



I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest.
Psalm 55: 6

June 28, 2022

Summer blessings

Everyone is looking forward to a little break. Now that Covid restrictions are easing up a lot of summer activities have returned. I hope that you will be able to get out and enjoy them.

Even though we will be closed for the month of July, there are still lots of activities going on. See below for details about the Future Group's Silent Auction, the Hootenanny and repair work happening at both St. Andrew's and Knox. Quick reminder that Euchre and AA continue throughout the summer.

Susan

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 the end of August beginning of September with Classic Roofing. At this time, we will not be moving ahead with the sale of the manse.

LOOKING GOOD

If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, St. Andrew's has a new fence which completes the fencing next the Reflective Garden (which by the way also looks great). New lighting fixtures have also been installed in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped make these projects happen. Also on the agenda for this summer are some repairs to the front steps and interlocking paving stones at the foot of the ramp.

SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club is 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.

The Service Club and friends enjoyed a great meal at the Gorge Restaurant in June. (see Facebook for pictures)

MENNONITE QUILT AND COVERLET SHOW AND LUNCH

Thanks to everyone who attended the show and lunch over the weekend. If you were not able to attend, please check out our Facebook page for pictures of the event. Special thanks to Jeff F. for sharing his amazing collection of Mennonite Quilts and Coverlets.

The winner of the vintage Mennonite Quilt was Judy Bradley of Burlington.

WEDDINGS AT KNOX

Over the summer Shelley, Jane and Rev. Clarke, will meet to create a new wedding policy for Knox. We hope to increase the number of weddings we host. In order to do that we need a plan and volunteers. If you are interested in assisting, please let Susan know.

KNOX BOX DEDICATION

The New Knox Box was dedicated in memory of Bob F and Ed C. on June 26th. Lots of room for donations! Thanks to Jim and Rob Y for their excellent work. Heading into summer, we are in desperate need of food items (including snacks) and children's books. Thank you for your support.

HOOTENANNY

Its back! After a two year Covid hiatus the No Name Band is proud to hold an evening of music old and new on the manse lawn beginning at 6:00 pm on July 31st (the Sunday of the Civic holiday weekend.) Don't miss this evening of lively entertainment! The Future Group will also have hotdogs, lemonade and water for sale on the church lawn during the Hootenanny.

SILENT AUCTION

The Future Group is running a Silent Auction in the Church Hall for the month of July (ending on July 31st the evening of the Hootenanny) If you have new or interesting items that you would like to donate, please call the church office (519-846-0680) to arrange a drop off time. An estimate of each item's value would be helpful. Auction items will to be published on the Knox Face Book page. Successful bidders will be announced before the Hootenanny.

SESSION NEWS

At their June Meeting, the Session accepted with regret the resignation David B as an elder at Knox. We will miss his common sense contributions to our meetings and his diligent work on behalf of Knox. Thank you Dave and Jackie.

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 congregation voted to move forward with amalgamation and the sale of the Bethany and Alma United buildings. Each congregation will have their final worship services on October 9 or 16. The amalgamation would take effect on November 1, with its first worship service of the new congregation on November 6.

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.

Services at St. Andrew's and Knox resume August 7th.

MICHAEL HOUSE

Thanks to everyone who made a donation to the Michael House Baby Bottle Drive. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

COVID POLICY CHANGE

At their June meeting the Session of Knox decided to rescind the mandatory wearing of masks during services of worship. It is now a personnel choice whether you wear a mask.

COMMUNITY DINNERS

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

CONCERTS

This fall, Knox will resume its "Winter" Concert series. We are in the final stages of booking two fabulous entertainers, one for October/November and one for next April (when the weather is more reliable) Watch for news on our Facebook page or our next newsletter.

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	Ann	Corrie & Sam	Jim
Teachers	St. James	Alma United	Peter	Bill
John's family	Michael House	The Alma School	June	Helen

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Hunger doesn't take a holiday. The need for food donations continues. Mark your calendar for August 7th, the next Food Bank Sunday at both congregations.

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 did the little corn say to the mama corn?

Where is pop corn?

What do you do if you get rejected at the sunscreen company?

Reapply

What does the sun drink out of?

Sunglasses

QUICK REMINDERS

- July** Future Group Silent Auction
- 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)
- July 31** Hootenanny (6:00)
Future Group Canteen (hot dogs and drinks)
- August** Joint services with Alma United at St. Andrew's
Joint services with Elora United at Knox
- August 6** Rugg/ Wang Wedding
- August 7** Food Bank Sunday at both St. Andrew's and Knox
- August 27** Easterbrook/Horning Wedding
- August 29-September 9** Installation of new Roof on the sanctuary of Knox
- Sept. 10** Vandenburg/Bruce Wedding