

NOVEMBER BULLETIN NEWS



Next week is our Give to Guelph Sunday for November!. Canned meat (tuna, salmon, chicken) and peanut butter are Knox's items of focus; skim milk powder and toilet paper are always in need. Thanks everyone!



Santa's coming!! Knox will be joining with our downtown neighbours to celebrate Guelph's new 2-day festival titled "**Spirit of the Season**". On Saturday, December 2nd, we will be joining the fun at 5:30 p.m. as the Santa Claus parade passes by Knox on its way to the Mayor's Tree Lighting event at the end. Please let Rachel or Mel know if you are able to help with preparations in advance of the day (e.g., messaging to be tied to candy canes), set up during the day of December 2nd (e.g., decorating with lights, a tent etc. outside, and popcorn and hot chocolate making inside) and/or helping the evening of the parade. We also welcome one and all to come and join us to watch the parade and wave a welcome from Knox to Santa as he passes by our front steps!

LADIES OF KNOX! Come join us for "**A DAY AWAY**" here at Knox, Saturday, November 18th from 9-4. Enjoy fellowship, some creativity, and a delicious Potluck Lunch! For mor details or to RSVP contact Lindsay Redpath or checkout the sign-up sheet in the Metcalfe Hall.

LOGOS Hoping to see everyone on Wednesday, Nov. 15th from 5:00-7:30pm in the Metcalfe Hall. Our theme this week is **Ahoy, Matey!**



After 17 successful years, the LOGOS Ministry at Knox is coming to an end. Our final session will be Wednesday November 29th. The Logos Board wishes to thank the congregation members for their support over the years. We will continue to cherish all the relationships that we have developed and hope all our members, both past and present, will always remember our 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.*"



This Interim Ministry Time will invite the congregation (everyone!) into discussion, prayerful discernment, and decision about ministry priorities and future directions, including the question of the shape of Knox/St Andrew's collaboration. The process will be developed as Rev Cathy becomes familiar with Knox and meets with Session. More details to come.



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*Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023 at 10:30am*



179th Anniversary Celebration

Interim Moderator: Rev. Glen Soderholm

Interim Minister: Rev. Cathy Stewart

Order of Worship:

**As able, please stand*

Gathering Music: Congregational Hymn Sing

Greeting; Life and Work of Our Congregation

Presentation of the Bible

Centering Song: "Let Us Build a House"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Call to Worship

* **Hymn** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" **407**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession – Litany on insert

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
And also with you.

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May the peace of Christ be with you, and also with you.

May the peace of Christ be with you, in all you do. (*Repeat*)

Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" **648**

Children's Message *Children are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

- Psalm 103 (responsive with Refrain 1)
- Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Sermon: "There is no PLAN B" Rev. Glen Soderholm

Choral Response "Upon this Rock" Pepper Choplin

You are the Son, the Son of the living God.
Upon this rock I'll build my church. Upon this rock I'll build my kingdom on this earth.
I'll build my church upon this rock, this solid rock.
And we say, "You are the Christ, You are the Son of the living God.
You are the Christ, You are the first begotten Son, born from the love, the love of heaven.
And we are the church, and we will serve and glorify.
We are the church to be a living sacrifice, offered to You through all we are."
And so our love, our love for Christ will be the cause, the reason why
we live our days to walk in faith, faith in the rock the solid rock.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession, the Lord's Prayer ("debts," "debtors")

* **Hymn** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **330**

* **Commissioning and Blessing**

***Sung Response** "Threefold Amen" **780**

Sending Music (Organ) "Postlude in C Major" John Adamson

Prayer of Adoration and Confession – Litany

Our Triune God of Grace

Ever in motion

Father making room for the Son making room for the Spirit

Making room for creation

Making room for daughters and sons

Who are ever in motion - tending the earth, in tender action of worship

Intending well

But soon contending against

Then taking up room

And inflating the self until there is no more room

(Silence)

God again – triune love in incarnate motion

Making room for everything new

We intend to make room, to participate, to enjoy,

To thank, to hope, to worship - together in motion.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.



Flowers were placed in the sanctuary this morning in loving memory of Douglas F. Metcalf.

Additional Bulletin Announcements:



The Presbyterian Church in Canada joins in prayer for the people of Palestine and Israel as they face war, danger, and uncertainty. PWS&D's humanitarian response will assist with shelter, food, livelihoods, emergency health, psychosocial and mental health support, as well as cash assistance to allow people to purchase the goods they require. **Donations made to PWS&D are eligible to be matched by the Government of Canada** through the Humanitarian Coalition's Gaza Emergency appeal. Donations made between October 7 and November 12 will be matched up to a total of \$10 million. Please donate using the following link:

<https://presbyterian.ca/2023/10/19/a-just-and-lasting-peace>



A reminder of the congregational email sent this week about the financial need currently facing our joint refugee fund to support the 3 Ukrainian families living in our community as the war in their homeland continues. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support.

LUNCH BUNCH

Come out and join the fun at the Knox Lunch Bunch. We will gather on Tuesday November 21st at 11:45 am at Borealis, 1388 Gordon St., Guelph, Ont. Contact Deb through lunchbunch@knoxguelph.ca to make a reservation to join us. Friends are welcome. 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. We will meet at Montana's, 201 Stone Road West, Guelph on Tuesday December 19th 11:45 am.