



It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.
Psalm 74: 17

June 2, 2022

Greetings

Where does the time go? Summer is almost here and with it comes a rest from all the extra activities at St. Andrew's and Knox. It is a great time for everyone to recharge their batteries and dream of what new things the Lord will have in store for us in the Fall. Wishing you a very relaxing summer.

Susan

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on June 5th. At this time, we are continuing to ask you to bring your own elements (bread and wine). The Sessions of St. Andrew's and Knox will review this policy leading up to the next Communion Service which is October 2nd.

TARTS GALORE FESTIVAL

The Tarts Galore Festival's return after a two year Covid absence was a rounding success. All vendors sold out in record time! Thanks to the many volunteers who baked and/or bought. A wonderful return for a much loved event.

SPRING TAKE OUT PICNIC

Speaking of Sold Out. The Spring Take Out Picnic was a sold out success. It raised close to \$1,200 with plans underway for a roast beef dinner in the fall. Be sure to get your tickets early. It promises to be another sold out event. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who contributed to this wonderful dinner.

ROOF REPAIRS (KNOX)

At an emergent meeting of the Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington held May 30, Knox was granted a loan of up to \$250,000 to cover the cost of the new roof. This will allow the congregation to go ahead with the installation of a new roof, while giving everyone more time to evaluate the possible sale of the manse (formerly to cover the cost of the new roof, now to cover the repayment of the loan). The terms of the loan are 0% interest to be repaid at the rate of 10% per year over 10 years. The session will continue to update the congregation as more information becomes available.

SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club is considering making Strawberry Freezer Jam as a fundraiser. If you would be interested in purchasing or helping to make (the group is planning to make the jam in the church kitchen) please let Shelley or Pat know or call the church office.

Returning after a two year Covid hiatus, is the Club's June supper meeting at the Gorge Restaurant. This year it will be on Thursday, June 16 at 5:00 pm. You don't have to be a Service Club member to attend. Please contact Pat for more information.

The Service Club is compiling a list of volunteers to assist with the occasional funeral luncheon. If you would be available to make sandwiches, donate squares, serve or set up, please let Shelley or Pat know.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

During the cycle of restrictions, we have missed the opportunity to extend an invitation to participants at Knox and St. Andrew's to formally join our pastoral charge. Perhaps you have been looking for occasion to move your membership or would like to become a member by profession of faith. If you have been considering membership at St. Andrew's or Knox, please speak to Rev. Clarke

MENNONITE QUILT AND COVERLET SHOW AND LUNCH

Mark your calendars for June 25th, the Future Group is holding a Mennonite Quilt and Coverlet Show and Lunch from 11:30am to 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Knox office or from Jean J., Steve or Susan

In conjunction with the Mennonite Coverlet Show and Lunch, the Future Group is holding a Raffle for a Vintage Hand-stitched Quilt. It is antique blue and features the pattern "A Snail's Trail". Tickets are available from Jean J., Kathy D., Loretta F. or through the church office.

MICHAEL HOUSE

Michael House is celebrating the 20th anniversary of their Spring Baby Bottle Fundraiser. The campaign runs from Mother's Day (May 8) to Father's Day (June 19th). To pick up a bottle, they will be located at the back of the sanctuary at Knox. You are welcome to take a bottle to fill with change or you can make a donation by cheque (made out to Michael House) on Father's Day.

THE CLOTHES HAMPER

The Clothes Hamper is open for business after a two year absence. It is open Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am-noon. Lots of new items available.

The Hamper did its own closet clean out and sent a huge donation to Christian Aid Ministries, Canada. They send clothing to areas in need around the globe. Some of the Clothing Hampers donations are destined for Ukraine.

COMMUNITY DINNERS

The Community Dinners at Knox will resume this September. They are held the first Friday of the month in conjunction with the Centre Wellington Food Bank. Meals are at 6:00pm and the Clothes Hamper will be open.

WEDDINGS AT KNOX

The Session is looking for three people who would be willing to sit on an organizational committee to formulate a Wedding outreach program for Knox. The group would be looking at the possibility of hiring a wedding coordinator/administrator. We are looking for three people for this short term committee. Please speak with Rev. Clarke if you are interested.

KNOX BOX DEDICATION

The dedication of the new Knox Box will be held on Sunday, June 26 following the service of worship. Join us for ice cream on the church lawn as we honour the memory of Ed C and Bob F who created the first Knox Box. (Ed and his grandson built the first Knox Box and Bob built the model of the church that sits on top) A Big thank you to Jim and Rob Y for building the new structure.

GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day), the Rev. Linda Ashfield will be our guest speaker. Malcolm and Susan will be in Brockville attending the Interment service for Malcolm's Mom Marion Clarke.

MANSE MAPLE

Thanks to the wonderful people at the Tree Trust and gifts in memory of Joe Mayne, the ancient maple in the manse side yard received some much needed maintenance. The Arbourists at Baum Tree Service trimmed out dead branches and pruned a few damaged areas. The tree is estimated to be 200 years old. With the care it received, we hope it will last another 100 years.

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A big Thank You to everyone who participated in the Glen Jackson Memorial Golf Tournament. Biggest field of golfers in a long time!

UPDATE FROM OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE UNITED CHURCH

On Sunday, May 29, 2022, the amalgamation proposal went to the 3 congregations (Bethany, Elora United & Alma United). On June 12, each will have its own congregational meeting to vote on the plan. Moving forward it is proposed that congregations will have their final worship services on October 9 or 16. The amalgamation would take effect on November 1, with its first worship on November 6. The proposal is that Bethany and Alma will sell their buildings, and worship together at Elora United.

SUMMER SERVICES

You will note under Quick Reminders that the joint services for the month of July are not as straight forward as they have been in years past. The amalgamation of the Alma and Elora pastoral charges of the United Church have lead to a blending of services and locations. Please note service times and locations.

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	Jeff	Carol
Lynn	Cathy	Mark	Elora United	Robert
Front line workers	Vi	Wesley	Corrie & Sam	Jim
Teachers	St. James	Alma United	Peter	Bill
John's family	Michael House	The Alma School	Greg	Helen

GIVINGS

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

AND NOW THE FUNNY

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away.

What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis!

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"

Want to hear a roof joke? The first one's on the house.

Why don't koalas count as bears? They don't have the right koalafications.

QUICK REMINDERS

- June 5 Sacrament of Communion
 Food Bank Sunday
- June 5-9 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Rev. Clarke is e-attending)
- June 8 Joint meeting of the Sessions of St. Andrew's and Knox (7:00pm) followed by the regular Knox Session meeting.
- June 16 Service Club and friends will meet for Supper at the Gorge (5:00 pm)
- June 19 Guest Speaker Rev. Linda Ashfield
- June 25 Mennonite Coverlet Show and Lunch
- July 3 Combined congregations at Bethany UC (9:20 am)**
- July 10 Combined congregations at Alma UC (9:30 am)**
- July 17 Combined congregations at Elora UC (11:00 am)**
- July 24 & 31 Congregations have their own worship services at their regular times (Knox PC -Elora UC at 11:00 am and St. Andrew's -Alma United at 9:30 am)**
- August Joint services with Alma United at St. Andrew's**
Joint services with Elora United at Knox