



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

August 27, 2021

Greetings

Like the cry of every school aged child ever "Where did the summer go?" We certainly had our fair share of sunshine over the past two months. We will have to remember all this heat in the dead of winter which unfortunately is only a few months away.

Also, like children heading back to school, we hope to return to some of our pre-Covid activities. AA have already resumed meetings in July. Pathfinders have requested the use of the building on Thursday evenings. The No Name Band hopes to resume practices. The Thursday Morning Bible Study and Service Club are also looking at the possibility of meeting in the Fall. St. Andrew's is looking at repeating their drive through Ham Supper. Please watch for updates in upcoming newsletters, our church signs and on Facebook. If you have any questions, please contact me. ..

Start of In Person Services

The Session of St. Andrew's and the Session of Knox, have agreed to resume in-person worship services in September. St. Andrew's on September 5 at 9:30am and Knox on September 12 at 11am. The same Covid protocols will be in force as when we met last fall. According to Stage 3 of the Ontario government's reopening plan, we are allowed 30% of capacity.

Memory Stick ministry

If you are interested in participating in this program or would like information on how the program works, please contact the Knox office at 519 846 0680 or 226-369-0131 (the Manse). This program is available to members in both congregations.

Presbytery Pandemic Fund

St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's has received the full \$10,000 in grant money to purchase a new church sign. This will replace the static sign that is in front of the church now. Over the summer, Jo-Anne has been compiling quotes and a decision should be made shortly. Construction to begin in September.

Knox

We still have \$5,000 in grant money left to use on projects. The first \$5,000 was used to upgrade recording equipment and the Memory Stick Ministry. If you have suggestions of how we could use the remaining money, please let your elder know or call the office.

Taping of Hymns for September

We will be gathering at Knox to record hymns for our on line services on Sunday, September 5 at 11am. Anyone who would like to sing along with Jim M and John S. are welcome to join.

St. Andrew's Fall Drive Through Ham Supper

We have a date, October 16th and a place, the Alma Community Center. All we need is you. St. Andrew's is looking for volunteers to serve on an organizing committee for the Ham Supper. If you would be interested in helping, please call Lenora at 519-846-9266 as soon as possible. Based on the number of volunteers, we will be able to gauge our ability to host this event.

Our Daily Bread

A quick reminder that the September – December edition of the Our Daily Bread devotional is here. You can pick up a copy in the Knox Box or in Alma they will be delivered to you. If you are not able to pick one up, please call the Knox office (519 846 0680) and we would be happy to deliver one to you.

KnECT News

The KnECT Glen Jackson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 1 pm at Beaverdale Golf Club in Cambridge. It will look a little different this year but we are thrilled to be able to have our tournament!

Please join us for a great day of golf, food, prizes, trivia and putting contests. All proceeds support KnECT in our local and international projects. The cost is \$125/golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, 1/2 golf cart, Grab & Go Meal on the 9th hole, goodie bag and a \$50 tax receipt. Dinner only for non-golfers is \$20. Golf club rental is \$9 and a 24-hour notice is required for sanitation.

We would prefer if you could e-transfer your registration fee to Aileen (aileencurwood@gmail.com). Payment will also be accepted on the day of the tournament. Tickets for the raffle draw are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. This can be sent to Aileen at the same time as your registration if you like.

KnECT will need each person's first and last name and Email for contact tracing for Beaverdale and choice of meal by **Friday, September 10**, please. The choices for the Grab and Go Meal are hot dog or sausage or sandwich (turkey, ham & cheese, roast beef, tuna, egg, vegetarian) with a bag of chips and soft drink of choice. The beverage cart and bar inside will be available. Masks must be worn inside at all times.

Beaverdale is not doing shot-gun starts and each team will be staggered approximately 8 minutes apart between 1 pm and 2 pm. I will send your tee times when I get them. We will have the use of one of the patios and will end the tournament with our prizes for winners, trivia contest answers and Aileen will have predrawn the raffle prizes.

We are looking forward to a fun afternoon and it will be wonderful to get together! Please let Aileen know if you have any questions or concerns and pass on to family and friends who may be interested.

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	Don
Stephen	Donna	KnECT	Farmers	Jeff
Carolyn	Lynn	Richard	The Alma Optimists	Cathy
Indigenous people	Elora United	CW Food Bank	Alma United	Robert
Lois	Front line workers	School Children	Anthony	Mark

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 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).

Volunteers needed

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.

Session Meetings

The next Session meeting for St. Andrew's is October 13th at 5:00 pm and Knox is September 8 at 7:00 pm. If you have an item that you would like added to the agenda of either Sessions please contact their respective Clerk of Session, Shelley Maitland (Knox) or Jo-Anne Hall (St. Andrew's).

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).

And finally, the funny (with thanks to Dave B)

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating straight away.

“Johnny, wait until we've said our prayer,” his mother reminded him.

“I don't have to “ the boy replied.

“Of course you do” his mother insisted. “We say a prayer before eating at our house”

“That's at our house” Johnny explained, “but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook”

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 October 1, 2021

Susan

Stained Glass Leaves



Step One: Start by tracing some leaves onto contact paper and cutting out the image. I used a couple of different types of leaves which looked really nice when grouped together on a large window. We made quite a few and gave some to the grandparents over thanksgiving. If you don't have fall coloured permanent markers just draw on the paper side of the contact paper so it doesn't smear off or show on the leaf itself.

Step Two: Cut out your leaf designs. Peel off the backing paper.

Step Three: Choose fall coloured tissue paper and tear or cut into small pieces. Stick the tissue onto the sticky side of the contact paper and overlap edges so it is completely covered. It's okay if it goes over the edges, it will be trimmed up later. Step Four: Now cut a piece of contact paper larger than your image to lay on top of the leaf and seal in the tissue paper. Go ahead and cut it to match the shape of the original leaf. And there you have a pretty fall craft to hang in your window that looks like stained glass leaves! The leaves look nice in groups positioned so they look like they are falling down. I couldn't get a nice picture because of all the objects on the other side of the window, but it really looked great!

To make this fall craft you can also use coloured cellophane if you have it on hand, it lets in the light really well and looks vibrant.



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