

AUTUMN 2024



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Knox-Elora & St Andrew's Alma



"The lands we know today as the Township of Centre Wellington have been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We acknowledge that we are on the treaty lands and traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee."

Our Events Autumn 2024

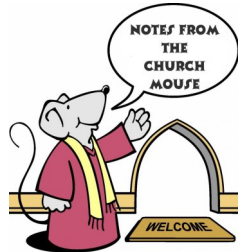
- Oct 8 @ 1:30
Heads up for Healthier Brains
- Oct 26 @ 5 to 7 P.M.
Alma Ham Supper
Lunch Follows with Rev Gale
- Nov 3 @ 11:00
Alma 170th Anniversary
- Nov 6 @ 7 PM
Scott Woods Yee Haw
- Nov 9
Apple Pie Day
- Nov 16 @ 10a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Snow Flake Bazaar

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
51 Church Street, Elora

Euchre Afternoon
November 28
1:00 to 4:00 PM



Refreshments and Prizes
\$10/Player



Men's Breakfasts

A hearty breakfast, and a time of fellowship and devotion. Join us gentlemen Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. at the Box Social. We look forward to your company.

Service Celebrants

- Oct 6 Jan MacInnes (Communion)
- Oct 13 John Hake
- Oct 20 Andrew Song
- Oct 27 Angus Sutherland

Knox Box

The Knox Box is in desperate need of books (all ages), food to go, and snacks. We will soon be into the cooler weather and so we welcome donations of socks, mitts, warm hats and tissues.

From Our Interim Moderator

Dear Friends,

I have noticed that the trees have already begun to change colour. The children are headed back to school. Starbucks has pumpkin spice everything on the menu and soon we will be digging out our fall jackets. A new season is beginning.

A new season is beginning here in the congregation, too. After saying goodbye to your beloved minister, you are entering a time of change. There will be tasks that Susan used to do that will need new leadership. There will be different voices in the pulpit each week. I will be joining monthly Session meetings.



Rev. Dr. Kristine O'Brien

Change of any kind brings with it a certain level of anxiety, anticipation, hope and adaptation. But if the seasons in creation teach us anything, it's that each one bring gifts along with challenges. As I join you on this journey my hope is that we are able to embrace this season of discernment together and stay tuned for Divine gifts. God has called and equipped us, and we can be confident that worship, mission and community lay ahead of us. May God be our constant companion as we welcome this new season together.

Rev. Dr. Kristine O'Brien
www.crieffhills.com



Crieff Hills occupies the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron/Chonnonton, the Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee peoples and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

On behalf of Malcolm and I myself, I would like to thank St. Andrew's and Knox for the wonderful retirement parties they hosted for us. Your kindness will stay with us a very (very) long time. The Knox picture will have a treasured place in the condo living room (no more need of an office). The St. Andrew's quilt with have a honoured place in our spare bedroom (awaiting your visit).

St. Andrew's, Alma & Knox, Elora has been a wonderful place to end this part of my career. I will carry the friendships and fond memories with me always. You may never know how much your support has carried us through these past three years as Malcolm's illness progressed.

Thank You

Our new addresses are:

Malcolm
1803 County Road 2
Brockville, ON
K6V 5T1

Susan
#410-3 Apple Street
Brockville, ON
K6V 4X5

Our phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. Email directed to the minister's email will be redirected to the Knox Office.

Wishing you God's Blessings
Susan and Malcolm



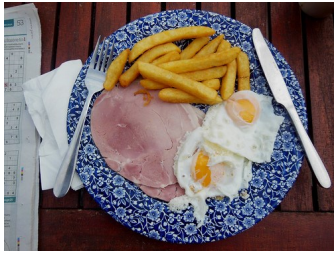
Sunday Worship Service Celebrants

- Oct 6 Jan MacInnes Communion
- Oct 13 John Hake Thanksgiving
- Oct 20 Andrew Song Knox Anniversary. Alma joins with Elora
- Oct 27 Angus Sutherland

Now Available

- Relish and Bread and Butter Pickles 1 pint jars \$8.00 (Futures)
- Strawberry Jam \$7.00 (Service Club)





October 26, 2024
 St Andrews Alma
 Ham Supper
 Alma Community Centre
 5-7 pm. \$20.00/ticket
 Eat in or Take-Out

St Andrews Alma 170th Anniversary Service

Nov 3, 2024 @ 11 A.M.

Guest speaker Rev. Herb Gale

Service followed by lunch with Herb Gale

Alma Dates

December 3rd Christmas Bake Sale from 9am – 12 Noon.
 December 12th, 13th and 14th Journey to Bethlehem at the ACC. from 6 – 8 pm.
 Christmas Eve Service December 24th, 7:00 pm joint with Hope Springs, all welcome.

CANADIAN FIDDLE CHAMPION

SCOTT WOODS

PRESENTS **YEE HAW**

WITH MULTI-TALENTED BAND:
 CHAMPION FIDDLER
KENDRA NORRIS
 CHAMPION STEPDANCER
LEO STOCK
 GUITAR VIRTUOSO
STEVE PITICCO
 GUEST VOCALIST & BASS
KURK BERNARD

Reminiscent of the iconic TV show, experience the best in Country music, trick fiddling, award-winning step dancing, humour and so much more! Visit SCOTTWOODS.CA!

COMING TO KNOX ELORA

NOV 6 7 TO 9 P.M.

Please note – Tickets bought through the Scott Woods Band Office or directly online, will be held for you at the door on the night of the show, starting approximately one hour prior to showtime. You will simply identify yourself, and we will give you your tickets then. Tickets may also be obtained at the Knox Church Office

Doors will open approximately one hour prior to showtime. Seating is first come, first served.

For general inquiries, call Scott's office toll free 1-855-726-8896.

“Yee Haw” is a fun-filled, 2-hour live show, that is reminiscent of the iconic television show “Hee Haw”. It will feature lots of Canadian Old Time Fiddle tunes, favourite Country classics, instrumentals, sweet harmonies, sensation-

al step-dancing, smooth vocals, lots of family humour, inspirational stories, and trick fiddling.

Canadian Open and Grand Masters Fiddle Champion, Scott Woods and his multi-talented band are sure to put a smile on your face and a song in your heart, with their lively entertainment. Scott will be doing his trick-fiddling routine – playing behind his back, walking on a barrel while playing, and of course his world-famous front running somersault.

You will see Scott's sister, Kendra Woods Norris, a champion fiddler in her own right, as well as the Canadian Open Step Dancing Champion, 20-year old Leo “Spaghetti Legs” Stock. Between them, they play several instruments (fiddle, accordion, piano, drums), they sing and have some silly costumes/characters as well.

Accompanying them on guitar is “the Telecaster Master”, Steve Piticco. He is an amazing guitarist, and will show his talents throughout the show. Kurk Bernard will be part of the band, playing bass guitar and singing country favourites.

TICKETS AVAILABLE @ KNOX CHURCH OFFICE

An Important Note From Knox Clerk of Session

I am going to begin by stating the obvious - we are currently without a Minister! How does this affect you and the future of our church?

We are in serious need of your input! We strongly encourage you to come to an informal meeting with Session members on Wednesday, October 9 at 7pm in the Knox Sanctuary. We have some ideas to share with you and need both your input and suggestions. The congregation's commitment to our church is vital for our future success!

We look forward to seeing you October 9.

If you need a ride to the meeting please contact Shelley M. or the office and we will arrange for someone to pick you up.

Heads up for Healthier Brains

Tuesday, October 8 ~ 1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Nicholas Keith Room ~ Wellington County Museum
0536 Wellington Rd 18, Fergus, Ontario

Join Us!

Learn about ways to keep your brain healthy and strong as you age.

Everyone welcome admission Free!
There will be an opportunity for questions and answers



Guest Speaker

Robin Smart, MA

Public Education Coordinator

Alzheimer's Society Waterloo Wellington

Robin will explain the difference between normal and abnormal forgetting!

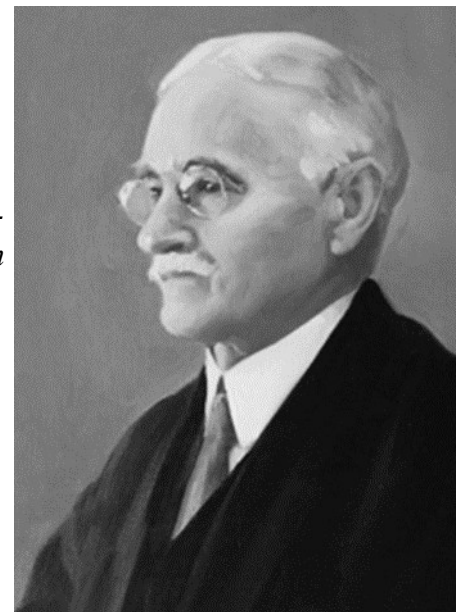


James Scarth Gale

A Canadian Missionary to Korea

This summary of the life and work of Reverend Gale in Korea is extracted from a 547 paged Doctor of Philosophy thesis written in 1996 by Dr. Yoo Young Sik and the full text is available online as *"The Impact of Canadian Missionaries In Korea: A Historical Survey of Early Canadian Mission Work, 1888-1898"* by Yoo Young Sik.

The most definitive biography of James Scarth Gale was published in a two-volume work in 2013. Written by the Rev. Dr. Yoo Young Sik, the book's title is "Chak-han mok-ja: Gae-il-ui salm-gwa seon-gyo" (The good pastor: the life and mission of Gale). Professor Yoo is also a graduate of the same University of Toronto that produced the young, exceptional missionary to Korea.



Chronology of the Life of James Scarth Gale

1863 February 19, born one mile outside Alma, Ontario, where his family were members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian. His father, John Gale (1819-1909), emigrated to Canada in 1832 from Scotland. His mother, Miami Bradt (1829-1909), was of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry, her forebears settling near Hamilton, Ontario. John and Miami were married in 1850 and had six children, James being the fifth. In regard to education, James Gale first attended a one room log-cabin school at Alma, then went on to Elora High School.

In respect to his religious background, two of Gale's forefathers have become nationally renowned in the

history of Canadian Presbyterianism. James' great-uncle on his maternal grandmother's side, Henry Es-son (1793-1853), was the founder of present-day Knox College, University of Toronto. His paternal un-cle, Alexander Gale (1800-1854), was the founder, in 1833, of the first Presbyterian Church, (presently St. Paul's) in Hamilton...and a professor of Classics at Knox College in its early days. His father, John Gale, was one of the early Scottish settlers in Pilkington Township, Ontario, and active in establishing Presbyterianism in that area as well. He was one of the founding members of his village church Alma Presbyterian Church in 1854. (presently St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church)

1882 Entered St. Catharines Collegiate Institute, St. Catharines, Ontario.

1884 Entered University College, University of Toronto.

1886 From May to September, went to the Sorbonne University, Paris, France for language training.

1888 April 12, appointed as University of Toronto YMCA representative foreign missionary to Korea.

Graduated from University College, University of Toronto. Gale's educa-tional background was not in theology rather he specialized in languages and literature (English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Latin), and graduated with a B.A.

October 25, left Toronto for Vancouver.

November 13, set sail for Korea.

December 12, arrived in Pusan, Korea.

December 15, arrived in Incheon.

1889 Left for Haeju (in present North Korea), early in March and arrived Haeju on March 17. He stayed in Songchon village (in present North Korea) from March to June. In Songchon: Gale lived in a Korean house, learned to eat Korean food, learned to sleep on a Korean floor and began learning the language.

Left for Pusan (date is not known), accompanying Lee Chang-jik, arrived in Pusan in August and stayed there until May 1890.

1890 Co-compiler with Horace Underwood of A Concise Dictionary of the Korean Language.

1891 Left for Mukden, Manchuria, on February 27 with Samuel Moffett to see John Ross and returned to Seoul in June.

August 31, joined American Presbyterian Mission Board, North; henceforth, he discontinued his associa-tion with University of Toronto YMCA: his salary doubled to \$1,000/year.

1892 April 7, married Harriet E. Gibson Heron, widow of John W. Heron, M. D., of American Presby-terian Mission, North. Dr. Heron had died on June 26, 1890.

1890 June, moved to Wonsan, presently North Korea, opened mission work there under the auspice of Ameri-can Presbyterian Mission, North.

1893 Translated the "Acts of the New Testament. Member of the "Board of Official Translators of the Bible until 1923.

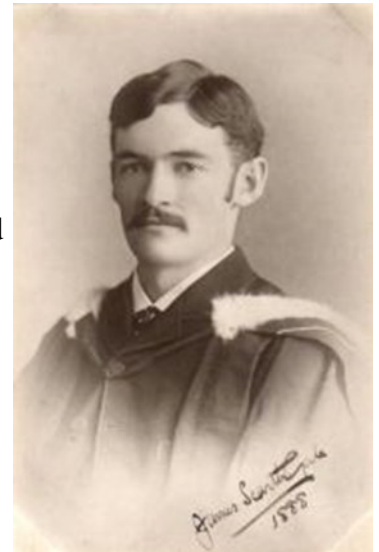
1894 Published Korean Grammatical Forms.

1895 1895 Translated and published John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress."

First translation of Western literature into Korean in history.

Translated the New Testament's "Gospel of John, . "

Translated "Korean History" from Tonssuk Tonssam and published it serially from the September issue of the Korean Repository until 1896.



James Scarth Gale's
1888 graduation photo,
University of Toronto

- 1896 December, went to Yokohama, Japan to arrange publication of his Korean-English Dictionary. Gale stayed there until March.
- 1897 May 13, ordained as a Presbyterian minister at New Albany Presbytery, Indiana, U.S.A. Published Korean-English Dictionary.
- 1898 April, returned to Wonsan from furlough. Published Korean Sketches.
- 1899 Returned to Seoul late in the year. Became correspondent for North China Daily News of Shanghai, China.
- 1900 Installed as the first minister of the Yondong Presbyterian Church in downtown Seoul. He was the first missionary known to have "Koreanized" his services
- 1901 Founded and became Principal of the Jesus Church Middle School, predecessor of the present Kyongsin Middle and High School, as well as Yondong Girls School, presently Chongsin Girls School. Both are in downtown Seoul
- 1902 Became a Professor, Pyongyang Theological Seminary.
- 1903 One of the founding members of the Hansang Young Men's Christian Association, presently Korean YMCA and was elected as its first President.
- 1904 Organized the Association of Korean Education with the members of the Yondong Church.
- 1905 May 31, received degree of Doctor of Divinity, from Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 1906 Editor for Kurisdo Sinmun (Christian News).
- 1907 Editor for Yesukvo Sinbo (Christian Herald).
- 1908 Harriet Gale died on March 29, at the age 48.
- 1909 Published "Korea in Transition".
- 1910 Gale married Ada Louisa Sale on April 7. She was born in Cheshire, England in 1871, and educated in England and Japan. Her father, George Sale, was a businessman in Japan.
- 1911 Became President of the Royal Asiatic Society, Korean Branch.
- 1912 Published Korean-English Dictionary (The Chinese Characters).
- 1917 Organized the Association of Korean Music Society.
Editor, Korea Magazine (in English).
- 1922 Translated and published "The Cloud Dream of the Nine" into English.
- 1925 Published his own private translation of New and Old Testaments.
- 1927 May, resigned as pastor of Yondong Church. June 22, left Korea, a year before his official retirement.
- 1928 August 31, officially retired from mission work.
- 1937 January 31, died at the age of 74 in Bath, England.
- 1988 June 25th the Korean Christian Community from Toronto presented a plaque in honour of Dr. Gale's contributions which hangs in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's
- N.B.** Part 2 of this biography of James Scarth Gale will be carried in next months News From The Pews. Our thanks to Ian Rankine for his research.

To Make a Cake

Light oven; get out utensils and ingredients. Remove blocks and toy cars from the table. Grease pan and crack nuts. Measure 2 cups of flour; remove Johnny's hands from flour; wash flour off him. Remeasure flour. Put flour, baking powder and salt in sifter. Get dustpan and brush up pieces of bowl Johnny knocked on floor. Get another bowl. Answer doorbell.

Return to kitchen. Remove Johnny's hands from bowl. Wash Johnny. Answer phone. Return. Remove 1/4 inch salt from greased pan. Look for Johnny. Grease another pan. Answer telephone. Return to kitchen and find Johnny. Remove his hands from bowl. Take up greased pan and find layer of nutshells in it. Head for Johnny who flees, knocking bowl off table. Wash kitchen floor, table, walls, dishes. Call baker and order cake. Lie down.