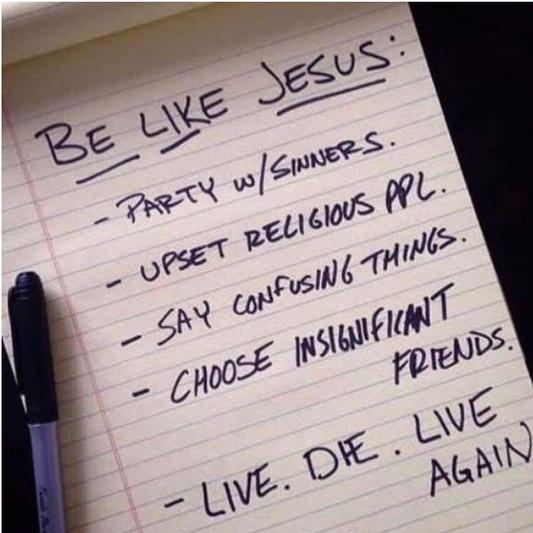


Knox News & Notes



February/March 2020

To follow Jesus



This image made me think about my personal spiritual life and our life together as a church family.

I sometimes wonder if we haven't complicated our faith journey and congregational life with so many technicalities.

I sometimes sense anxiety in certain circles about the future of our denomination and then some well-meaning strategies are suggested to "turn everything around" - I many a time miss Gospel simplicity in some of these suggestions and plans.

At Knox we are prayerfully trying to obey being a missional congregation.

In my personal reading of Scripture this past week, Matthew 9: 9 –

12 linked up to the image above:

Passing along, Jesus saw a man at his work collecting taxes. His name was Matthew. Jesus said, "Come along with me." Matthew stood up and followed him. Later when Jesus was eating supper at Matthew's house with his close followers, a lot of disreputable characters came and joined them. When the Pharisees saw him keeping this kind of company, they had a fit, and lit into Jesus' followers. "What kind of example is this from your Teacher, acting cozy with crooks and riffraff?" Jesus, overhearing, shot back, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what this Scripture means: 'I'm after mercy, not religion.' I'm here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders." (The Message)

Jesus' cousin John the Baptist also had problems with the "Jesus season" into which we are baptized (Matthew 11:2 – 6).

John was imprisoned and sent people to ask Jesus: Are you the one who is to come or should we wait for someone else.

Jesus gave the data: *Go back and tell John what's going on:*

The blind see,

The lame walk,

Lepers are cleansed,

The deaf hear,

The dead are raised,

The wretched of the earth learn that God is on their side (4, 5). (The Message)

John now you make up your own mind about your question.

Everywhere Jesus goes newness happens; newness the world cannot manufacture

Lent starts Sunday March 1. Lent is a time of: "Live. Die. Live again." May we all live to follow Jesus!

I want to invite you all to two workshops, Saturday February 22, 10 am to 12 noon and Saturday March 28, 10 am to 12 noon so we can prayerfully evaluate our ministry and set goals in line with our third value statement: We are adventurous, creative and open-minded and embrace the possibilities of Biblically-based change.

Rev Johan



Soup and Chili Luncheon: In spite of the weather our first soup and chili luncheon was a great success. We had 8 varieties of soup, two chili and awesome desserts. If you missed it, you will have another opportunity to join us on Sunday, March 8th.

Knox Retreat Ladies and Friends.

Your Congregational Life Committee

Brings You The Following

~ Upcoming Events ~

Sunday, March 22 – Baked Potato Lunch

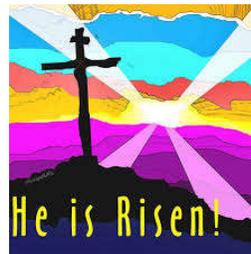
Metcalf Hall



Enjoy a baked potato lunch after worship service at 12:00 noon in Metcalf Hall. There will be a variety of toppings to choose from for your baked potato along with fruit and dessert. A Free Will Offering will be appreciated.

Sunday, April 12 – SonRise Breakfast

Metcalf Hall



Beginning at 9:00 am to 10:15 am, you are welcome to enjoy a lovely continental breakfast before worship service on Easter Sunday. A Free Will Donation will be appreciated.

Guelph Transit - OnYourWay Reloadable Fare Card

To whom it may concern,

As a non-profit/community service organization in Guelph, we are reaching out to you to advise you of upcoming changes to Guelph Transit's fare media.

Starting January 17, 2020, we're introducing our new reloadable tap and go fare card that will make paying fares on our buses faster, easier and more secure.

The new OnYourWay fare card replaces the need for paper tickets, monthly passes and cash, although cash payment will still be an option to pay to ride the bus. As a result, we are phasing out traditional monthly passes and tickets.

Paper bus tickets

It's also important to note that as of **June 1, 2020**, traditional paper bus tickets are no longer accepted as fare media. Non-profit/community service organizations can exchange tickets at Guelph Transit administration office for new single-fare bus tickets or credit memo.

Thank you for your service and continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

On Behalf Of

Courtney McDonald, Guelph Transit

Manager, Business Services, 519-822-1260 extension 2708, courtney.mcdonald@guelph.ca

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INFORMATION & FORMS

RE:

PRE- ARRANGING

FUNERAL AND/OR MEMORIAL SERVICES

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2020

Greetings to the Knox Church Family,

As you may imagine, it is not a simple task keeping the files up-to-date for a congregation the size of the Knox church family. Out of date, or a lack of information often present difficulties for the ministers in providing pastoral care/services when a member of the congregation or a member's family, is facing a crisis due to illness, disability, relocation, or the death of a loved one. This is especially so when the immediate family members do not live in the Guelph area or their contact information is not on file with the ministers.

In an effort to compile up-to-date and adequate records regarding each member - including contact information for their "Next of Kin" - a form is provided for members & adherents to complete and return to the Knox office.*

Also, a form is provided for those who want to file with the ministers, their funeral/memorial service instructions. The details requested on this form involve only those pertaining to the funeral or memorial service and **not** to the funeral and burial arrangements that are made directly with a funeral home. The funeral/memorial service details included on this form are for the use of the Ministers at the time of the death of the member/adherent. These arrangements may be changed at any time. The document "**Planning A Funeral**" is also available to assist members/adherents with planning a funeral/memorial service.

These materials (printed here) are also available at the Knox office. Upon request they can be sent to you by regular mail, or email. If you have questions, or wish assistance with these forms, please do not hesitate to call the office or speak to Johan or Shirley.

***The information you provide will be kept confidential.**

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PLANNING A FUNERAL - "A WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION"

We trust you will find helpful, the information below regarding the things to consider and steps to take when planning a funeral or memorial service, such as:

1. Contacting a Funeral Director and your Minister
2. Do you want a Funeral or a Memorial Service? Where? (Knox Church, a Funeral Home or a Graveside Service)
3. Burial or Cremation?

FUNERAL SERVICE is usually thought of as one where the casket/Urn is present in the sanctuary. As a practical matter this means the service usually takes place within a few days of a death*. A funeral service may take place either in the church sanctuary or the funeral chapel or grave-side.

*(Family considerations may mean delaying the service at a time designated by the family).

MEMORIAL SERVICE may be held several days, weeks or longer after a death, allowing more time to bring together family and friends who may live at a distances. The Urn and/or photos of the deceased may be present but not required. The Urn may be interred before or sometime after the memorial service.

WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE?

Whether you are planning a Funeral or a Memorial Service there are several elements included, some of which may be optional (*):

- Readings from the Bible
- Prayers,
- A sermon, eulogy, or meditation by the minister,
- * Hymns
- * Comments/eulogy by friends and relatives about the deceased.
- * Other appropriate music.

The pastoral leadership at Knox Presbyterian Church, when requested, will provide possible outlines and suggestions for a Funeral/Memorial Service including Scripture readings, hymns, etc. and are willing to assist in any way possible.

RECEPTION AT KNOX CHURCH

If there is a reception at the church following the service, this will be provided by the "**Funeral Committee of Knox Church**". The cost will depend on the number of people you believe will be attending the funeral and reception. The "Funeral Committee at Knox" may be contacted through the Knox office 519-821-0141.

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“A WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION” SERVICE DETAILS

CONFIDENTIAL
(Please PRINT information below)

Your Name: _____

Date Of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
MM DD YYYY

Address: _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Work Phone: _____

THE MINISTER(S) as representatives of the church, are responsible for the content and orderly conduct of the funeral service. With the minister’s approval, variations in the suggested order of the service may be introduced to meet the needs of the mourners.

I REQUEST:

— **A printed order of worship be prepared for the service.**YesNo

— **These Scripture(s) to be read: (for each selection state the Book of the Bible, the Chapter and Verses).**

SCRIPTURE(S)

1. Book: _____, **Chapter:** _____, **Verses:** _____

2. Book: _____, **Chapter:** _____, **Verses:** _____

3. Book: _____, **Chapter:** _____, **Verses:** _____

HYMN(S)

1. _____, **2.** _____, **3.** _____

Note: The Minister may add additional Scriptures or Hymns as s/he sees appropriate.

ADDITIONAL MUSIC OR INFORMATION:

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE - (OTHER THAN CLERGY)

NAME: _____ **PHONE :** _____

Address: _____

Other Contact information: _____

Relationship to deceased: _____

THE COMMITTAL

The Committal Service may held at graveside before or after the funeral/memorial service,
OR as part of the funeral/memorial service.

I REQUEST that the Committal Service be held: _____ **after the funeral/memorial service**
_____ **before the funeral/memorial service**

INTERMENT TO BE AT: _____

**RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO: Knox Presbyterian Church, 20 Quebec St, GUELPH, ON
N1H 2T4**

BY: MAIL, or FAX: 519-823-8781, or dropped off at church office (forms may be picked up
at your home if needed).

This information may be changed by the undersigned at any time.

PLEASE SIGN HERE: _____

DATE: _____ / _____ / _____
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Please Print Your Name Here: _____

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NEXT OF KIN CONTACT INFORMATION
CONFIDENTIAL

(Please **PRINT** information below)

YOUR NAME: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

NEXT OF KIN CONTACT DETAILS

1. Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address:

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address:

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

OTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

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GUELPH, ON N1H 2T4**

By: Mail, or FAX: 519-823-8781 or Drop Off At The Church Office (9am – 1pm Mon-Fri)

This information may be changed by the undersigned at any time.

PLEASE SIGN HERE: _____

DATE: / /
MM DD YYYY

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME HERE: _____

**Feel free to print this form for submission to the office or
remove from printed newsletter for your use as well.**

Knox 2020 Church Directory – Questions and Answers



Q. How often does Knox Church have directories produced?

A. every 5 years

Q. How much does it cost?

A. There is NO COST to the church or individuals.

Q. If I have my picture taken, what will I receive?

A. a free 8 by 10 photo and a church directory

Q. How does the company (IPC Canada) make money?

A. **through sales of extra photographs**, but there will be no pressure to order

Q. Who can have their picture taken?

A. ANYONE and EVERYONE – members, adherents, extended family.

Q. How long will the photo shoot take?

A. Allow 45 minutes to have your picture taken several times and to sit down with the photographer to select the pose for the directory (and possible extras for purchase).

Q. Where and when will the pictures be taken?

A. in the Chapel at Knox, from 1:30 to 8:30 on Tuesday, April 14; Wednesday, April 15; Thursday, April 16; Friday, April 17 and from 9:30 to 4:30 on Saturday, April 18.

Q. How do I book my Photo Session?

A. You can sign up after church on March 22, March 29 or April 5 or contact Judy Steer at worship@knoxguelph.ca

Q. What if I am unavailable April 14 – 18 or unable to come to the church?

A. **A second sitting will be held May 27 to May 30 (same times as above).** A driver could be arranged for you, your photo could be taken in your home by a church volunteer or you could submit your own photo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Judy Steer.

Let's aim for 100% participation and make this the BEST directory yet!

♪ Musical Notes ♪

By Chris Fischer, Pastoral Musician

“You are a child of God, and I will treat you that way. No one has the right to treat anyone else as if they do not matter.” – *The One Rule of LOGOS*

This is the basis of the first of our Values Statements at Knox. It is on the cover of each and every Sunday bulletin, and is emblazoned on our LOGOS bulletin board in Metcalf Hall; it is also on several framed copies, mounted on walls throughout our church. In short, it is pretty hard to enter or move about our building, or participate in congregational worship, without noticing this statement. It is the primary guiding principle of all that we do as a congregation.

I want to reflect with you on some of the implications of saying, “Everyone is a child of God.” When we affirm this statement, we are affirming that, in fact, absolutely everyone is a unique reflection of the Creator of the universe. We are affirming that absolutely every human being has something unique and precious to offer the world, and by extension, the church. Yet, when we exclude certain people – consciously or otherwise – from our circle, when we limit the scope of diversity in our congregation in any way, we are no longer affirming this truth. Let me elaborate...

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has, for many years, been preoccupied with the question of whether to include, affirm, and fully embrace people of minority sexualities and genders. There has been extensive debate about this question in light of differing beliefs and interpretations of Scripture. Yet somewhere along the way, I fear that the central issue of our shared humanity – our common status as children of God – has been lost in the argument. The mere fact that debate has continued within the church for so long on theology, at the expense of real people and real relationships, is something which makes me very sad.

By now you must be wondering what all this has to do with music and/or worship matters. Well, my friends, everything! I’ve already said that every person has something unique and precious to offer... How can we deny even one of those gifts from our community’s praise, prayer, and proclamation of God’s love to the world? This is what it means to be a LOGOS church: to proclaim tirelessly and without ceasing that God is love, and that this love includes everyone. Our message to all generations in our church family, at its heart, must be this!

So I’m inviting you, if you are able, to check out the sixth annual **Music and Worship Conference** retreat day at Crieff Hills, happening this year on Saturday, March 7. The theme of the day, featuring **Dr. Tori Smit** (our former diaconal minister for youth and families, and the driving force behind the beginnings of Knox’ LOGOS ministry in 2007), is **“All Together Now: Intergenerational Worship.”** Tori and I will be tag-teaming keynotes, discussions, and activities, centered on the relationships between all our generations, and all of the many facets of congregations and human communities; it’s for people interested in and ministering with children and young people, of course, but also for anyone concerned with reaching out to seniors, empty-nesters, young parents, single adults, and individuals of all abilities and socio-economic strata. It’s for those who are already part of our fellowship, and those who (for whatever reason) have been or still are left out of the circle.

Information on how to register is available at crieffhills.com or by calling 519-824-7898. I hope many of you can attend: it promises to be a very exciting day, and I look forward to using the questions and ideas that flow from this kind of exchange in helping to shape our community’s song and worship in exciting and engaging ways – for all God’s children!



Calling All High School (Finished Grade 9 In June) And Young Adults (aged 19 – 25)

Canada Youth 2020 is coming soon!

CY is a Youth conference offered every 2 years by the Presbyterian Church of Canada. It is held at Brock University.

You can find information about this AMAZING event online at <https://presbyterian.ca/canada-youth-2020/> Or come and join others from our congregation for an information breakfast on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2020 at 9:00.

For more information about the breakfast (and to save a spot for the meal), or about CY please contact Karen Bellamy

Church School Chatter

Did you know that our Sunday School Teachers willingly volunteer their time to lead our children each Sunday?

Did you know that when the teachers arrive, they are excited with the lesson they have and can hardly wait until it is time to be with the children?

Did you know that YOUR teachers feel sad and disappointed when no kids arrive for their awesome lesson?

Let's help our teachers feel happy and excited... let's make a Resolution to bring our kids from JK to grade 8 to participate in some interesting and exciting lessons!!

Collection envelopes for Church School are ready for pick up. If you haven't as yet received your child's envelopes, please speak with me after worship on Sunday, or email me.

Many of our families enjoy spending time together on special weekends. As such, we will not hold classes on Sunday February 16, Family Day Weekend. For any children who attend worship that morning, there will be activity sheets available in the Intergenerational area.

Blessings

Karen Bellamy

Church School coordinator

Vacation Bible School...Save The Date!!

Mark your calendars now for **JULY 6 – 10!**

All kids who have turned 4 years of age by July 6, up to finished grade 6 in June are invited to participate in a week of fun, adventure, songs, praise, science, crafts, snacks and more! Any youth who have finished grade 7 and up are encouraged to consider attending VBS as some of our great Teen Helpers.

More information about this fun week will be coming soon!!

Ladies Retreat

Spring Retreat – May 25, 26, 27, 2020. Fall Retreat – September 25, 26, 27, 2020.

Retreats take place at Crieff Hills Community, the Presbyterian Church in Canada's retreat centre in Puslinch. From Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, we gather at Dove House to share a restful and refreshing weekend of fellowship, discussion, and good food and to enjoy the natural beauty of the countryside. Participants share in providing and preparing the meals for the group and in the cost of renting the retreat house. Join us for an evening, the whole weekend of just on Saturday.

Please contact Yvonne in person or by email at womensretreat@knoxguelph.ca if you are interested in attending.

Look Into God's Word

Is there anyone who has yet to select a New Year's resolution? Recently I read somewhere a suggestion to begin the year by reading the **119th Psalm**. This is the longest Psalm in the book, comprising 176 verses. Each verse speaks about God's word, "law of the Lord", "statutes", "ways", "precepts" "decrees" etc.

I got as far as verse 9 and decided to share the next few inspiring verses.

9. How can a young person keep their ways pure? By living according to your word.
10. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.
11. I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.
12. Praise be to You O Lord; teach me your decrees.
13. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from Your mouth.
14. I rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
15. I meditate on Your precepts and consider your ways.
16. I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

This is just a tiny taste of this wonderful Psalm. I've found all of the Psalms, read regularly, can lift spirits and bring joy into lives.

Submitted by:
Linda Carthew

YOU SAY:	GOD SAYS	BIBLE VERSE
"It's impossible"	All things are possible	Luke 18:27
"I'm tired"	I will give you rest	Matthew 11:28-30
"Nobody really loves me"	I love you	John 3:16, & John 3:34
"I can't go on"	My grace is sufficient	2 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15
"I can't figure things out"	I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3:5-6
"I can't do it"	You can do all things	Philippians 4:13
"I'm not able"	I am able	2 Corinthians 9:8
"It's not worth it"	It will be worth it	Romans 8:28
"I can't forgive myself"	I Forgive you	1 Johns 1:9 & Romans 8:1
"I can't manage"	I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:19

In Memoriam



Church Register:

Deaths:

<i>Ruthann Lagassie</i>	<i>Died November 02, 2019</i>	<i>Age 83 Years</i>
<i>Robert (Bob) Nash</i>	<i>Died December 22, 2019</i>	<i>Age 93 Years</i>



Upcoming Reminders for you to Remember:



Knox' Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday March 8, after the morning's service of worship. Soup & Chili lunch will be provided. The printed Agenda; **2020 Budget and Reports** will be available Sunday March 1st. If there are items to be added to the agenda, please send them, in writing, to either **Ann Wilson or Johan Olivier** who will forward them to session for consideration as to whether appropriate to add to the AGM. Keep in mind also a LOGOS Sunday.



Luncheon: You will have another opportunity to join us on Sunday, March 8th. Thank you from Knox Retreat Ladies and Friends.



On Sunday March 8th turn your clocks forward one hour.



Monday February 17 office will be closed for Family Day.

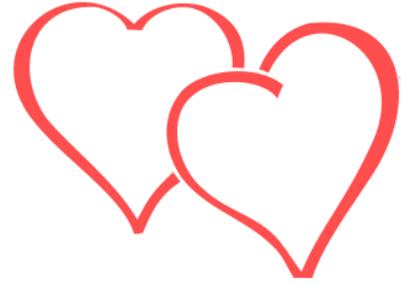


Will be after LOGOS in the Sanctuary on February 26th at 7:00 p.m.



March Break is Monday March 16th until Friday March 20th also **NO LOGOS** during the break.

Valentine's Day Word Search



Circle each word in the Valentine's Day word search puzzle below.

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 K S W E E T H E A R T A F S I R

1: HEART

2. CUPID

3. CARD

4. VALENTINE

5. LOVE

6: POEM

7. CHOCOLATE

8. CANDY

9. KISS

10. ROSE

11: FLOWERS

12. PINK

13. SWEETHEART

14. GIFT

15. HUG