

# KNOX NEWS

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## Next Holy Communion December 1, 2019

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### **Dutch Christmas Service**

Saturday December 7, 2:00 pm

#### **Eaton Funeral Home Service of Remembrance**

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Knox Presbyterian Church, 2:00—5:00 pm

#### **Music of Christmas Concert**

Sunday December 15, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

#### **SS Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal:**

Friday December 20, 4:30 pm

#### **Sunday School Christmas Program**

Sunday, December 22, 10:30 am Service

#### **Christmas Eve Service,**

Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 pm

**Office Closed Tue. Dec. 24 thru Fri. Dec. 27**

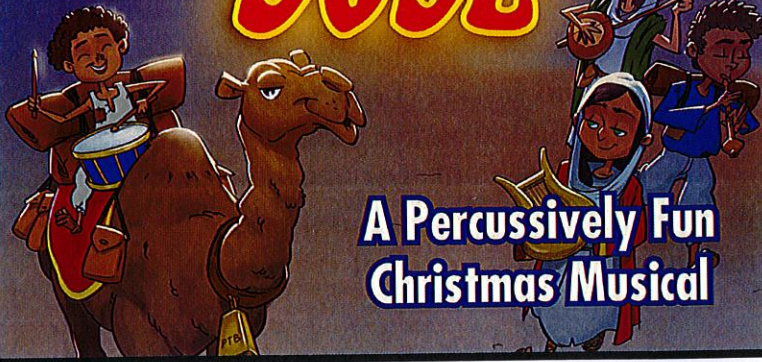
#### **Annual Lunch & Meeting**

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 11:30 am



COMING SOON

# THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE



**A Percussively Fun Christmas Musical**

“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

The Britton WMS received bagfuls of knitted squares from the Spinrite Outlet store, and they have crocheted them together into various shaped afghans and they have been donated to the “It takes a Village” store. Besides putting the squares into 17 afghans, also donated were 2 baby outfits and 6 scarves.



**Knox Sunday School Christmas Program 2019**

**Dress Rehearsal is Friday December 20 @ 4:30 pm.**

**The performance will take place Sunday December 22 @ 10:30 am**

Meet the up-and-coming Persia’s Traveling Band—or PTB, as their fans call them—who are out on “their biggest tour yet!” with their little “roadie” Abel. Along the way, they meet three Wise Men, who are following a star in search for a King who has just been born. With the possibility of playing for a Royal audience, PTB decides to join the Wise Men and make the journey to Bethlehem.

During this fantastic journey, the little dude named Abel, unveils his passion for playing the drums. While the band does not take his playing seriously, the Wise Men notice his talent and encourage his efforts, knowing that he has a very special gift. One of the Wise Men expresses to Abel that perhaps he might even get to play his drum for the King . . . Will Abel get his wish??

Thank you to the many hands who helped to make the Turkey Supper a success! We fed around 430 people!

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and were able to enjoy the supper. The food that everyone donated and cooked tasted wonderful and the people that helped with set-up, serving and clean-up were fantastic! The decorations in the Sanctuary, hall and the tables looked beautiful once again! The saying that 'many hands make for a successful event' was proven with a resounding success! Thank you again from the Board of Managers.



As of November 10, our giving’s to **Presbyterians Sharing** totaled **\$18,883.80**, which is **60.92%** of the pledged amount for this year (**\$31,000.00**). In other words, we are **\$12,116.20** short of where we should be at this time.

**Merry Christmas**





## Notes from the Humanitarian Needs Committee



The **Mitten Tree** will be standing again this year. It will be up during Advent – the exact location to be decided later. The donated mitts, hats, socks and scarves will be divided between the Salvation Army and Evangel Hall to keep people warm this winter.

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 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. Submitted by Jim Corry.



You are to be congratulated! One of the projects of the Humanitarian Needs Committee this past year was to invite you, the members and adherents of Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel to contribute to a fund to help out the less fortunate in our community. These funds, in the form of purchased items, were donated to the organization known as “**It takes a Village**”.

You were very generous contributing an amount of \$2,905.00. These funds have been used to purchase personal hygiene items, paper products such as Kleenex, bathroom tissue, paper, towels, tooth paste and tooth brushes. These are things that we perhaps take for granted, but are not often available to the less fortunate, when they have to choose between food and those aforementioned items.

In addition, we have also purchased warm winter socks and canned foods such as soup, chili and canned meats. Again, those things we just take for granted. I have been told that we collectively have made the lives of the recipients a bit easier. Once again, thank you for your support of this initiative.

We are, “...a welcoming family of God's people, committed to worshipping Jesus Christ, sharing our faith and doing His work in the world.”

Submitted by Clare Hood,  
Program Co-ordinator



## DEVOTIONAL GUIDES



The December-January-February issue of **Our Daily Bread** is now available. Free copies are set out in the Narthex, the Church Hall, and outside the Church Office. **Our Daily Bread** has a scripture reading and meditation for each day of the month. Please feel free to take one home and use it for your daily devotional reading -we have lots!

**They're Back! The Bible League of Canada Devotional Day Planner for 2020** are available once again. These popular books are an excellent way of keeping your lives organized and spiritual for a mere cost of \$4.00 each. There is a limited supply, so don't wait too long and be disappointed! Speak to Pam in the office to get yours.





## HOME COMMUNION

During the week following this upcoming Communion Sunday, December 1st, Rev. Don McCallum 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. Don will then call you to arrange a suitable time.



Also, Communion Service will be conducted at the **Caressant Care Retirement Home** on Sunday, December 1 at 1:00 p.m.



ERE ZIJ GOD, IN DE HOGE...  
Come and join us at  
**Knox Presbyterian Church**  
**Listowel**  
on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.  
for A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE in the  
**DUTCH LANGUAGE**  
with the singing of familiar Dutch Christmas Carols  
Refreshments following in the Main Hall  
Call Anneke Kreuger 519-291-6188 or George  
Sjaarda 519-291-3529 for more information

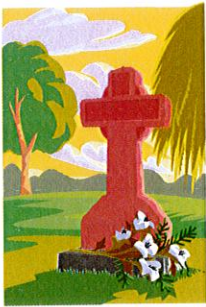
## **North Perth Youth for Christ**

There are presently 6 staff at Youth for Christ. They are kept very busy working at LDSS in the Campus Life program and Impact leadership program. Kevin Nethercott continues to coach school teams in volleyball and soccer. Gertie Heimpel does a lot of 1:1 mentoring with young moms and teens, and acting as a liaison with Community Partners such as Early Years, Public Health, Family Services. Melanie Koch Nichol is working with Kids Klub at the Salvation Army each week, as well as overseeing the drop-in evenings and programs. She continues to search for people willing to occasionally share their interests with the youth during Drop-in times. In particular, she is in need of volunteers to help on Tuesday evenings with supervision and connecting with the youth.

As well as working as liaisons between young people and families with such organizations as CAS, the staff is able to visit with the students who are part of the school board's North program (formerly NEXUS), which is housed in the Youth Centre. The needs of our local youth are great, and the staff do their best to be available for those difficult situations they encounter, and hard questions that they have. We are so fortunate to have these dedicated people within our community. Please pray for them and the opportunities that they provide our youth.

Sue Knowlton

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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





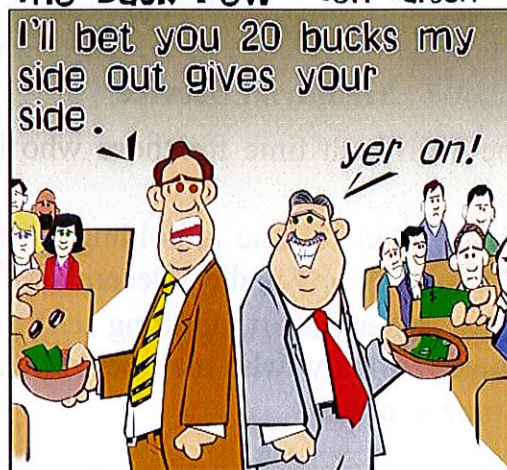


## Income & Expense Statement

January 1, 2019- October 31, 2019

<u>Income</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 157,919.80	\$ 163,974.56	\$ 211,600.40
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 16,883.80	\$ 20,015.30	\$ 25,833.30
Other Income	\$ 16,256.60	\$ 12,659.69	\$ 12,433.30
Other Missions/Restricted	\$ 40,516.50	\$ 33,026.60	\$ 20,950.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 231,576.70</b>	<b>\$ 229,676.15</b>	<b>\$ 270,817.00</b>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries/Personnel	\$ 141,843.91	\$ 134,769.76	\$ 140,509.58
Administrative Expenses	\$ 19,915.96	\$ 18,395.96	\$ 21,600.93
Building/Grounds	\$ 53,170.62	\$ 37,050.55	\$ 58,115.96
Missions/Outreach	\$ 47,466.44	\$ 43,333.37	\$ 36,523.40
Christian Education	\$ 4,391.96	\$ 2,908.75	\$ 6,733.40
Other Expenses	\$ 14,398.05	\$ 8,672.48	\$ 10,074.20
248 Livingstone Expenses	\$ 6,513.94	\$ 6,954.47	\$ 7,832.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 287,700.88</b>	<b>\$ 252,085.34</b>	<b>\$ 281,389.67</b>
<b>Excess Income\Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (56,124.18)</b>	<b>\$ (22,409.19)</b>	<b>\$ (10,572.67)</b>
<u>Net Cash Position</u>			
Net Cash Position on January 1, 2019	\$ 69,561.98	January 1, 2018	\$ 56,412.63
Excess Expenses	\$ (56,124.18)	Excess Expenses	\$ (22,409.19)
Net Cash Position October 31, 2019	<u>\$ 13,437.80</u>	October 31, 2018	<u>\$ 34,003.44</u>
Bank Balance Oct. 31, 2019	\$ 19,229.07	October 31, 2018	\$ 34,667.85
HST Receivable	\$ 863.73	HST Receivable	\$ 657.91
Less: Liabilities (Misc. Charities)	\$ (6,655.00)	Less: Liabilities Held	\$ (1,322.32)
Net Cash Position October 31, 2019	<u>\$ 13,437.80</u>	October 31, 2018	<u>\$ 34,003.44</u>

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



CHURCH USHERS.. who make side bets.. next on Oprah!

Submitted By:

*Pamela D. Coleman*





THE *Music* OF  
CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

2:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

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PRESENTED BY  
**KNOX CHOIR & FRIENDS**

Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel

Free will offering at the door  
A portion of proceeds will be donated to a local charity

In the event of bad weather, the snow-date will be  
Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.