



For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.
Isaiah 61:11

May 1, 2022

Greetings

Welcome to Pandemic Spring in Canada. Why Pandemic Spring? Just when you think we have seen the last of snow, we get hit with another wave.

Despite the continuing cold weather and the possible threat of another Covid wave, this newsletter contains information on a wide range of fun and functional events. You will be happy to see lots of returning activities (Butter Tart Festival, Glen Jackson Memorial Golf Tournament and the Clothing Hamper) and a great variety of new ones too (Spring Take Out Picnic Lunch). Exciting signs that even if the weather isn't co-operating, Spring is here at St. Andrew's and Knox.

Susan

WITH SADNESS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of John Sinclair. John entered into the presence of our Risen Lord on April 10th.

TARTS GALORE FESTIVAL

We are back! After a hiatus of two years, the Tarts Galore Butter Tart Festival is back! Spread the word that there will be lots of hand crafted butter tarts for sale on May 7th, 2022 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Andrew's. Currently we have eight vendors representing the Alma area! If you are available to assist with the festival, please contact Grace B., Beth A. or Susan C. or email revsvclarke@yahoo.ca.

SPRING TAKE OUT PICNIC SUPPER

Tickets now on sale for the Spring Take Out Picnic Supper on May 28th organized by the Future Group. Pick up times are 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 6:00pm. Menu includes Ham, a variety of salads and a fabulous dessert. Please come to the north door to pick up your meal. Call the Knox office to reserve your \$15 ticket or speak with Rev. Clarke or Jean J.

CLOTHES HAMPER

After a two year absence, the Clothes Hamper is re-opening May 4th. Volunteers were in this week to sort through the racks and get the new donations out. The Hamper will be open Wednesdays from 9:00am-12:00 noon. Be sure to drop in and check out all the new donations. (to the music of the No Name Band.)

CONGREGATIONAL MAINTENANCE PLANNING MEETING (St. Andrew's)

Notes from Last Month's meeting

1. Lights in the fellowship Hall. Ron contacted CK Electric and got a quote of \$1580.00 to put in new, better lighting fixtures and a couple other smaller jobs.
2. Dave and Wilf will get quotes to finish the fence between St. Andrew's and their corner neighbour (As a follow up to this a meeting was held following the service on April 24th at which, the congregation approved the installation of a wooden fence by J construction.)
3. Jim will head up a committee including Ron, Rick, and Nick to get quotes to fix the cement work on the front step.
4. It was decided to ask Jeff if he would look into finishing the bottom part of the ramp.
5. Installation of a Resource Box will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Next meeting is after the service of worship on May 1st.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Knox)

1. There will be a congregational meeting following the service of worship on May 1st to discuss the replacement of the roof.
2. On May 2, the Elora Centre for the Arts will make a presentation on their proposed renovations. This event is open to anyone interested in hearing about their plans. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and will be held in the sanctuary. You are reminded the Guides are meeting in the fellowship hall. The lift will be in operation for this meeting.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Congratulations and thanks to the Future Group for a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt. 50 children from the community participated in search for twelve eggs hidden around Elora. Great Job!

KNECT

Great job done by the wonderful volunteers who came out for this year's road side clean up. Watch for a picture in a future Wellington Advertiser.

Get your golf clubs out and shined up. The **Glen Jackson Memorial Golf Tournament** is May 14th at the Beaverdale Golf Club, Cambridge. The event begins at 10:00am. For more information or to register check out the Knect Face Book page.

VOLUNTEERS (KNOX)

We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with the changing of the church sign and refilling the Knox Box. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Clarke 519-846-0680. Thanks to Jen and Jim M who are going to take over delivery of the Food Bank donations.

QUILT RAFFLE

In conjunction with the Mennonite Coverlet Show and Lunch, the Future Group is holding a Raffle on 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.

NEW ON SUNDAYS AT KNOX

If you arrive early to worship at Knox, you will notice something new. Before the prelude, join Jim Y for a few choruses old and new. (hymns with Jim). If you have a chorus you would like to sing, please let Jim know

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.

KNOX BOX

Final touches are being completed on the new Knox Box. We plan to dedicate it to the glory of God and the memory of Ed C and Bob F. on Mother's Day. A new storage cupboard has been placed in the main entrance for easy storage of supplies for the Box and to make it easier for anyone to refill the box should we run low.

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 become a member by profession of faith. If you have been considering membership at St. Andrew's or Knox, please speak to Rev. Clarke.

GARDENING NEWS

It will soon be time to get back into the flower gardens at Knox and St. Andrew's. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Jo-Anne H (St. Andrew's) and Judy F (Knox).

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	

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.

AND NOW THE FUNNY

What do gardeners wear on their legs?
Garden hose.

What did the dirt say to the rain?

You'd better cut it out, or my name will be mud!

QUICK REMINDERS

- May 1 Food Bank Sunday
Congregational Maintenance Meeting (St. Andrew's)
Congregational Meeting (Knox)
- May 2 Presentation by the ECFTA
- May 3 Euchre (9:00am every Tuesday)
- May 4 Clothes Hamper reopens (9:00am – noon every Wednesday)
No Name Band (9:00am-11:30am every Wednesday)
- May 5 Future Group Meeting (1:00 pm)
- May 7 Butter Tart Festival
- May 10 Service Club (7:30) (Second Tuesday)
- May 11 Knox Session Meeting
- May 17 St. Andrew's Session Meeting
- May 18 KnECT Meeting (7:30pm)
- May 28 Spring Take Out Picnic Supper
- May 29 Presbyterians Sharing Offering (St. Andrew's)
- 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 19 Guest Speaker Rev. Linda Ashfield
- June 25 Mennonite Coverlet Show and Lunch