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Next Holy Communion - October 1, 2023

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Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 1 World Communion Sunday,
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Sunday
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- Oct. 15 Anniversary Sunday
- Nov. 5 Remembrance Sunday-Clocks go Back
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 26 Baptism Sunday



*Happy
Thanksgiving*



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“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” – John 13:34

“A new command seems like a whole lot of work” – said the disciples, probably.

I am a protestant person, so please don't take this minister's letter wrong, I am not going all catholic or other flavor of Christian on you but being a protestant Christian for as long as I have been, almost every day of my life, has made me aware of the weaknesses.

They have mostly been pointed out by other ministers. During my first year in London Presbytery, a minister preached a sermon about how one of the advantages that Catholics have is that there is no separation between the church and their faith. There really is no such thing as a Christian who doesn't go to mass. “Not so” said the Reverend during my fifth presbytery meeting. “Not so for protestants. Being protestant almost literally means, I don't need the church to have my faith.”

I didn't totally buy it, but at the same time, I understood what he was getting at. I think the protestant idea is true too, I don't think at the gates they are going to be checking church attendance records. At the same time, that difference in understanding can hobble a church. This also leaves out all the ways in which we are supposed to be living like Jesus, outside of Sunday mornings. When we pray “on earth as it is in heaven”, we are saying we have an obligation to do what is right on earth, and not just treat faith like some sort of heavenly insurance plan.

This is pretty heavy for a Knox News minister's letter, but here is where I am going. If you are wondering why church looks a bit different, why the ministries like the community meal, or the stand-up night, or the pancake Tuesday dinner happened, they were things that I wanted to see happen. That is why, I am doing my best to love on the community as the minister at Knox, to try to take that command from Jesus seriously, even if it tires me out and it will, oh boy it will.

Following Jesus well, even if you aren't showing up to church, takes a lot of effort. It often takes something new, just like the command. I hope that in this second year of my ministry at Knox, we can keep on living like Jesus.

I hope you will join us.

Rev. James Clark

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MacDonald Memorial Library Update—September 2023

God has blessed us with the changing of the seasons and during the fall, the MacDonald Memorial library reopens its doors on Sunday Sundae to celebrate the abundance and bounty of the fall season and harvest. We are always excited to welcome the new and returning patrons, so please consider coming to browse our various resources.



Over the summer, our collection continued to evolve and includes some new adult and children books. One of our new Everybody books is ***Hello Autumn***, which shows as the fall weather brings bright colours and fun filled adventures, it can also bring worries and what if's for the main character, Autumn. Our young readers will enjoy reading this book to find out what it will take to show Autumn, he is braver than he thinks.

For our adult readers, we have a new novel by Mitch Albom, ***The Stranger in the Lifeboat***. In this book, after a deadly ship explosion, ten people drift at sea struggling for survival. Time passes and they are becoming short on water, food and hope. They spot a man floating in the waves and exclaim “Thank the Lord we found you.” The passenger whispers, “I am the Lord.” Looking to immerse yourself into a novel exploring both faith and hope, try this bestseller or try some of our other new adult books such as ***Love through the Seasons*** by Tracie Peterson, ***Help is Here*** by Max Lucado and ***Breath as Prayer*** -Tucker and Voskamp. Thank you for continuing to support the library at Knox.

Sincerely,

Lorri Weber , on behalf of the MacDonald Memorial Library volunteers



COMMUNION

During the week following this upcoming Communion Sunday, October 1, 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. Rev. James will then call you to arrange a suitable time.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You to all the volunteers that helped keep our Knox Gardens beautiful this Spring/Summer and Fall!!
Board of Managers Garden Committee



Welcome to another year of fellowship & fun with The Fellowship Group. Everyone is welcome to attend. In October Rev. James will be our guest speaker. That meeting will be held on October 27th at 7:30. Our November meeting will be November 24th. This will be a catered Christmas dinner. For the months of January, February & March we will be meeting in the afternoon at 1:30 P.M. The dates of those meetings weather permitting will be January 26, 2024, February 24, 2024 & March 22, 2024. Mark those dates on you calendar & watch the church bulletin for further particulars. For more information you may contact Shirley Suggitt 226-430-2220



Are you, or someone you know, grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend? To help you through that most difficult time, Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel is once again bringing the *GriefShare* programme to you.

GriefShare is an 8-week faith-based approach to comfort and healing. It is presented by professionals and lay people by way of DVD material, and is designed to help you walk the journey of grief, while being supported on the way

Please call Doug at 519-807-2238 for more info or to register.



Contributions: Just a reminder that we accept Interac E-Transfers. Use the email address

knoxlistdonations@wightman.ca. It is not set up to deposit automatically, so use the security question "street" and the answer "Livingstone". You can add your envelope number under the 'message' portion if you want. Thank you for your support.





Income & Expense Statement

January 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 158,955.07	\$ 133,558.18	\$ 179,200.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 26,828.00	\$ 12,580.00	\$ 18,611.36
Other Income	\$ 15,188.69	\$ 3,137.75	\$ 12,900.08
Other Missions/Restricted	\$ 50,496.00	\$ 42,299.00	\$ 16,956.64
Total Income	\$ 251,467.76	\$ 191,574.93	\$ 227,668.08
<u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries/Personnel	\$ 117,546.65	\$ 57,160.93	\$ 116,947.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 31,464.93	\$ 24,210.57	\$ 30,769.28
Building/Grounds	\$ 43,978.13	\$ 44,108.19	\$ 54,405.49
Missions/Outreach	\$ 69,973.29	\$ 43,691.00	\$ 26,920.08
Christian Education	\$ 1,925.69	\$ 2,339.07	\$ 5,800.00
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
248 Livingstone Expenses	\$ 7,259.98	\$ 8,851.64	\$ 7,770.32
Total Expenses	\$ 272,148.67	\$ 180,361.40	\$ 242,612.17
Excess Income\Expenses	\$ (20,680.91)	\$ 11,213.53	\$ (14,944.09)
<u>Net Cash Position</u>			
Net Cash Position on January 1, 2023	\$ 43,415.53	January 1, 2022	\$ 55,516.93
CIBC GIC	\$ 30,000.00		
Excess Income/Expenses	\$ (20,680.91)	Excess Expenses	\$ 11,213.53
Net Cash Position on Aug. 31, 2023	\$ 52,734.62	August 31, 2022	\$ 66,730.46

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