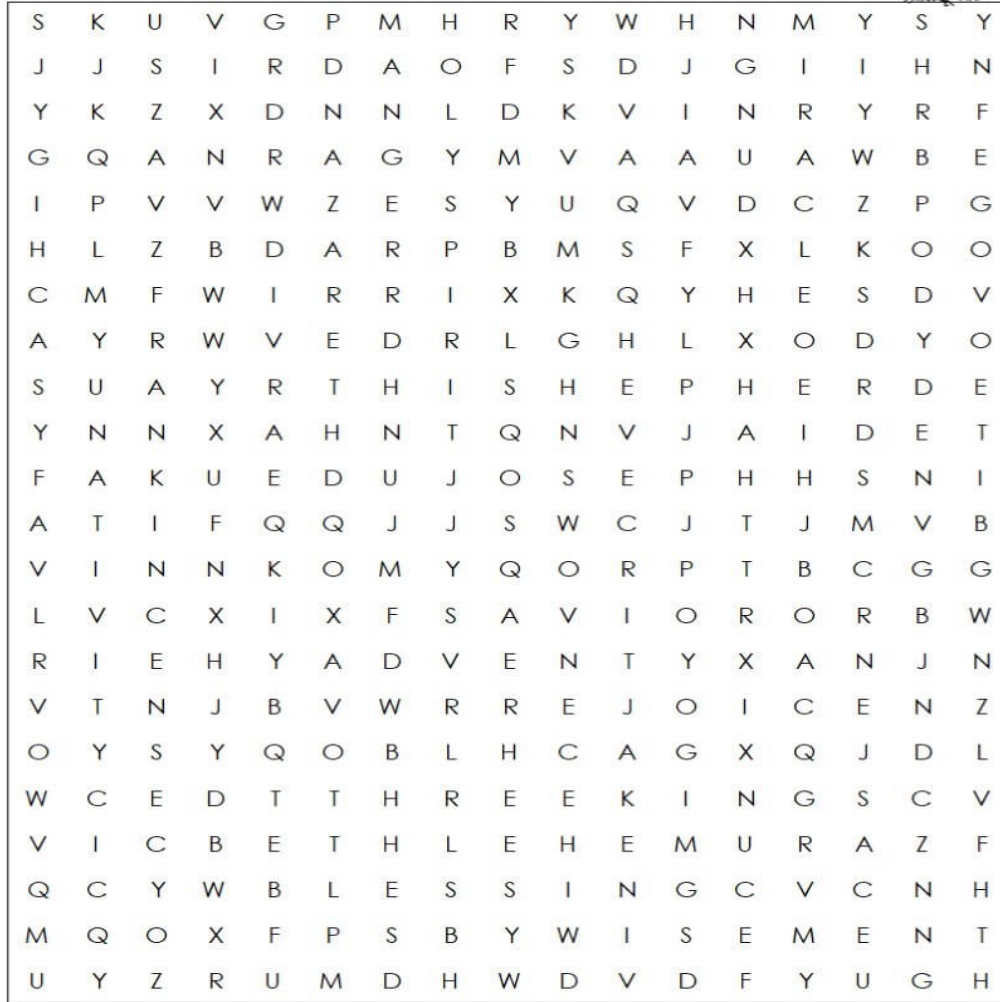
"What? No, of course not." says his father.

"Why not?" asks Nathan again.

Bewildered, his father replies, "Well, Nathan, because the last time we had dealings with a lighted bush we spent 40 years in the wilderness."

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Christian Christmas Word Search



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| FRANKINCENSE | BLESSING | REJOICE |
| WISE MEN     | NATIVITY | ADVENT  |
| HOLY SPIRIT  | NAZARETH | JOSEPH  |
| THREE KINGS  | SHEPHERD | MANGER  |
| BETHLEHEM    | MIRACLE  | SAVIOR  |

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## Christmas Craft



# Handprint Angel CHRISTMAS CARD

