

KNOX NEWS

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"...a welcoming family of God's people, committed to worshipping Jesus Christ, sharing our faith and doing His work in the world."

Next Holy Communion—June 4, 2023

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Upcoming Dates

- May 29 - June 3: Rev. James on Study Leave
- June 4 Communion Sunday
- June 7 Community Meal Program begins (every Thursday in June & July, 5:00 - 6:30 pm)
- June 11 Church School Wrap Up
- June 18 Father's Day
- June 30 Canada Day - Office Closed
- July 17-21 Vacation Bible School
- July 30 - Sept 4—Rev. James on Vacation
- July 30 - Sept, 4—Agnes Marie on Vacation



From the Minister's Desk

It is my first Listowel Spring, and it has been quite nice recently, although as soon as I write that, I know I am tempting snow. Springtime is a time where creation has new life. We remember the resurrection; we look outside around us and we see things becoming green and alive after a long winter. Spring is when we can see God doing a new thing the easiest. I don't know if you see it, but God is doing a new thing at Knox too. The great part about that new thing, is that we can see it if we are paying attention. I always want to be careful, too much new is scary, but to not see God moving us to something that might be useful for Christ's Kingdom isn't wise either.

Sometimes people get uncomfortable with new things, even though they are what God is often doing. *Isaiah 43:19* "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." This scripture talks about new things, but I know the reason why people get uncomfortable. They were happy with what was already happening, and they worry about new things disrupting what they loved. New things present challenges, new thoughts, and new feelings but I think the trick is to recognize what we loved about what was happening and evaluating that. A new thing is great, as long as Christ is at the centre and Jesus' Kingdom moves forward.

Is it the method or the mission that matters to you?

Think of the newly announced community meals (sign up sheet should be at the back of the church). Hopefully we will be able to serve those in need at the church, but that will require the moving of a few groups around who might be using the space at the time. We want to do the meals, and with good communication and a desire on everyone's behalf to do good for Christ.

Look at Christ moving at Knox. It is great to be at a church that is alive in Christ.

Rev. James Clark

We need people to help maintain the **Knox Gardens** this summer. If you are able to help out, or know of anyone else who might be interested, and can sign up for a week or two of weeding and watering that would be great. Please contact Shayne McClure at mcc10756@gmail.com. The more people we have helping, the less work for everyone! Let's keep our Knox gardens something to be proud of.



From The Humanitarian Needs Committee.

A thank you is extended to the church family for it's support for our Lenten appeal. You donated \$1715 to HOPE Links. By doing this, you have helped HOPE Links extend their work to assist people in our community who need basic necessities.

Your continued support for appeals from PWS&D to help those affected by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey and the flooding in Malawi is appreciated and ongoing.

The congregation's support of causes both local and global is an indication of our commitment to help.

As of May 10, our giving's to **Presbyterians Sharing** totaled \$ 8,366.00, which is 29.97 % of our pledged amount for this year (\$27,917.00). In other words, we are about \$ 3,266.00 **SHORT** of where we should be at this time in our giving's!



COMMUNION

During the week following this upcoming Communion Sunday, June 4, Rev. James Clark will be available to conduct Communion Services at home for our shut-ins, either individually or in small groups. If you would like to have Communion at home, please speak to your Elder, or call the Church Office..

Knox VBS July 17-21 9 am – 12 pm.

In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere.



When Heroes in the field call in, the Professor, Super Meer, and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.

As kids (called Heroes) experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! And, best of all, they'll be invited to answer this call at VBS, at church, at home, and every area of their lives.

On-line registration will be available soon. Please speak to Deanne Deelstra if you are able to help out as a leader.

MacDonald Memorial Library Update -June 2023

Knox's library is back in full swing and we are grateful to see familiar and new faces enjoying our selections. Our library continues to offer many options from non-fiction to fiction books to everybody books, board books and DVDs for our patrons. We love to hear your thoughts on our selections and we use your feedback to add to our collection.

Our group of volunteers continue to balance our busy schedules with devoting our time to keep the library inviting and open for our patrons. We have a few new books on order including ones by Mitch Albom, Max Lucado, Tracie Peterson, Tim Keller and others. These will be available to borrow when the library reopens in the fall. A recent addition to our everybody books is *The Big Worry Day* by K.A. Reynolds, a book where a girl and her dog find ways to deal with anxiety. As the book unfolds, the little girl tries to use first aid, snacks and even a sword to keep the worries away. As nothing works, these characters need to become creative. With rising anxiety in our world, this is a delightful story that may be enjoyed by our young readers and older readers alike as it provides some helpful tips for ways to ease anxiety and is accompanied by beautiful illustrations.

As mentioned, we will once again be adding to our library collection for the fall, so although summer is fast approaching you can look forward to new selections when we reopen. If you require books over the summer months, please contact Pam Coleman during office hours to assist you. Thanks to all of our library volunteers and patrons over the past months for contributing their thoughts about books, signing out resources and sharing their time to help the MacDonald Memorial Library remain a unique and vibrant feature of our church.

Sincerely,

Lorri Weber on behalf of the MacDonald Memorial Library volunteers

Opportunity Sale 2023

On behalf of the Board of Managers, Laura Tryssenaar would like to thank the many volunteers who came out and participated in making this year's Opportunity Sale a success! Thank you to the many church members, their family, friends, and neighbours who stepped up to help with set-up, sorting, pricing, and displaying the vast donations we received; those who unlocked and locked doors, provided snacks, did dishes, greeted and assisted shoppers, made change, and managed garbage and recycling; those who managed the storage van, organized the yard sale, ran the food booth, and all who came and shopped; those who packed up the unsold items, took down the displays, loaded vehicles, and offered their vehicles and gas for pick-up and delivery, and all who helped with returning everything to its rightful place. Special thanks to my mentor Marsha who kept me on track, to Donna, who was my support person before, during and after the sale, the Britton WMS who showed up every day and offered their experience, enthusiasm and wisdom, Pam who managed the funds and counted the proceeds, and to all who prayed for this outreach opportunity. We raised \$6,131.00 which will go to support needs within our community.



"Please Help Us to be Scent – Sensitive!"

Some of those in attendance have allergic reactions or breathing difficulties triggered by perfumes or other strong scents. Please help us to make this a welcoming environment for them.





Income & Expense Statement
January 1, 2023- April 30, 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 78,137.32	\$ 67,326.52	\$ 90,500.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 8,051.00	\$ 5,624.00	\$ 9,305.68
Other Missions	\$ 18,693.00	\$ 15,676.00	\$ 8,328.32
Other Income	\$ 6,363.87	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 3,450.04
Total Income	\$ 111,245.19	\$ 90,186.52	\$ 111,584.04

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Salaries/Personnel	\$ 59,672.42	\$ 30,277.35	\$ 59,749.04
Administrative Expenses	\$ 29,027.39	\$ 19,679.11	\$ 26,137.64
Building/Grounds	\$ 22,689.32	\$ 26,470.96	\$ 28,323.17
Missions/Outreach	\$ 21,520.00	\$ 15,796.00	\$ 12,035.04
Christian Education	\$ (3,925.49)	\$ (422.90)	\$ 2,800.00
Ministry Expenses	\$ 537.35	\$ 7,348.10	\$ 1,506.06
Library	\$ 86.67	\$ -	\$ 900.04
Music Ministry	\$ 627.16	\$ 1,300.56	\$ 1,600.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 33.71	\$ -	\$ 16.68
248 Livingstone Expenses	\$ 4,963.88	\$ 4,318.80	\$ 4,568.66
Total Expenses	\$ 135,232.41	\$ 104,767.98	\$ 137,636.33
Excess Expenses	\$ (23,987.22)	\$ (14,581.46)	\$ (26,052.29)



Net Cash Position April 30, 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
Net Cash Position on January 1, 2023	\$ 43,415.53	January 1, 2022	\$ 55,516.93
Excess Expenses	\$ (23,987.22)	Excess Expenses	\$ (14,581.46)
GIC	\$ 30,000.00		
Net Cash Position on April 30, 2023	\$ 49,428.31	Apr. 30, 2022	\$ 40,935.47
Bank Balance April 30, 2023	\$ 26,395.54	Apr. 30, 2022	\$ 45,043.12
GIC	\$ 30,000.00		
HST Receivable	\$ 2,772.80	GST Receivable	\$ 4,964.35
Less: Liabilities (Camperships, Misc. Charities, Mortgage Hold)	\$ (9,740.03)	Less: Liabilities Held	\$ (9,072.00)
Net Cash Position on April 30, 2023	\$ 49,428.31	Apr. 30, 2022	\$ 40,935.47

submitted by *Pamela D. Coleman*

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Rev. Clark's Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

(barring any unforeseen emergency pastoral care that may come up)