



I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.
Ecclesiastes 3: 12

March 1, 2022

Greetings

Just when you thought that the most challenging thing about February was the weather and what direction the Omicron Variant was moving, Russia invades Ukraine. There are no longer rumors of war but an all out conflict that has drawn in the world community. We wear a hat to protect us against the cold, a mask to protect us from the Covid Virus but what can we do to protect ourselves against the threat of nuclear war? The same God whose hands protect us in winter and during the pandemic, will be with us during this time too. For He is greater than everything that nature and man can devise against us.

We need to do our part too. We can pray for brothers and sisters in Ukraine and also in Russia. If you feel moved to do something in addition to praying, Presbyterian World Service and Development is accepting donations for the relief effort. You can make a donation through your offering envelope. Please mark Ukrainian relief on the envelope and the amount. If you live in the Elora area, there is an Elora for Ukraine fundraiser on March 5th, 4-8 at the Elora Cafe. You can find more information about this event through the Cafe's website.

From the Annual Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Meetings at their respective congregations on February 27th. They marked our first congregational meetings since the beginning of the pandemic. Here are a few highlights from the meetings

St. Andrew's

The congregation has decided to move from a Board of Managers to a committee of the whole. There will be three congregational meetings per year to be held following the service of worship for the sole purpose of planning maintenance and improves to the church building and property. The first meeting will be scheduled for March to organize projects for the spring. The last Sunday will be designated as Presbyterians Sharing Sundays. As first Sunday of the month is set aside as the day to bring in your donations for the Food Bank, members will be encouraged to include a donation for Presbyterians Sharing on the last Sunday of the month. Please note your donation on the outside of your envelope. A reminder will appear in the weekly announcements.

Knox

The Board of Managers for the 2022/23 term are Willy Amos, Loretta Fox, Jean Jackson (Treasurer), Janet MacDonald and Ian Rankine. Trustees for the same term are David Brisbin, Ian Rankine and Doris Miller. Fred Shepherd and Paul Faires will review the 2022 financial records.

Next **Food Bank Sundays** are March 6, 2022 and April 3, 2022.

Lenten Bible Study

Monday Nights beginning March 21 and working until April 11, at 7:00 p.m, Rev. Clarke will be leading a Lenten Study based on A Way Other than our Own by Walter Brueggemann at St. Andrew's. (Covid protocols allowing) There are copies of the study available through the Knox office or by contacting Rev. Clarke. You do not have to participate in the group study to borrow one of the guides.

Election of Elders Knox

The Session of Knox is pleased to announce the following persons as elders elect: Brian Adams, Willy Amos, Carman Core and Loretta Fox. We will hold a service of ordination and induction on Sunday, April 3rd. Thank-you to everyone who cast their ballot for new elders. The number of ballots received speaks to the seriousness that members took their responsibility to cast their vote and the prayerful consideration they gave to their selections.

New for 2022 The Future Group

A new afternoon group is being organized at Knox. It will focus on planning for Knox's Future in the areas of Outreach and Fundraising. (Any project that will strength our witness both inside and outside our walls). The group will not necessarily meet every month but will meet more often when projects are underway. Everyone welcome. If you are interested in learning more about this new group, please contact Jean J at sjjackson@wightman.ca or 519 846 8061.

St. Andrew's Choir Practice

The Choir of St. Andrew's begins practices for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter on March 10 and continues Thursday evenings at 7:00 until Easter.

Good Friday Observances

This year, both St. Andrew's and Knox will be hosting the Good Friday Observances with our brothers and sisters of the United Church (Alma and Elora) on Friday, April 15. The Elora service is at 11:00 am. The Alma service is at 7:00 pm.

Alma United will host the **Sunrise Service** on Sunday, April 17 at 7:00 am at the Alma Community Center.

Our Daily Bread

The March to May copies of Our Daily Bread are now available. In Elora, there are copies at the back of the Sanctuary and in the Knox Box. In Alma, Barb and Jo-Anne will make sure you get a copy.

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

Winter Weather

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

Knox Box

Thank you for your continued support of the Knox Box through the winter months. We are in need of socks and food items that won't freeze (soup mixes, Mac and Cheese, tea, coffee, side kicks etc), purse size packages of tissues and snacks (granola bars)

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 and online donations through our website at www.knoxelora.ca. There may be delay in distribution of receipts this year, as they will have to be mailed or hand delivered.

And finally, the funny

A Minister said to a precocious six-year-old boy, 'So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?'

The little boy replied, 'Thank God he's in bed!'

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night.

'Yes, sir.' the boy replied

'And, do you always say them in the morning, too?' the pastor asked.

'No sir,' the boy replied. 'I'm not scared in the daytime.'

40 Words of Lent Word Search

WORD LIST

ASHES	EASTER	JUDAS	PRAISE
BETRAYAL	FASTING	LENT	PRAYER
BURIAL	FLOGGING	MAUNDY	PURPLE
CHRIST	FOOTWASHING	MOURN	REFLECTION
CHURCH	FORGIVE	NAILS	RISEN
CONFESSION	FORTY	PALMS	ROBE
CROSS	GRAVE	PASSOVER	SERVICE
CRUCIFIXION	HOLY	PENITENCE	SINS
DENIAL	HUMBLE	PETER	THORNS
EASTER	JESUS	PILATE	TRIAL