

Knox News & Notes



June/July/August 2021

Living letters of Christ

Jeanette Winterson is an English writer, who became famous with her first book; *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, a semi-autobiographical novel about a sensitive teenage girl rebelling against conventional values.

In her book she writes: "The trick is to turn your own life into something that has meaning for people whose experience is nothing like your own."

This is how we as Jesus followers should live our lives. Our lives should be a "readable story" for others who live and believe as we do, but also to those who believe and act different than we do.

Bottom line, Christian living is an open book!

Make no mistake people read each other constantly.

Christian's life story is written by Christ.

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 3:3 *...you are a letter from Christ ...* Our lives should be good reading material, fascinating to read, witnessing to God's involvement in our lives drawing others to want to read it and be close to us.

Writing a good, readable story with our own lives requires that Jesus' light should always illuminate us. His love softens our hearts; and His words flows from our lips. The gospel print is visible throughout our lives and we can take others on surprising journeys to Jesus' beautiful world of love, faith, service, humility, and sacrifice. We become His walking stories.

To become a walking text for Jesus is to make sure that His Great Text is printed in us and flows through our words and actions every day.

Take time to practice the advice of Psalm 1:2 *delighting in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night,* and Psalm 119: 105 *Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

Dear family enjoy summer! We believe and trust that this will be a summer where we can get together with family and friends in a more normal way again.

Rev Johan



Congregational Life Committee

Brings you their “Knox Pandemic Picnic Activity Booklet”



Due to COVID-19 Stay-At-Home order, once again, the Knox Picnic scheduled for June 13, 2021 at Marden Park has been cancelled.

Instead, your Congregational Life Committee will be bringing you their “**Knox Pandemic Picnic Activity Booklet.**” The booklet will include printable puzzles, games, and scavenger hunt and snack food recipes that individuals or everyone in your family bubble can participate in together and enjoy.

Watch for the booklet to be announced and posted on the Knox website, Newsletter link, around our annual picnic date of the second Sunday in June. Have fun everyone!



Church School Chatter

Fourteen + Months.

Over 426 days.

Who would have thought in March of 2020 when we experienced our first shut down that we would still be here in June of 2021! It has been a very long 14 months and many are struggling with so many worries and anxieties.

It has been a VERY long time since our Knox Kids have been together! I know I speak for all the church school leaders when I say “we miss you” and “we care about you”! When all the worries and concerns of our world descend on you, remember what is said in 1 Peter 5:7... “*Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you*”! A special message for all of us, children and adults alike!

As this is being written, we are in the midst of our third wave of the Pandemic. Many businesses are closed, places of worship and schools are closed and people are asked to stay at home. As hard as all of this is, I feel confident that we can last a bit longer, wearing masks, socially distancing, washing hands, getting our vaccinations and following all of the rules and precautions our medical leaders are telling us to do.

By doing so, we will be able to all be together again, hopefully soon!

I do not know what sort of format our Church School will take when we are finally able to resume on a permanent basis in the fall. That remains to be seen... when and how!

I am hoping, however, that with enough vaccinations in place and a drop in new cases that we will be able to have some classes this summer! I have been working on some interesting and fun lessons using Lego... something we ALL love to build with! As soon as it is safe for us to meet on a Sunday morning, and as soon as we can safely have our kids in a class setting again, the Lego will come out and we will explore God’s love for all of us in a new and exciting and fun way!

Stay safe!

Stay strong!

And remember ... “*I can do all things through him who strengthens me!*” *Philippians 4:13*

Blessings to all

Karen Bellamy, Church School Coordinator



YouTube Tips & Tricks:

Hi everyone, in this article, I will attempt to share some tips that will help you to more easily enjoy our services online!

1. **Watch anytime, rewind anytime:**

You can watch a service at any time after it becomes active on YouTube. If a service begins at 10:30, and you join at 10:40, it will start 10 minutes into the service. However, you can “rewind” to an earlier part of the service by tapping or dragging on the red progress line near the bottom of the video. The left side of the bar is earlier in the service, and the right side is the end of the service, or “live,” if you are watching the first broadcast of the service. If you didn’t have a chance to tune in to the service before it finishes playing through for the first time, or if you watch it until the end, it will start playing from the beginning the next time that you go to watch it. If you stop watching the service part way through, YouTube will remember where you left off, and start playing from that point when you go back to watching it at a later date or time.

2. **Find all of our services at youtube.com/knoxguelph :**

You can watch any service that we have recorded since May 24, 2020. There are several ways that you can watch our services. The easiest way would be to go to the YouTube app on your device and search for Knox Guelph, or you can type in youtube.com/knoxguelph into your browser. The HOME page will show the latest videos, but at the top, there is a “VIDEOS” tab that will take you to the rest of the older videos. Any time that you watch our videos from the app or browser, it will register with YouTube as a new view of the video. You can also watch the videos from the knoxguelph.ca/sermons. This will allow you to find and play any service by the date, but it will not register with YouTube that someone has viewed our video.

3. **Get notifications that a new service is coming:**

If you go to our YouTube home page at youtube.com/knoxguelph, you will see a place to click a “SUBSCRIBE” button. Beside that button, there is a “bell” image. If you subscribe and click on the bell, you will be given the option to select ALL, PERSONALIZED, or NONE. If you select, “ALL,” you will get notified on your device when new videos are coming, or are showing for the first time. When you get notified, you can click on the notification to watch the video.

4. **Help us reach more people:**

If you watch a video, enjoy it, and click the “Like” button, it tells YouTube that it was an enjoyable video, and that more people should see it. The more likes a video gets, the more people that YouTube will recommend our video to. If one of our videos gets 5 likes, and another week gets 100 likes, YouTube will be more likely to share the video with 100 likes, but not the other video. So, it is important to do this each week, if you feel it is a video that others would enjoy. This will help to share God’s message, through our church videos, with someone else that hasn’t already subscribed to our channel. You can also share our videos with friends and family by clicking on the “SHARE” button below the video. It will give you the option to share the link to someone via Facebook, Twitter, or Email. It will also give you the option to “COPY” the link so you can paste it into another email or document.



I hope this helps to make it easier to find and share the videos of our services. In any event, I hope that you have been enjoying our online services!

Blessings Friends!

Brian

Women's Retreat

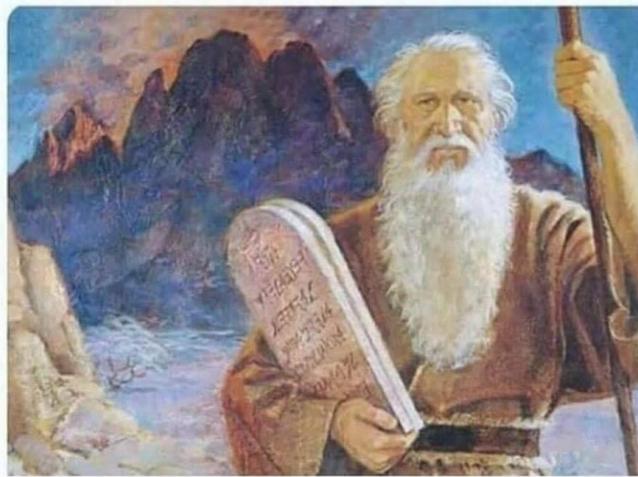
Because of the shutdown rules limiting indoor gatherings, there will not be a retreat weekend for our ladies in May. As disappointing as this is, until restrictions are lifted we all need to stay home and stay safe.

We are hoping to hold a couple of DIY backyard picnic gatherings over the summer months. Our women can bring their own picnic dinner, lawn chairs etc. and join in an outdoor sharing of fellowship and friendship on a warm summer's evening. Details on when and where will be provided, once we can gather safely, and when the weather cooperates.



Have you read any good provincial health guidelines lately? At Knox, we have been keeping as up to date as possible and following the rules closely. We sure have missed having LOGOS every week, but we know that we need to keep everybody safe and healthy. We hope to bring LOGOS back sometime in the Fall of 2021. When we return we will need reliable and committed help in the following areas: a Rec/Play team, extra help for food preparation in the kitchen, Worship Arts help and Bible Study instructors and assistants. Please consider prayerfully how you could share your gifts and talents with our LOGOS ministry. Let Nancy or Karen (logos@knoxguelph.ca) know if you have any questions. LOGOS is a joyful ministry and we look forward to being together again as soon as those guidelines allow!

So technically Moses is the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



I Am Not Puzzle Pieces Conversation with Creator



Me: Hello Creator.

Creator: Hello...

Me: I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

Creator: I'd rather not.

Me: Why?

Creator: Because you're not a puzzle.

Me: What about all the pieces of my life that fall to the ground?

Creator: Leave them there for a while. They fell for a reason. Let them be there for a while and then decide if you need to get any of those pieces back.

Me: You don't understand! I'm breaking up!

Creator: No, you don't understand. You're transcending, evolving. What you feel are growing pains. You're getting rid of the things and people in your life that are holding you back. The pieces are not falling down. The pieces are putting in place. Relax. Take a deep breath and let those things you no longer need fall down. Stop clinging to pieces that are no longer for you. Let them fall. Let them go.

Me: Once I start doing that, what will I have left?

Creator: Only the best pieces of yours.

Me: I'm afraid to change.

Creator: I keep telling you: **YOU'RE NOT CHANGING! YOU'RE BECOMING!**

Me: Becoming, Who?

Creator: Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light, love, charity, hope, courage, joy, mercy, grace and compassion. I made you for so much more than those shallow pieces you decided to adorn yourself with and that you cling to with so much greed and fear. Let those things fall off you. I love you! Don't change! Become! Become who I want you to be, who I created. I'm gonna keep telling you this until you remember.

Me: There goes another piece.

Creator: Yes. Let it be like this.

Me: So... I'm not broken?

Creator: No, but you're breaking the darkness, like dawn. It's a new day. **Become!! Become who you really are!!**"

Submitted by Nancy Dickieson: Author Unknown

Important note from Diane Harvey on behalf of Knox Finance Committee

I would like to thank the congregation for their continued generosity as the Pandemic drags on.

There are many methods of giving here at Knox!

For **Members** and **Adherents**, we recommend the following:

- **Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR)**
 - One of the best ways to contribute towards Knox's ministry is through PAR.
 - Please contact the office and Mary will explain how to set it up.
- **E-transfer**
 - For those of you contributing by way of E-Transfers, this works very well and we thank you.
 - Click on the Give Button on the opening page of our website and you will find the instructions at your fingertips.
 - <https://knoxguelph.ca/give/>
- **Church Mailbox**
 - We have installed a locked mailbox at the church. Mary has been receiving many cheques in the mail. Thanks for using the method best suited to you.



Non-Members may contribute by **mailing cheques** or one of the following convenient options.

- **KNOX Website**: Donation through **Canada Helps** link.
 - This is a Hosted Service that provides Non-Members a great option to pay with Credit Card or PayPal.
 - **This option does come with a high service fee (paid to Canada Helps) so it is recommended for Non-Members only.**
 - These online contributions usually occur after a special service like Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, All Saints Sunday, Christmas Eve or after a funeral of a Knox member.
- **KNOX Website E-transfer**: Instructions on website under Give.

God's Blessings Be With You

God bless your days with everything
 A rich, rewarding life can bring-
 A joyful heart and love to share,
 family and friends to always care.
 God bless your life with wisdom, too,
 Strength to see each problem through,
 The happiness for which you strive,
 And faith to keep your dreams alive.



When in-person Seniors Connecting events were cancelled due to the pandemic, our Volunteer Committee members put their heads together and came up with a plan to deliver food packages and communications to our seniors' front doors instead. As one of the delivery people, I had the opportunity to connect and have a short chat with seniors whom I would not normally get to see. Those receiving these visits are very appreciative and many notes of thanks have been sent to the committee. As a driver, I have also been a recipient of the delicious food packages and food always tastes so much better when someone else has made it. I want to thank the volunteers who work hard to keep this important mission active. Thank you to: Ann Wilson, Nancy Stepien and Karen Bellamy for planning, preparing and packaging the meals. Thank you to Wendy Darroch and Rev. Shirley Gale who co-ordinate the program and connect with Seniors and organize Volunteers. Thank you to Chartwell on Janefield for supplying cloth bags and activity sheets and to the Children and Families of Knox who decorate and write cards to our seniors.

With much appreciation for all you do.

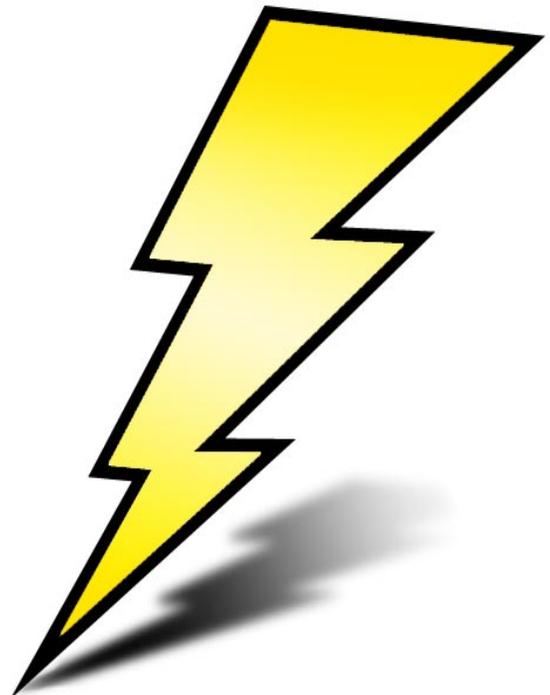
Sincerely
Lindsay

Knox Struck by Lightning- taken from the Knox September 1988 newsletter

On August 12, 1988 Knox Church made the front page of The Daily Mercury. On August 11, Thursday, a violent thunderstorm hit the city and a bolt of lightning knocked something off the peak of the roof at the back of the church. The Mercury described the destroyed item as "a church ornament...shaped like a lollipop but with a hole in the middle...made of solid, yellowish rock:. Nobody in the church seems to know what that figure actually was but it sounds like a Celtic cross.

Rita Bell was in the church at the time and Lockie Royal answered the questions the Mercury reporter posed.

Zander Dunn, who makes it a practice never to be hit by lightning, was on holiday at the time in P.E.I. where the weather was clear.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

free printable

Grandpa too! 

HAPPY
Father's
 DAY

My Dad is _____ years old.
My Dad is funny because: _____
His favorite color is: _____
His favorite thing to do is: _____
My Dad's job is: _____
He loves to eat: _____
He is really good at: _____
My favorite thing to do with my Dad is: _____

My Dad loves when I: _____
I love my Dad because: _____

With love,

MY
Grandpa

My Grandpa is _____ years old.
My Grandpa is funny because: _____
His favorite color is: _____
His favorite thing to do is: _____
My Grandpa's job is: _____
He loves to eat: _____
He is really good at: _____
My favorite thing to do with my Grandpa is: _____

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I love my Grandpa because: _____

With love,

SUNNY DAY FAMILY

BibleWise

Word Search - The Lord's Prayer

Circle the words listed below from the Lord's Prayer.

M	S	A	L	S	E	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	N	G
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Father
hallowed
forgive
lead
power
heaven

Thy will
debtors
temptation
amen
kingdom
daily bread

earth
glory
deliver
evil
debts

