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Next Holy Communion November 22, 2020

Communion: To reduce the risk of exposure to the Covid Virus we are inviting those who attend to bring their own wine and bread to the service. For those who do not have something with them we will provide individual juice containers and sealed packets of crackers that can be picked up when you enter the sanctuary. We would also encourage those watching the service online to participate at home by preparing your own elements ahead of time.

Christmas Pageant and Concert

Due to COVID restrictions we cannot hold the usual Choir Concert or have a Sunday School pageant with a large number of people on the stage. To reduce the numbers on the platform we are planning to 'serialize' the Christmas musical over the four Sunday morning services in Advent. We hope to use some live actors as well as pre-recorded video-taped segments to include as many people as possible.

Christmas Eve Service

Because we anticipate that attendance will continue to be restricted in numbers, we are planning to hold two services on Christmas Eve, tentatively scheduled for 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. This will allow more people to attend and will give us enough time to clean the Sanctuary between services. Pre-registration will likely be required. Please stay tuned for more information.

Memorial Poinsettias

If you would like to share with others in remembering a loved one or someone to honour, please drop off your order form and money to the church office. This year you **may** put money and order forms on collection plates **in a**

separate envelope from your giving's envelope. **Deadline is December 2nd.** The cost for each memorial poinsettia is \$11.00 (exact \$ or cheques payable to "Knox Memorial Fund" would be appreciated).



PLEASE PRINT

I (We) wish to place ___ poinsettia(s)
in the church as a memorial
or honour.

I have included \$11.00 per poinsettia.
Please state name(s) of person(s) in whose
memory or honour it is to be placed

Name of Person(s) placing Poinsettia(s):

Notes from the Humanitarian Needs Committee



The **Mitten Tree** will be up during Advent, located in the entranceway into the Main Hall again this year. Your donated gifts of hats, mitts socks and scarves will be delivered to the Salvation Army and Evangel Hall in time for Christmas and the coming cold weather. Evangel Hall is also an ongoing appeal to our church. Financial donations may be made using the third portion of your envelope



Our **Advent appeal** this year is in support of the **Salvation Army Food Bank**. The congregation can donate using the third column of their offering envelope marking it "Salvation Army" or by bringing non-perishable food items to the church which we will forward to the food bank. There are boxes and baskets set up by the entrances. There are people in our community who need to use a food bank to help them provide food for their families. Let's show our support and help keep the shelves full this Christmas.

Finally, the third appeal is to invite you to contribute to the organization known as **It takes a Village**. We ask that you purchase personal hygiene items, paper products such as Kleenex, bathroom tissue, paper, towels, tooth paste and tooth brushes and deposit them in the boxes marked "It Takes a Village".

We have been doing fairly well financially during these difficult times, however we need your continued support. 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.

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 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.



As of November 1, our giving's to **Presbyterians Sharing** totaled **\$17,005.10** which is **54.56%** of the pledged amount for this year (**\$31,000.00**). In other words, we are **\$11,411.53 short** of where we should be at this time.

Board of Managers' – Financial Report

Year to date	Oct. 31 2020	Oct. 31 2019
Income:	\$ 221,809.35	\$ 244,533.30
Expenses	\$ 239,768.99	\$ 287,700.88
Excess Expenses	(\$ -17,959.64)	(\$ -56,124.18)
Net Cash Position	\$28,395.65	\$ 13,437.80



HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS At the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel, we realize the Holiday Season can seem bleak for those who have lost a loved one. Months of limited social interaction and stress due to the pandemic can make an already challenging time feel overwhelming. To offer support through these difficult days, we offer our ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE. For everyone's safety, this year our Christmas Service will be recorded and the link www.eatonfuneralhome.ca available on our website after the first week of December. Please take the time to attend, on-line, if you feel you would benefit from this uplifting service of support and strength, regardless of how long ago your loss or where services were held.

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

