

CHRISTMAS



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

KNOX Elora and ST ANDREWS Alma



It's Beginning to
Look a Lot Like
Christmas

An Invitation . . .

Ever thought of becoming a member of Knox or St. Andrew's?

Just been waiting for the right time?

This January, St. Andrew's and Knox are extending an invitation to anyone who has been considering church membership to officially join either congregation.

Please accept this as your invitation to part of our pastoral . Please speak to

- Rev Clarke, Pastor
 - Jo-Anne Hall (St. Andrew's)
 - Shelley Maitland (Knox)
- and Dorothy. Knox/St. Andrew's is also one of the members of the Center Wellington Ministerial who lead services at Caressant Care and Heritage



The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on December 10, at both churches. At St. Andrew's, Alma, the elders will be distributing the elements. At Knox, you are asked to continue to bring your own bread and 'wine'.

The Elora Session will be reviewing returning to elders distributing the elements at their February Session Meeting.



Here's a gift that will never be exchanged. The Apostle Paul said, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). His gift of the perfect Redeemer is the most precious and amazing gift ever given. Keep focused on His gift this year.



Service Notes

Sunday, December 3

We welcome back Don Emerick to the pulpit of St. Andrew's and Knox. Susan and Malcolm will be in Brockville for the grandson's birthday.

Sunday, December 10

Knox Christmas Concert @ 7:00 P.M. An Evening of Christmas Music featuring John Solberg and Friends, the Hayes Sisters, The Knox Choir and more.

Christmas Eve & Day

Services abound this year. After having to cancel last year's service because of a snow storm, the services this year are as follows :

Christmas Eve Services

St. Andrew's, Alma — 7:00 p.m.
(with Hope Springs)
Knox, Elora — 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Services

St. Andrew's, Alma — 9:30 a.m.
Knox, Elora — 11:00 a.m.

Magic Pebble

The Magic Pebble Bookstore returns to Knox for their very popular Christmas Storytime. December 16, 1-3 Featured storyteller is the fabulous Cassandra Coleman. Children of all ages welcome.

Thank You . . .

This is a great opportunity to remind everyone that we have some wonderful volunteers who lead services at Wellington Terrace and Highland Manor every six weeks.

As the schedule happens, this year we will be leading Christmas Eve Day worship. Thank you to Willy, Sylvia and Dorothy. Knox/St. Andrew's is also one of the members of the Center Wellington Ministerial who lead services at Caressant Care and Heritage River.



Jeremy Bullock

Barb Hall

Reenie Halls

KnECT

Our Apple Pie Day & Salvation Army Coat Drive was held on Saturday, November 4 and was a great success! Thanks to everyone who helped out and worked so hard! We raised over \$3600, made 304 pies, 100 crisps, with 32 volunteers, began the day at 5 a.m. and completed the last one at 2:05 p.m.!

We are able to help out 3 families with 10 children this year with Adopt-a-Family. If you would like to make a donation, please put in the offering and label KnECT Adopt-a-Family.

Contributed by Jim Marfleet

Service Club Notes

Part of the magic of Christmas Eve Celebrations at Knox are the Choir of Christmas Angels, which surround the outside of our church on Christmas Eve. Each Angel may be dedicated, for a small donation, to honour the memory or recognize someone or a pet Their name will be added to one of the angels.



Last year, even in the midst of the swirling snow storm there were people who strolled around Knox reading the names. To sponsor an angel please contact Shelley M by Dec 17 to support this Service Club fund raiser.

A heartfelt thank you for the support received for the Snowflake Bazaar; we were blessed to receive lots of baking and

helpful hands. We realized a profit of \$1,600.00.

We are having our Christmas Dinner at the Gorge Country Kitchen Restaurant Thursday December 14 at 5 p.m. and invite the ladies from the congregations to join us. Come and enjoy some fellowship. Cost is the dinner you choose. Please contact Pat Y. by December 10 so she can reserve a seat for you.

Yes we still have Strawberry Freezer Jam available for \$7 a jar. A tasty spread for your breakfast toast !

Knox Session Notes

At our next meeting we will be setting the 2024 communion dates. A reminder that December's communion is moved to December 10 and you will need to bring your own elements.

We are looking to receive new members and transfers of memberships in the New Year, please contact Rev. Susan Clarke.



Note From Caressant Care

Hello,

We do an angel tree at our home in hopes to give all our residents a gift this Christmas. Just wondering if any of your people would like to donate anything towards this? Thank You!

Danielle K

Activity Coordinator

Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Homes Ltd. 450 Queen Street East, Fergus 519.843.2400 Ext 2622

Notes From Alma

Thank you for supporting our St. Andrew's Cookie, Square and Tart sale. We sold out and raised \$825. Thanks to all who contributed in any way.

The Alex Burnett and Friends concert was a great success being well attended and all enjoyed a great afternoon of music. We raised almost \$3,000!

Knox Property Committee

The newly formed Property Committee consists of Brian Adams, Loretta Fox, John Hake (C), Alan Israel, and Bruce MacEachern. The committee is reviewing the various property issues that occur on a regular basis, as well major projects that may be upcoming.

One project that needed to be addressed immediately is the removal of trees around the church. Trees were removed along both sides of Knox as they were too close to the building and stained glass windows and causing damage. The trees were cut down, shredded and disposed of. The stumps were removed, the ground leveled and will be seeded in the spring.

. We want to thank everyone for their continued support as we address these types of issues, both big and small. We plan to keep you informed, as we go forward."



The First Elora Pathfinders still have mint Girl Guide Cookies for sale. Perfect Hostess gift. Please speak to Susan Clarke. They are \$6/box.

We need you!

Volunteers are needed to lead the lighting of the Advent Candles. Please let Susan know if you are able to help at Knox or St. Andrew's.

We are returning to volunteers leading the Responsive Psalm. Let Rev. Clarke know ASAP if you are interested.

We are looking for a Treasurer for Knox. (Must be a member of Knox.)

A Community Dinner Administrator is also required

Helpers for various tasks at weddings are also required.

To take advantage of any of these gratifying positions please contact either Rev Clarke or Shelley M.

Word Search

On the following page is this month's word search puzzle. During the sermon on November 26 Rev Clarke remarked on the difficulty of ensuring correct pronunciation of Biblical names in certain passages when reading them aloud. Your editor wishes to point out that reading Matthew 1:1-16 is a major challenge as each name is either separated by 'and' or 'begat' so one has no opportunity to prepare for the next word.

Rev Clarke's sermon inspired the creation of this puzzle and we hope you have some fun locating all the names. They are hidden in all four directions and may even be backwards. By the way spelling them is less of a challenge than reading.

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Abraham	Mattatha	Cainan	Naggai	Hezron	Ram
Amminadab	Matthat	Eber	Nahum	Jannai	Salmon
Boaz	Melki	Elmadam	Noah	Joanan	Seth
David	Methuse-	Heli	Perez	Jorim	Shem
Eliezer	lah	Jacob	Rhesa	Joseph	
Enosh	Nahshon	Jesse	Serug	Judah	
God	Neri	Jonam	Shelah	Levi	
Isaac	Peleg	Joseph	Terah	Mahalalel	
Jared	Reu	Judah	Addi	Mattathias	
Joda	Semein	Lamech	Arphaxad	Me lea	
Josek	Shealtiel	Maath	Cosam	Menna	
Joshua	Simeon	Mattathias	Eliakim	Nahor	
Kenan	Adam	Matthat	Enoch	Nathan	
Levi	Amos	Melk	Esli	Obed	