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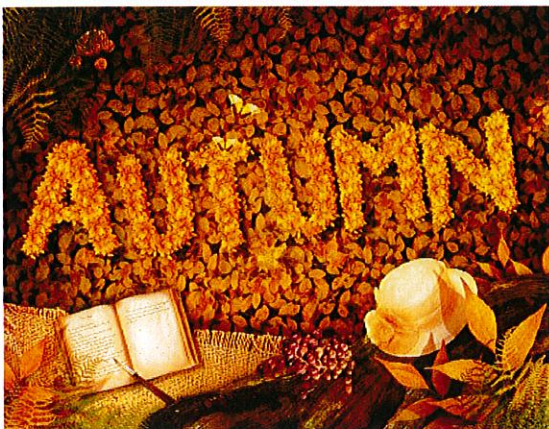
Next Holy Communion - October 2, 2022

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Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 2 World Communion Sunday,
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Sunday
- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day - **Office Closed**
- Oct. 15 CKNX Radiothon & Bake Sale
- Oct. 16 Anniversary Sunday
- Nov. 6 Remembrance Sunday-Clocks go Back
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 27 1st Sunday of Advent
& Baptism Sunday



Happy
Thanksgiving



Letter from Rev. James Clark

At the top of my church wide letter that I sent out in late August was a word, and the word was "Renew" Now, we all know that Presbyterians don't like change, and that is why I like the word Renew because it isn't change... the word renew has two meanings, renew means to resume (an activity) after an interruption or to extend something. To renew isn't to change, it is to do something again with new circumstance.

Psalm 51:10, Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Myself being called to Knox is renewal, both for Knox and it's family and for me and my family, new beginnings are happenings and that is exciting you know? Renewal isn't scary, it is exciting.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

I often think faith works like renewal, I am honestly skeptical of anyone who tells me that we should be believing or following Christ equally strongly throughout our entire life. Sometimes the faith is strong, sometimes it is weak, sometimes it is searching, sometimes retreating and that is ok, that is what renewal is for and Christ has grace for that.

Isaiah 40:31 But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint

So I hope in the next few months, you will join me in renewal at Knox Listowel, as we come out of covid, as I get to know everyone and hopefully they get to know each other better, remember renewal is a Christian concept and we can all be apart of it.

Hope to chat with you soon

Rev. James William Clark 3rd

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MacDonald Memorial Library Update -

Knox's library is back and our volunteers are looking forward to seeing you in the library. We have lots of new and old resources to suit your reading and viewing needs. Some of our new resources include a few new board books like *Noah's Noisy Night* and *My First Christmas Storybook*. For our young readers, we have twists to classics like *The Boy Who Shared His Sandwich* and *The House That Went Splat* and even a new joke book for all ages, and a seek and circle Bible Journeys book. New picture books include *Uniquely You* and *Thank you, Mama*. For those tweens and teens, we also have a new novel series called, *Meet the Daniels Sisters*. In our adult section, we have many new novels from The Creation Bookstore's top 20 list including *The Alaskan Saga* by Tracie Peterson, *A Time to Bloom* by Lauraine Snelling and *A Long Way Home* by Lynn Austin. If you enjoy suspense, consider *Critical Alliance* by Elizabeth Goddard or *Sunrise* or *Sunburst* by Susan May Warren. For an inspirational read, try *One at a Time*, a book devoted to discussing the unexpected way God wants to use you to change the world to unlock the power of small things done with great love. Many of you are familiar with some of these authors and you will not be disappointed with these new selections from the Macdonald Memorial library.



A special thank you goes to the Bessie MacMurchy group for their donation to make more selections available in our church library. We appreciate your support. Please consider stopping into the Knox library before or after church on Sundays.

Sincerely, Macdonald Memorial Library Volunteers



COMMUNION

The October communion will return to normal with the elders distributing the elements. The elders and Rev. Clark will wear masks during the distribution of the elements.

If you do not feel comfortable with this, you are welcome to bring your own elements from home or there will also be some juice and crackers at the entrances to Knox.

We would invite you to participate at home if you are joining us by livestream, using 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.

During the week following this upcoming Communion Sunday, October 2nd, Rev. James Clark 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. James will then call you to arrange a suitable time.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You to all the volunteers that helped keep our Knox Gardens beautiful this Spring/Summer and Fall!!

Donna, Laura, Betty, Cathy, Patti, Kelly, Liz & Dave, Ralph, Joyce



On June 21, 2022 after 75 years, the *Bessie MacMurchy* group decided to close their books. We wish to thank everyone for the support we received all these years, the friendships made and new people we have met. Blessings to you all.
Marsha Hamilton

WHS

FELLOWSHIP

It has been almost 3 years since the Fellowship Group has been able to meet. Many changes have happened to our faithful membership over that time. We are going to regroup and hope that many will join us. Our first meeting will be October 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Rev. Larry Skinner who will tell us about his journey from being a pig farmer to his ordination in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Shirley Suggitt 226-430-2220.

For the past couple of years, routine customs have been difficult to maintain. One of these was the *Over 90s Party*. Usually those over 90 would be invited to an afternoon party of entertainment, conversation and cake in June. Rather than cancel for a third year in a row, some creative thinking led to a reverse party. Those over 90 were visited briefly and given a decorated cupcake and a special card. The creative ideas came from Bobbi Jo Stewart, Chandra Martin and Donna McMillan; Ethel Corry joined them in the distribution because she was the face most of the 90 year olds recognized! Hopefully next year an in person party can be resumed.



Youth for Christ North Perth

Summer was great for the team at Youth for Christ! They were able to hold a week-long day camp at the Youth Centre. An overnight camp was held at Cypress Lake near Tobermory. The staff was also involved at Conestoga Bible Camp's Youth Week during the last week of August.

On July 5 the annual golf fundraiser was well attended, and very successful.

This Fall will see two nights of Youth Centre Drop In each week, on Tuesday and Thursday.

With school becoming more open again, the weekly Leadership program and volunteer coaching has begun again.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome to assist with the Drop In. Please contact the Centre if you are interested, or have any questions. (519-291-9296)

Submitted by Sue Knowlton



Are you, or someone you know, grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend? To help you through that most difficult time, Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel is once again 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

Our next GriefShare Programme will begin in the church main hall on Tuesday September 27 at 7:00 pm

For information or to register, please call Doug Sargent at 519-807-2238. For anyone interested in assisting in leadership with this programme, please call Doug for information.

Sunday September 25 is

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday.

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, The Presbyterian Church in Canada is working with international mission partners to share the good news of the gospel in countries around the world. Mission staff, short-term volunteers and grants support and accompany our mission partners in: Leadership development, Theological education, Bible translation, Evangelism and Christian education.

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help equip congregations for Christian education, worship, evangelism, stewardship, youth ministry, leadership development and justice work. Grants to synods and presbyteries support regional staff and creative initiatives for ministry and mission across Canada. Events like Canada Youth and Stewards by Design bring people together to share experiences and learn new skills. Short-term mission experiences encourage and support our mission partners in Canada and internationally – and help participants learn how to do mission locally.

As of September 4, our giving's to *Presbyterians Sharing* totaled \$ 13,220.00, which is 42.65% of our pledged amount for this year (\$ 31,000.00). In other words, we are about \$10,029.97 **SHORT** of where we should be at this time in our giving's!

We continue to collect for PWS&D towards the war in Ukraine and \$20,313.00 has been sent on behalf of this appeal to date.



Newspaper Recycling Fundraiser

Since January 2009, Knox has received a total of \$ 28,990 from the Home Hardware Distribution Center Newspaper Recycling Fundraiser. Please continue to ensure **only newspaper (NO advertisement flyers please)** is put in the red bin at the back of the church near the hedge. Please have papers either bound, boxed or in bags. NO loose papers please! Any questions about this program can be directed to the office.

Thank you to the volunteers that are sorting through the papers, and taking the newspapers to Home Hardware.



Income & Expense Statement

January 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 133,558.18	\$ 140,905.50	\$ 163,200.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 12,580.00	\$ 15,182.31	\$ 20,666.64
Other Income	\$ 3,137.75	\$ 1,283.57	\$ 7,200.00
Other Missions/Restricted	\$ 42,299.00	\$ 18,696.62	\$ 16,626.64
Total Income	\$ 191,574.93	\$ 176,068.00	\$ 207,693.28
<u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries/Personnel	\$ 57,160.93	\$ 117,624.35	\$ 84,551.92
Administrative Expenses	\$ 24,210.57	\$ 22,883.69	\$ 26,562.25
Building/Grounds	\$ 44,108.19	\$ 25,008.35	\$ 49,050.41
Missions/Outreach	\$ 43,691.00	\$ 22,115.31	\$ 29,258.72
Christian Education	\$ 2,339.07	\$ 1,596.75	\$ 5,800.00
Ministry Expenses	\$ 12,950.67	\$ 1,429.65	\$ 7,950.00
Library	\$ 62.23	\$ 72.67	\$ 1,800.08
Music Ministry	\$ 2,694.52	\$ 2,340.23	\$ 5,100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 70.90	\$ 589.39	\$ 33.36
248 Livingstone Expenses	<u>\$ 8,851.64</u>	<u>\$ 6,449.07</u>	<u>\$ 7,200.24</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 196,139.72	\$ 200,109.46	\$ 217,306.98
Excess Income\Expenses	\$ (4,564.79)	\$ (24,041.46)	\$ (9,613.70)

Net Cash Position

Net Cash Position on January 1, 2022	\$ 55,516.93	January 1, 2021	\$ 56,660.60
Excess Income/Expenses	\$ (4,564.79)	Excess Expenses	\$ (24,041.46)
Net Cash Position on Aug. 31, 2022	<u>\$ 50,952.14</u>	August 31, 2021	<u>\$ 32,619.14</u>
Bank Balance August 31, 2022	\$ 53,623.35	August 31, 2021	\$ 39,828.13
HST Receivable	\$ 5,006.82	HST Receivable	\$ 2,543.01
Less: Liabilities (Nicaragua /Camperships /Misc Charities)	\$ (7,678.03)	Less: Liabilities Held	\$ (9,752.00)
Net Cash Position on Aug. 31, 2022	<u>\$ 50,952.14</u>	August 31, 2021	<u>\$ 32,619.14</u>



Submitted By:

Pamela D. Coleman

Greetings from the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers would like to welcome Rev. James Clark to Knox Listowel and we pray that God's blessings shine upon him and his family as they settle in and make the transition to their new home in Listowel.

We would like to thank the congregation for their continued financial support thru the summer as this helps to maintain the beautiful church building that we have and we are hopeful that soon we can gather together again with church suppers and other group events to share some joy and laughter.

The church is always looking for volunteers as well the Board could always use new members and we ask that you prayerfully consider if there is a talent that you could share or a position that you might be able to help with.

Peace be with you.

Betty Bannerman, Chair of the Board of Manager's



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Things You Never Hear in Church

1. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.
2. I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time.
3. Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
4. I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.
5. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the junior high Sunday school class.
6. Forget the denominational minimum salary; let's pay our pastor what he's worth.
7. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
8. Since we're all here, let's start the service early.
9. Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.

