

KNOX NEWS

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



Next Holy Communion—June 5, 2022

Help Wanted

There are a couple of areas where we are looking for your help.



The Garden Committee

Happy Spring. We are looking for people to help out with maintaining the flowerbeds.

Ushering

We need people to help welcome people to our services as an Usher. Ideally, we need about 3 Ushers per Sunday.

If you are able to help out with either of these, please contact Pam in the office.

Upcoming Dates

- June 5 **Communion Sunday**
Profession of Faith
- June 12 **Trinity Sunday** with Rev, Kees Vandermeij
Sunday School Wrap Up
- June 19 **Father's Day** with Melanie Koch Nichol
- July 1 Canada Day - Office Closed
- July 18-22 Vacation Bible School



As of May 8, our giving's to **Presbyterians Sharing** totals **\$6,064.00** which is **19.56 %** of our pledged amount of **\$ 31,000.00** for this year. In other words, we are about **\$6,853 SHORT** of where we should be at this time in our giving's!

VBS 2022

From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from the Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories.



We would love to provide children with a wonderful Island Adventure **but we need your help to make it happen!**

We are planning to hold VBS in the morning from July 18 to July 22. If you are able to help out, there is a sign up sheet in the Main Hall.

We continue to collect money for the **war in the Ukraine**. As a member of ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D are well placed to provide immediate life-saving food security, shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene support, and will address the longer-term needs of refugees and host communities. Please mark the 3rd portion of your envelope PWS&D "Ukraine" if you want to donate to this cause.

As of May 8, we have collected **\$15,753.00** for the Ukraine War Relief appeal.

Search committee update.

Acts 1:21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, 22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." 23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." 26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Acts records the first election of a new minister. This new disciple replaced the vacancy left by the traitor Judas. This was something new for the young church, how to discern new leaders when Jesus is not there to choose and tell us directly. I am sure after much discussion and debate the 11 disciples decided that the replacement had to: 1) Have been in the company of men who stayed together with them from the time Jesus was baptized by John, up to the day of ascension. 2) He also needed to have been a witness to Jesus' resurrection. There were two nominations: Joseph Barsabbas, nicknamed Justus and Matthias. The next steps in discerning the right person to call is interesting to say in the least. The disciples prayed for guidance and then, very strangely, they drew straws. Matthias won. Isn't it strange that they used a form of gambling to determine the winner? But maybe in their mind they were leaving the choice up to God. No matter how you view this strange passage there is mystery and a tension between human decision making and God's will for us.

The Presbyterian search for a minister may seem mysterious and strange and long. The process has been refined over hundreds of years within the Presbyterian system of governance. The truth is, if done properly and with great discernment the system works. Even if a church views a ministry as a failure.... I question if it was. God in his wisdom is in control and a mistake in our human eyes maybe not be in God's eyes. God is preparing us for greater things in the future. Did you notice Matthias was chosen but we never hear of his ministry in the bible?

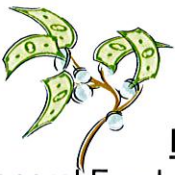
So, in a nutshell this is where we are at in this mysterious process of calling a minister. The search committee was formed and this committee wrote a profile for the church. The profile is a list of expected areas of expertise and needs within the church. A document outlining who and what the church is and what their vision is for the future. This document was reviewed and approved by Presbytery and then we posted the minister search on the National church web site. In the past few months, we had 11 ministers submit their application. With great care and diligence, the committee prayed, and reviewed the candidates' profiles. We currently are interviewing three candidates. It will be a challenge for the committee to discern who is the most qualified as they are all excellent ministers. Each with a different skill set and strengths. Maybe one of these candidates will be the next minister but then, maybe not. We ask your patience as the committee does its work. The committee was intentionally formed from a cross section of the church, from seniors to youth, from young families to retirees, from members in leadership positions to members at large. Each area of the church is well represented and the voices of the various ages and demographics are being heard and listened to.

So, what happens when a candidate is chosen? Again, we need patience, there are a few needed steps of checks and balances. First session is given a name. The session reviews the candidate and either yes or no. If yes, the candidate is invited to preach for the call. This means the potential minister will preach in Knox Listowel on a stated Sunday for everyone in the congregation to listen to. The congregation then votes on the candidate. The vote must be a strong majority of 90 percent or better. If this vote is a yes then the name is sent to our presbytery to be reviewed again.

Then the excitement begins with a called minister to your church, a new teaching elder. One cannot predict how long this process will take; this is in God's time. As you can see with the checks and balances in place it is a lengthy process. But I would be hopeful that between September and December of this year we would have a settled minister. But I temper that statement, this is my human desire; God's will might be different.

I must end with a thank you to this church. You have been so supportive of me in my role as interim moderator and it has been most appreciated. I will continue to pray for your church and its amazing ministry in Listowel.

God Bless *frnie*



Income & Expense Statement

January 1, 2022- April 30, 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 67,326.52	\$ 65,340.73	\$ 82,500.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 5,624.00	\$ 6,443.32	\$ 10,333.32
Other Missions	\$ 15,676.00	\$ 9,932.64	\$ 8,188.32
Other Income	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 678.18	\$ 1,300.00
Total Income	\$ 90,186.52	\$ 82,394.87	\$ 102,321.64

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Salaries/Personnel	\$ 30,277.35	\$ 59,863.74	\$ 30,114.83
Administrative Expenses	\$ 19,679.11	\$ 19,367.09	\$ 21,622.22
Building/Grounds	\$ 26,470.96	\$ 14,289.87	\$ 25,030.41
Missions/Outreach	\$ 15,796.00	\$ 10,182.32	\$ 13,229.36
Christian Education	\$ (422.90)	\$ 216.17	\$ 2,800.00
Ministry Expenses	\$ 7,348.10	\$ 503.56	\$ 5,266.68
Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.04
Music Ministry	\$ 1,300.56	\$ 235.06	\$ 2,600.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.68
248 Livingstone Expenses	\$ 4,318.80	\$ 4,223.74	\$ 4,243.94
Total Expenses	\$ 104,767.98	\$ 108,881.55	\$ 105,824.16
Excess Expenses	\$ (14,581.46)	\$ (26,486.68)	\$ (3,502.52)



Net Cash Position April 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
Net Cash Position on January 1, 2022	\$ 55,516.93	January 1, 2021	\$ 56,660.60
Excess Income/Expenses	\$ (14,581.46)	Excess Expenses	\$ (26,486.68)
Net Cash Position on April 30, 2022	\$ 40,935.47	Apr. 30, 2021	\$ 30,173.92

Bank Balance April 30, 2022	\$ 45,043.12	Apr. 30, 2021	\$ 38,180.29
HST Receivable	\$ 4,964.35	GST Receivable	\$ 1,572.69
Less: Liabilities (Habitat/Nicaragua)	\$ (9,072.00)	Less: Liabilities Held	\$ (9,579.06)
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submitted by *Pamela D. Coleman*

Crieff Hills is Hiring!



Thanks to the federal government, we are able to hire 7 young people this summer! Those aged 15-30 years old are invited to apply for a position in landscaping/farm work or for a position as an events and public relations assistant. Each job is



for 8 weeks (with flexible dates between June and August) and offers \$18.50 an hour.

The Canada Summer Jobs program is no longer limited to students, and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds and traditions, with priority for LGBTQ and BIPOC people.

Applicants can send a resume to Kristinedirector@crieffhills.com.

Kintail News 2022



Look at all the sand! For the past two years, the water level of Lake Huron (and all the Great Lakes) has been very high. On a calm day, there was a small section of beach, but on a wavy day, the beach disappeared! We all learned to love the rocks and pebbles that made up the shoreline, but the return of the sand is very welcome.

There are so many special memories on the beach at Kintail. It is pretty chilly down at the beach right now, with the ice just leaving a few weeks ago, but it

won't be long until we are gathered on the beach, splashing in the waves, and singing around a campfire as the sun goes down.

Sunday Suppers are back!

Skip the dishes! Don't stress about what to cook!

\$20.00/ Adult | \$10.00/ Youth ages 15 and under. RSVP for a table in our spacious dining hall between 4:00 and 6:30 to enjoy a wonderful night out! Not interested in dining in? Grab a superb meal to-go! Place your take-out order and come to the camp for pick-up from the comfort of your car!

Dates and Menu

June 5 - Roast Beef Dinner July 3 - Smoked Brisket & Sesame Chicken

Call 519-529-7317 to book or email admin@campkintail.ca

Register Now

Summer Camps are starting to fill up. Knox is once again offering camperships: Sprouts/Try-out Camps, Knox will pay \$440.70 (75%) and for other camps, \$ 389.85 (50%) The Campership code is KNOXLISTOWEL22. It is important to register using Tier B if using a campership. Please contact the office and let Pam know if you are using the camperships, or if you have any questions. **The deadline to use a Campership is June 5.**



We continue with our **Campership appeal**. We are hoping to send a large group to camp once again this year. If you wish to donate to the campership fund, mark "Kintail campership" on the 3rd portion of your envelope. If you just put "Kintail" it will go to Camp Kintail's general fund.



Used Stamps

I continue to collect nicely trimmed, used stamps, to ship to the Leprosy Missions of Canada in Markham, Ontario. Stamp wholesalers pay \$10.00 per pound for the stamps and \$6,000.00 completely cures 60 leprosy patients. If you have postcards or envelopes dated prior to 1950, kindly send them without removing the stamps, as they are greatly sought after by many collectors. They also welcome all foreign, as well as Canadian and American commemorative stamps. If you have any questions about their program, or would like to make a donation, go to www.effecthope.org or write to Leprosy Mission, 200-90 Allstate Parkway, Markham, Ontario L3R 6H3

Thank you for all of the stamps you put in the basket in the Main Hall and I will continue to send them as the Mission works towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. Phyllis Thompson



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