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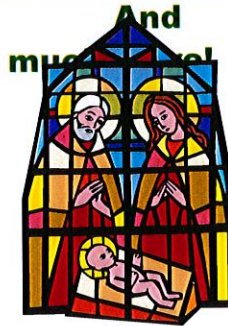
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Next Holy Communion December 5, 2021

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And
merry
Merry
Christmas

UPCOMING DATES

Eaton Funeral Home Service of Remembrance
Sunday December 5th,
Knox Presbyterian Church, 2:00—5:00 pm

Music of Christmas Video Release
Sunday December 19

Office Closed Thurs. Dec. 24 thru Tues Dec.28

Christmas Eve Service,

Friday, December 24, 7:00 pm

Masks must be worn and we will be observing social distancing and capacity limits—admittance will be on a first come, first serve basis

Rev. McCallum's Final Service

Sunday December 26, 10:30 am

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 13, 2022, 11:30 am

Goodbye Message from Rev. McCallum

I suppose that as a minister I should start this by quoting Jesus or Paul or Isaiah. Instead let me share something from Winnie the Pooh: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard".

Sometimes during significant changes in our lives we can focus on the 'losses'. It is hard to say 'goodbye' to someone we like if they move away or worse, pass away. If we have to leave a home to go away to school or for a new job or because we need assisted living, it can be depressing if we just think about what we are leaving behind.

But as wise people (or bears) point out, the pain of loss is an indication that we have had something good in our lives. We wouldn't want to avoid all relationships because someday they might end. We wouldn't choose to live in a crummy house so that we wouldn't miss it one day. Instead we choose to enjoy God's blessings while we can and, if we are wise, we continue to give thanks for them if and when they come to an end.

That is how I view the last twelve years here in Listowel. It is a great community in which to live and Knox is a great church family. Thank you for allowing me to share in your lives in good times and in hard times: births and deaths, weddings and stressful family times and so many other occasions. Together we have experienced God's presence in Sunday worship. We have been touched by choir concerts and Sunday School presentations and people sharing their gifts, wisdom and support with us in so many other ways. We have been led and guided by strong and faithful leaders in all areas of church life. And we have had a lot of great laughter and fellowship along the way.

There are many other blessings that might be counted but let me just say that I am thankful for the last twelve plus years. It has been a privilege to have been your minister. I trust that God will lead you and guide you in the months and years ahead and that He will not only bless you but will continue to make you a blessing to this community and to His Kingdom.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Don McCallum

As we prepare to thank Rev. Don McCallum for his 12 years of ministry at Knox Church, we are giving the members of the congregation the opportunity to contribute towards a tangible token of our appreciation for his faithful service. Monetary donations may be made by submitting funds to the church office before December 15; these may be put into an envelope clearly stating that they are for Rev. Don's gift. Please use a separate envelope from your regular offering since these are treated as unreceipted donations. They may be submitted by mail, through the outside locked mailbox at the church or dropped off at the office during regular open hours. Unfortunately because of health regulations, it will not be possible to have a separate gathering to honour Rev. Don, but there will be a presentation at the end of his final Sunday with us, Dec. 26. We recognize that there will not be the opportunity for everyone to express their thanks in person but a card or note would accomplish this as well.

Thank you.



As of November 14, our giving's to *Presbyterians Sharing* totaled **\$18,55.31**, which is **60.82%** of the pledged amount for this year (**\$31,000.00**). In other words, we are \$12,144.69 short of what we need at the end of the year.

"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.



Memorial Service



The Holiday Season can be a difficult time for those who have been affected by the death of a loved one.

With this in mind, the Eaton Funeral Home is holding a Service of Remembrance at Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel, on Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 pm

This is not another funeral, but rather a short, uplifting service of remembrance, strength and sharing. You, and anyone you know who may benefit from this support during the Christmas season, are welcome to attend.

From the Humanitarian Needs Committee



The mitten tree will again be present this Christmas season. The tree will be in the sanctuary. Please leave your donated toques and mittens at the tree and they will be sent to Evangel Hall and the Salvation Army.

Your gifts will keep many warm as the winter weather arrives.



Greetings From the Interim Moderator

Hi, just a word of introduction I am the Reverend Ernie Naylor, minister at Atwood Presbyterian. I have been appointed by Presbytery to be your interim moderator. Okay...what does that mean? It means I will be helping your church in the search process for a new minister. I will be finding pulpit supply for Sunday worship, helping with confirmation classes, providing emergency pastoral care as needed, and help write a profile for your church.

A short bio. I was raised on a farm in the Monkton area. Attended Listowel Highschool. Farmed hogs for several years, married the love of my life Leslie and together are raising three boys, Josh, Daniel and Ben. I live at the south end of Listowel. Roughly 10 years ago I felt a strong calling from God. I attended Knox college receive my Master of Divinity degree and accepted a call to Atwood Presbyterian. (I shared rides to Toronto with Larry Skinner.)

I see a Questionnaire in this letter - what is this? As part of my duties I help the church with a discernment process to listen and discover God's will for the church in the near future. It was decided by session that part of this discovery process would be a questionnaire. Answering this questionnaire is very important work as it reveals the grassroots view of what God is calling this church to be. The questionnaire is being distributed in this letter to everyone in the church. This ensures each person has a say. Think carefully about each question and say a prayer asking God's guidance and wisdom before answering. Be open to the Holy Spirit and share your thoughts on ministry within the church. Take some time and write more using the back of the survey if something is important to you. Every questionnaire will be read, and each response will be taken seriously. These responses form the foundation for our church's profile. This in turn will be distributed to potential minister candidates.

It is natural that in times of transition and as the church enters a discernment process that worry will happen. Philippians 4:6-7 reminds us "Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down."

Rev Ernie Naylor

Memorial Poinsettias - Order Form

As in previous years, Knox is inviting you to place a memorial poinsettia in the church sanctuary during Christmas. If you would like to share with others in remembering a loved one or someone of honour, please fill out this sheet and return to the office, or call Pam in the office at 519-291-4690.

Forms and money can be placed in a separate envelope on collection plates.

Cost is \$11.00 for each memorial poinsettia.

For payment:

Cheques (*payable to: Knox Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund*), money orders or exact cash can be dropped off at the Church Office. Hours are 9 am-2 pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday and 1-3 pm, Tuesday and Thursday. **Please DO NOT use E-transfers for Poinsettias.**

After being on display for a couple of weeks in the Sanctuary, Poinsettias will be delivered to Knox Shut-Ins



PLEASE PRINT

I (We) wish to place _____ poinsettia(s) in the church.
As a memorial or honour, please state name(s) of person(s)
in whose memory or honour it is to be placed

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



This will be noted in the bulletin during December.



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Income & Expense Statement
January 1, 2021- October 31, 2021

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 181,967.68	\$ 174,657.59	\$ 196,150.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 18,185.31	\$ 16,265.10	\$ 25,833.30
Other Income	\$ 912.60	\$ 5,783.06	\$ 9,516.60
Other Missions/Restricted	\$ 26,215.62	\$ 25,103.60	\$ 20,866.60
Total Income	\$ 227,281.21	\$ 221,809.35	\$ 252,366.50
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries/Personnel	\$ 147,317.10	\$ 142,378.03	\$ 148,249.19
Administrative Expenses	\$ 25,885.52	\$ 20,270.22	\$ 27,648.38
Building/Grounds	\$ 30,506.47	\$ 36,657.74	\$ 43,986.82
Missions/Outreach	\$ 28,575.31	\$ 28,386.90	\$ 35,773.40
Christian Education	\$ 2,118.53	\$ 1,091.30	\$ 6,625.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,104.06	\$ 3,628.98	\$ 10,516.00
248 Livingstone Expenses	\$ 7,582.06	\$ 7,355.82	\$ 7,913.75
Total Expenses	\$ 247,089.05	\$ 239,768.99	\$ 280,712.54
 Excess Income\Expenses	 \$ (19,807.84)	 \$ (17,959.64)	 \$ (28,346.04)
 <u>Net Cash Position</u>			
Net Cash Position on January 1, 2021	\$ 56,660.60	January 1, 2020	\$ 46,355.29
Excess Expenses	\$ (19,807.84)	Excess Expenses	\$ (17,959.64)
Net Cash Position October 31, 2021	<u>\$ 36,852.76</u>	October 31, 2020	<u>\$ 28,395.65</u>
 Bank Balance Oct. 31, 2021	 \$ 46,523.01	October 31, 2020	 \$ 37,407.55
HST Receivable	\$ 1,126.75	HST Receivable	\$ 494.84
Less: Liabilities (Nicaragua/ Camperships/ Misc.Charities)	\$ (10,797.00)	Less: Liabilities Held	\$ (9,506.74)
Net Cash Position October 31, 2021	<u>\$ 36,852.76</u>	October 31, 2020	<u>\$ 28,395.65</u>

Submitted By: *Pamela D. Coleman*

Message from the Board of Manager's

If you have not had a chance to check out the addition that was put onto the back entrance of the kitchen, please take a look. We are thankful to Laura Tryssenaar for coordinating this project and for all of the volunteers who helped. We look forward to the opportunity when we can once again gather for events and make good use of this addition.

We are still looking for more people to join the Board of Managers team. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to meet new people and to become involved in a group that meets once a month 10 times a year and is always looking for new talents.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued contributions which helps the church continue to be vibrant and to offer a safe and welcoming place to worship.

Betty Bannerman
Chair of the Board of Manager's

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

