

# KNOX NEWS

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**Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel, Ontario**

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### **Next Holy Communion - October 3, 2021**

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- Oct 3 **World Communion Sunday**
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- Oct 10 **Harvest Sunday**
- Oct 11 **Thanksgiving - Office Closed**
- Oct 22-25 **Pam Vacation—Office Closed**



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*





## So Where Do We Go From Here?

As announced on Sunday, September 5th, Rev. McCallum will be retiring at the end of 2021.

In the meantime, because it has been twelve years since Knox has conducted a search for a new Pastor, here is a broad outline of what will happen:

- 1) The Presbytery of Huron Perth will become involved. In our denomination, Presbytery is the 'Bishop' in that it provides oversight for all the churches in a region. Presbytery consists of all the ministers from the various churches with an equal number of representative Elders. While it has many roles, the Presbytery is particularly involved in overseeing the calling of ministers and will appoint an Interim Moderator to lead us during this transition time.
- 2) An Interim Moderator is a Pastor from elsewhere in the Presbytery who is appointed to provide oversight for a church that is without a resident minister. Officially the Interim Moderator will not begin work until January, however, sometimes he/she will meet earlier with the Session to facilitate a smooth changeover. Because the Interim Moderator is usually a Pastor at another church, he/she may not preach frequently at Knox but will focus on the following tasks:
  - † Leading the Session and giving general oversight to the Congregation
  - † Arranging for pulpit supply and pastoral care
  - † Supervising the Search Process for a new Minister.
- 3) A 'Congregational Profile' will be Prepared. The Profile is a 'resume' for the Congregation. It describes our history, demographics, ministries and priorities. This Profile will be created by the Interim Moderator with input from the Session and Congregation. Once it is reviewed and approved by the Presbytery...
- 4) The Position for a new Lead Minister will be Advertised. Potential ministers will find the position advertised on the denomination's website. The Interim Moderator also usually takes the initiative to contact ministers who might be suitable.
- 5) A Search Committee will be Appointed. This group is usually formed to represent a cross-section of the Congregation. They will review resumes in the light of the Congregational Profile, hear ministers preach in person or via the Internet and interview the most promising candidates. When they are satisfied that God has led them to the right person, they will recommend to Session that he/she be invited to preach for the call to become the new Pastor.
- 6) The Candidate will Preach for the Call. After an interview with the Session, the selected Candidate will be invited to conduct worship on a specified Sunday. Information will be provided to the Congregation ahead of time concerning the candidate. Afterwards, a formal Congregational Meeting will be held to vote on whether to extend a call to that minister. Presbytery requires a strong majority – at least 80% - for the call to be sustained. Please note: **Only Professing Members may vote and sign the call.** If you wish to have a say in this process, it is important to become a member at some point in the coming months.

Although most congregations wish to have a new Pastor settled in their midst as soon as possible, the whole process usually takes at least about 8-12 months. It is always good to take whatever time is needed to seek God's will and make the right choices.



Remember Me

On Sunday, October 3 we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday by observing *The Lord's Supper* during our church service. We would invite you to participate at home if you are joining us by livestream, or in person by bringing your own elements; some juice and a piece of bread or a cracker. Don't worry if the juice/bread is not the kind usually provided at church. Any sort is quite acceptable. Over the centuries there has been a good deal of variety in the traditions of the Church.





**Income & Expense Statement**  
*January 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021*

**Income**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 140,905.50	\$ 135,506.16	\$ 155,800.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 15,182.31	\$ 12,648.44	\$ 20,666.64
Other Income	\$ 1,283.57	\$ 5,741.06	\$ 8,533.28
Other Missions/Restricted	\$ 18,696.62	\$ 20,267.28	\$ 16,743.28
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 176,068.00</b>	<b>\$ 174,162.94</b>	<b>\$ 201,743.20</b>

**Expenses**

Salaries/Personnel	\$ 117,624.35	\$ 114,025.23	\$ 119,608.76
Administrative Expenses	\$ 22,883.69	\$ 17,852.00	\$ 24,548.02
Building/Grounds	\$ 25,008.35	\$ 31,531.33	\$ 35,856.80
Missions/Outreach	\$ 22,115.31	\$ 22,713.24	\$ 29,178.72
Christian Education	\$ 1,596.75	\$ 832.30	\$ 5,700.00
Ministry Expenses	\$ 1,429.65	\$ 938.31	\$ 2,953.36
Library	\$ 72.67	\$ 75.60	\$ 1,800.08
Music Ministry	\$ 2,340.23	\$ 1,857.00	\$ 4,100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 589.39	\$ 8.00	\$ 33.36
248 Livingstone Expenses	\$ 6,449.07	\$ 5,984.49	\$ 6,638.75

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 200,109.46</b>	<b>\$ 195,817.50</b>	<b>\$ 230,417.85</b>
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<b>Excess Income\Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (24,041.46)</b>	<b>\$ (21,654.56)</b>	<b>\$ (28,674.65)</b>
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**Net Cash Position**

Net Cash Position on January 1, 2021	\$ 56,660.60	January 1, 2020	\$ 46,355.29
Excess Income/Expenses	\$ (24,041.46)	Excess Expenses	\$ (21,654.56)
<b>Net Cash Position on Aug. 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 32,619.14</b>	<b>August 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 24,700.73</b>

Bank Balance August 31, 2021	\$ 39,828.13	August 31, 2020	\$ 33,652.74
HST Receivable	\$ 2,543.01	HST Receivable	\$ 231.44
Less: Liabilities (Nicaragua /Camperships /Misc Charities)	\$ (9,752.00)	Less: Liabilities Held	\$ (9,183.45)
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Submitted By:

*Pamela D. Coleman*





We continue to be blessed by your generous contributions enabling us to keep this beautiful building in good condition. There are several ways you can donate.

For people coming to services in the sanctuary, there are **offering plates** at every entrance to drop your envelope into. You can still send donations, using your **regular offering envelopes, via the mail, dropping them off** at the office during regular office hours, or by dropping them into the (locked) mailbox beside the Livingstone Ave. entrance at the church.

We can now accept **Interac E-Transfers**. This is a great solution as the church does not have to pay a service charge fee on the deposits, as it does when you use your credit card. It is not set up to deposit automatically at this time, so use the security question "**street**" and the answer "**Livingstone**" until further notice. You can add your envelope number under the 'message' portion if you want.

We continue to use the system of **Electronic Giving** through our website. Simply go to [www.knoxlistowel.ca](http://www.knoxlistowel.ca) and click on the button labelled "Give Through On-line Tithe" located on the homepage. Please note that there is a service charge fee on every transaction.

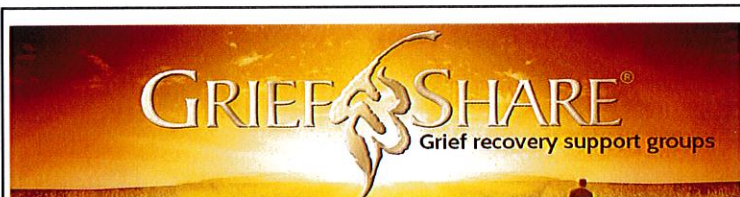
Finally, one of the easiest ways is to set up a **Pre Authorized Remittance (P.A.R)** and have a specified amount come off your bank account every month. Contact the office to set this up.

Thank you for your support.

### **Board of Manager's Report**

- The Board has decided that due to the COVID protocols in place for food handling that the Annual Turkey Supper normally held in November will be cancelled again this year.
- The Board of Managers is urgently seeking new members for the various committees, please give some prayerful thought into becoming a Board member. Meetings are held once a month with some committees having an additional meeting, joining the Board of Managers is a great way to learn more about how the church operates and to meet others from the congregation. Everyone is welcome and everyone has talents to contribute.
- The Board of Managers would like to thank the congregation for their continued financial support, giving's have continued to steadily come in and have allowed the church to remain in a good financial position.

Betty Bannerman, Chair



Are you grieving the loss of a spouse, a child, or a close friend? To help you through that most difficult time, Knox Presbyterian Church in Listowel is bringing the **GriefShare** programme to you. GriefShare is a 13 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. The GriefShare programme offers a safe place where grieving people find healing and hope for the future. This session of GriefShare began on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7 PM in the Knox Church Hall. You are still welcome to attend. To register or for more information, please call Doug Sargent at 519-807-2238, the office at 519-291-4690 or email Doug at [dsargent@wightman.ca](mailto:dsargent@wightman.ca) or Rev. McCallum at [donpmccallum@wightman.ca](mailto:donpmccallum@wightman.ca).

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday:

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm