

KNOX NEWS

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Easter Worship Services

March 28 Maundy Thursday
6:00 pm Communion Service

March 29 Holy Friday
10:30 am - Traditional Holy
Friday Worship service

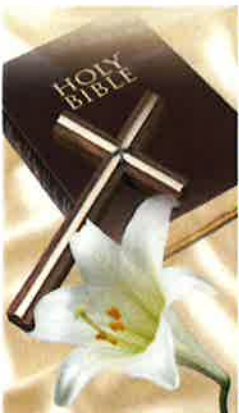
March 31 Easter Sunday
10:30 am Worship Service

Upcoming Dates

- March 24 Palm Sunday
- March 29 Holy Friday - **Office Closed**
- March 31 Easter Sunday
- April 1 Easter Monday - **Office Closed**
- April 1- April 9: Rev. James on Vacation
- April 16 Pasta Supper
- April 28 - May 2 Opportunity Sale Set Up
- May 3 & 4 Opportunity Sale
- May 12 Mother's Day - Baptism Sunday

"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.



From the Minister's Desk

1 Corinthians 13:12 - "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known"

This verse written to the church in Corinth is one of my favorites and it is all about connection. The verse particularly is talking about being face to face with God. That for now, as we live, we only understand God in part, as if we are looking in a mirror and it is dark. When we pass on, we will be face to face with God and we will know God in a deeper way

For Paul, who is writing this, this has a double meaning. Paul never met Jesus directly outside of a vision. He has never really been face to face like the disciples have been. This verse is as much speaking about us and what we will go through but also himself and what he probably longs for. A real face to face with Christ.

Connection in the church is vital, one of the things I have always said is "if I don't have time for people what am I doing?" Ministry really is partly about connection with people and in our post covid world, that moment of face to face is even more meaningful.

Easter is a time of connection as well; a time for us to understand who God really is and who Christ is. To connect this sacrifice that we believe, to our lives in a meaningful way.

I set myself a challenge when I started at Knox about a year and a half ago. I said to myself, "In the first year I am going to call every person who is a member." That is about 500 people, and I certainly did call all the numbers, perhaps I cut your number if I had seen you at church, or we had already interacted in person. I talked to a lot of answering machines, but the biggest issue was, in the years between the last directory and my arriving at Knox, many numbers changed. Many times, I called a number, a lot of them being 291, to receive the, 'this number is no longer in service' message. That really stunk because I was denied connection.

Below you will find a way to help with that, there is a small form, which you can return to the office or simply give to your elder, and we are hoping that you might update your contact information with us. You don't need to do it right away and you don't need to give us more information than you want, but we really would like to connect with you. Please consider it.

In Christ
Rev. James Clark



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

The Opportunity Knox Group continues to provide the **PRAYER SHAWL**

outreach Program within our church and our community!

These shawls have been hand knit with the loving hands of individuals within our congregation. As a result of an appeal for knitters, we now have a good supply of these precious gifts.

The colourful, light weight and warm shawls are the perfect gift for the elderly, sick or anyone who is in need of comfort. Each shawl is accompanied by a bible verse explaining the blue threads in the tassles.

If you know of anyone that would benefit from having the loving arms of God wrapped around them, please make your request to Debbie Seiler (519-291-4832) or ask any member of the Opportunity Knox Group, or the office. Thank you for your continued support in this program.

Maundy Thursday Communion & Potluck

Maundy Thursday is a wonderful tradition, commemorating Jesus' last meal and his final teaching to his disciples before he died. It was a mix of meal and sacred space. A wonderful joining of communion and community.

Join us on **Thursday March 28 at 6:00 pm** in the Knox Main Hall for a short Worship service and Communion as we walk the Journey of Holy Week. Following the service we will share in a potluck meal. Please come, even if you are not able to bring anything.

Hope to see you there.

Update your information at Knox!

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Anniversary Date: _____
mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Anniversary Date: _____
mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please record any children's information on a separate piece of paper



Bowling Day for Knox Families:

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a bowling event at Molesworth Bowling Lanes on Sunday, April 14. We'll meet there for Pizza at 12:00 pm prior to bowling. There is no cost for the bowling or shoe rental but a donation toward lunch would be appreciated. All ages are welcome but we need to know how many are coming by Wednesday, April 10 and if there are any dietary restrictions. Please contact the Church office with that information.



Lenten Appeal: The Community Meals, held in our church and carried out by our church members, will be held in June and July (the February portion is complete). The meals continue to be part of our church's outreach and lets people know that we care about their well being . Our Lenten appeal this year is to raise funds to ensure the success of the meals .



What a great way to support our local community members and to work with other Presbyterians to make someone's day better . Please consider donating financially or volunteering to be part of the team preparing and serving food . Jim Corry

The Humanitarian Needs Committee



Board of Managers' – Financial Report

Year to date	February 2024	February 2023
Income		
General Contributions:	\$ 34,388.56	\$ 33,917.16
Presbyterians Sharing:	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 4,073.00
Missions/Restricted	\$ 2,794.00	\$ 4,014.00
Other Income	\$ 5,283.05	\$ 7,295.52
Total Income	\$ 45,290.61	\$ 49,299.68
Expenses		
Salaries/Personnel	\$ 32,798.30	\$ 30,404.83
Administration	\$ 4,564.25	\$ 27,364.83
Building/Grounds	\$ 18,448.49	\$ 8,742.49
Mission/Outreach	\$ 6,036.69	\$ 8,185.00
Other	\$ 1,672.95	\$ 4,635.45
Total Expenses	\$ 63,520.68	\$ 74,415.83
Excess Expenses	(\$ 18,230.07)	(\$ 28,499.54)
<i>Please note there were 9 Sundays to the end of February in 2023, 8 in 2024</i>		
Net Cash Position	\$ 73,708.50	\$ 44,915.99



The Board of Managers had its elections and brought in a new board on the February 21. We welcomed two new board members in Jason Drummond and Georgina Johnston. We elected a new board chair in Lee Mayes, Vice Chair is Alan MacKay, and our secretary is Sharon vanVeen. We would like to thank our retiring membership of Earle Mayes, Laura Tryssenaar, Doug Johnston, Ralph Lee, Mike Boneschanker and Don Rozendal.

We have completed the painting in the hall, kitchen and stairwells. Another big project we have coming up is the curbs, which will be redone this year around the parking lot as well as new speakers in the church hall.

We have also approved the Opportunity sale for Thursday May 2nd to Saturday May 4th, 2024.

Lee Mayes
Chair

Contributions: We offer several methods for your contributions.

There are offering plates at the entrances for you to drop envelopes into.



We accept **Interac E-Transfers** using 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 or how you want the money distributed under the ‘message’ portion if you want.

One of the easiest ways is to set up a Pre Authorized Remittance (P.A.R) and have a specified amount come off your bank account every month. Contact the office to set this up.

Thank you for your support.

Spring is just around the corner, and so is the
2024 Opportunity Sale.



We are looking for volunteers for the days of the sale as well as for set up and sorting earlier in the week. Watch for sign up sheets in the Main Hall



Sale dates are:

Friday May 3, and Saturday May 4

More information to come in your bulletins.

Pasta With Presbyterian Pizzazz!

Opportunity Knox Present their

Pasta Supper

Tuesday April 16th

5:00 pm & 6:00 pm sitting

Tickets go on sale March 31,

Get them early and don't be disappointed

Adults: \$ 15.00 Children (6-12) \$ 10.00

Children 5 & under eat free



Prayer Chain

Just a reminder that we have an active "Prayer Chain" here at Knox, but we can always use more people to pray, and if you feel that this is something God has laid on your heart, please call me. I will gladly give you more information, or add you to the list. We never meet as a group, but stay in touch by phone.

"There is a great need for earnest and powerful intercessors".



When you have something or someone in your life that needs prayer, don't hesitate to call the office or me and make your request known. We will present it before the throne of grace and pray to the power of the Spirit for healing, strength and comfort.

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results".

James 5:16

Prayer Chain Coordinator 519-291-3529

Camp Kintail 2024. Knox is once again offering Camperships and will pay 50% of the week-long camps and 75% of short-week camps. Campership forms are available on the table outside Rev. James' office. Please fill it out after registering your child with Camp Kintail (using Option 'B') and return it to the red box by June 2. There is no longer a code to use. After the form is handed in, Kintail will apply your discount when payment is made, just before the camp date. Register early – camps fill up fast. Speak to Pam in the office if you have any questions.



Childrens Choir: We would like to again form a Knox Children's Choir for children aged 6 and older. Please email Agnes Henderson at agnesmariehenderson@gmail.com if you would like to join. If there is enough response, rehearsals will begin in April for the choir to sing in May (possibly on Mother's Day). Exact rehearsal dates and times are to be determined.

The staff and Session of Knox Presbyterian Church Listowel wish you and your family a very Safe and Blessed Easter Season!



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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)