

Knox News & Notes



October/November 2023



As we prepare for the Fall days, I'm pleased to report that the search for an Interim Minister has been completed, and we will welcome the Rev. Cathy Stewart from Hamilton, ON onboard, sometime in October. Rev. Cathy, an ordained Presbyterian minister, has a great deal of experience in facilitating Congregational self-evaluation and change, and has been an Interim Minister in a few different settings. We are very fortunate and blessed to have her considerable skills available to us. There are a few approvals that still need to be processed, but I do not foresee any significant problems at this point. There will be a lot more to come in terms of becoming familiar with Cathy, but I want to suggest that she is not the Messiah! Rather, she is to be a faithful guide through Knox's process of self-evaluation, renewed strategic purpose, and preparation for a new Senior Minister. We are projecting for our contract to run until June 2025, with the proviso that it could be extended (no longer than a full two-year term, therefore Oct. 25), or, truncated if things came together more quickly than anticipated. Stay tuned for more details on welcoming Rev. Cathy.

I want to update you on our relationship with St. Andrew's Presbyterian. The joint committee met again and continue to enjoy excellent relations. They will continue to have creative conversations around joint fellowship, collaboration in ministry, and discernment on whether the Spirit may guide the two congregations into a future ministry together. I invite everyone to have an open mind, and to enjoy the current and upcoming collaborations.

We are pleased that our new Office Administrator Debbie Skirving seems to be adapting well to the new setting, and we are grateful for everyone's patience as we get the operation running smoothly.

Thanks be to God for growth opportunities! Change can be difficult, but, there is so much that God is able to do as we open ourselves to new possibilities.

Yours in Christ,

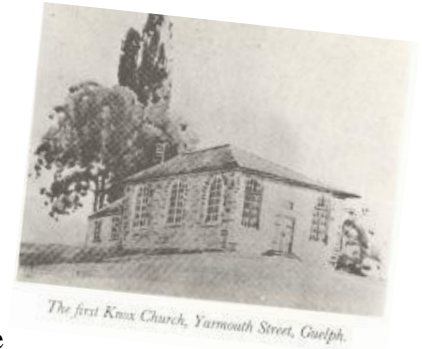
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179th Knox Anniversary Luncheon - 1844-2023 ***Sunday, November 12***

A hot luncheon buffet celebration will be available after worship on Sunday, November 12 at 12 noon in Metcalf Hall.

Tickets go on sale during Coffee Hour on:
 October 22, 29 and the last day of ticket sales is Nov 5.

Adult - \$25 Child: 5 to 12 yrs. - \$12 Child: under 5 yrs. – no charge



Menu

Meat Lasagna, Garden Salad with Homemade Dressing
 Roll and Butter
 Anniversary Cake for dessert
 Juice, Tea, Coffee

Coffee Hour Upcoming Dates: October 22, October 29, November 5

Knox Lunch Bunch



Come out and join the fun at the Knox Lunch Bunch. We gather at a different restaurant at 11:45 am on the third Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday October 17th the Knox Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:45 am at Anna Mae's Bakery and Restaurant, 4060 Line 72, Millbank, Ontario. **The restaurant will not accept a group reservation for more than 20 people so book a space soon, please. Contact Deb through lunchbunch@knoxguelph.ca to make a reservation to join us no later than Friday October 13th. Numbers need to be confirmed in advance with every restaurant the weekend before our booking so please let Deb know by the Friday before each outing.** On Tuesday November 21st, we will gather at 11:45 am at Borealis, 1388 Gordon St., Guelph, Ontario. We will meet at Montana's, 201 Stone Road West, Guelph on Tuesday December 19th 11:45 am. Friends are welcome.



Prayer Chain

Knox takes confidential prayer requests to comfort and lift-up members of the Knox family, their relatives, and friends in times of concern or crisis. Requests are forwarded to our dedicated Prayer Chain members. The Prayer Chain is coordinated by Deb Nash-Chambers through the following link: prayerchain@knoxguelph.ca.

Moments from Mission & Outreach

Let's Rock Some Socks Knox! Is it October already? We say it's SOCK-tober at Knox! As we move through the fall season and into winter, the needs of our local community to stay warm are very real. We can help Knox family! Through the Mission & Outreach committee we will be collaborating with our Logos program to collect new, unused socks throughout the month of October. The socks will be donated to Our Downtown Guelph Friends, a youth directed grassroots coalition that works to address the needs of the community. All sizes of socks are appreciated, but the need for adult sized, men's socks in particular has been shared. Donations will be gratefully accepted throughout October, with last Sunday for donation being October 29th. Our friends at St. Andrew's are also joining in our campaign and the potential of a "sock mountain" to support our local community in need is real! Together we can make a BIG difference! Thank you for your prayerful consideration & support our Socktober initiative.



Fall Festival: Be sure to visit us at the Fall Festival! Our table will have 100% of the proceeds going to support our Refugee fund that is maintained in collaboration with St. Andrew's and Two Rivers churches. This fund has supported our Syrian & Ukrainian families most recently and will continue to support the future needs of our refugee initiatives in the months to come.

Day of Giving: This year for Knox's Day of Giving in October, 20% of all donations will go to support our joint Refugee fund. The need for these funds is real and together Knox, St. Andrew's and Two Rivers are working to replenish and maintain the fund. Thank you for your prayerful support.



Giving Tree: It's that time of year already when our thoughts start to turn towards advent and Christmas. Some advanced notice for anyone planning & shopping for gifts or making plans for the season: the Giving Tree will be returning to Knox again this year! Keep your eyes and ears open for more details in the weeks ahead as we plan for this special way to support those in need nationally and globally during the holiday season.



Give to Guelph: Sunday, September 17th marked our 6th month anniversary of our rejuvenation of Knox's commitment to Chalmers. The difference being made for those facing food insecurity in our local community is tangible, thank you. For October, Knox's items of focus are pasta, brown rice, and peanut butter. In November, our items of focus will be canned meat (tuna, salmon, chicken) and peanut butter. Skim milk powder and toilet paper are always in need. Thank you everyone!





Baking Donations

Baking must be delivered on

Friday, October 20th

between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm

Please label baking (e.g. Peanut Butter Cookies, Oatmeal Raisin etc.)

New trays are available in Metcalf Hall so that baking can be pre-packaged for sale.

(Suggested size - 1/2 dozen or full dozen)



Please label your preserves along with a suggested price if possible.

Donations for the Raffle table should be delivered by Sunday, October 15th.



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If you have a special celebration, we'd love to know! We'd love share your good news with the rest of this church family, to celebrate with you!

Maybe this is a life milestone, birthday, Anniversary, a new Baby/grandbaby, a new pet, an award, a graduation.... whatever it is we want to know!

Send your stories to the office office@knoxguelph.ca

Worship Committee



A Fall Update From LOGOS

LOGOS is up and running for the Fall Session with 15 children and a wonderful group of adult volunteers of all ages. LOGOS runs on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:30 from Sept 20th- Nov 29th with a week off the last week of October. Families with children from JK to Grade 12 are welcome to join us. If you are a member of the congregation and want to get to know people while you are having some fun in Family Time, Bible Study, Worship Arts or Rec/Play, then LOGOS is for you! We are still searching for a Bible Study teacher for a half hour lesson with one JK and one SK student, from 7:00-7:30pm. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to logos@knoxguelp.ca.

At LOGOS we observe only one rule: “You are a Child of God and you will be treated that way. No one will treat another person as though they do not matter.” Relationships are important and LOGOS is a joyful Ministry! Come join us!

Submitted by Nancy Stepien



Church School Chatter

This year our classes will be in the format of a “one room school house”. Students from JK to grade 8 are invited to take part in the MacGillvary room each Sunday. We have an awesome curriculum filled with great stories, fun crafts, some science like “experiments” and more. Each week encompasses a full bible story, so if a child does miss a week there won’t be any “catching up” for them.

Some dates to make note of...

NO CLASSES.... on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT..... will take place Sunday December 3. Our budding thespians will be preparing for the event on November 19 and 26, learning lines, costume fittings and more.

NO CLASSES ... on December 24 or December 31.

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3

As always, feel free to reach out if you want more information about children’s ministry at Knox.

Blessings
Karen Bellamy



The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6: 9-13

Our _____ which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy _____.

Thy _____ come,
Thy will be done in _____,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our _____ bread.

And _____ us our debts,
as we forgive our _____.

And _____ us not into temptation,
but _____ us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the _____,
and the _____, forever.

_____.

debtors	earth	Father	lead
deliver	forgive	kingdom	daily
name	power	glory	Amen

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The 5-Finger Prayer



Thumb: Pray for those closest to you: your family and friends.

Pointer finger: Pray for those who point you in the right direction: your teachers, and other leaders in your life. Pray for wisdom and support.

Middle finger (tallest): Pray for those that lead us: those in government, in business, in church leadership. Pray for guidance and wisdom.

Ring finger (weakest): Pray for those who are poor, sick, in pain, in trouble: those most in need.

Pinkie finger (smallest): Pray for yourself and your own needs.

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*Let your **Light** shine before others,
That they may see your **good** deeds
And glorify your **Father** in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16