

KNOX UNITED

United in Sharing God's Love & Justice, Affirmed in a Community of Diversity

Annual Report 2020

Mission Statement: As a faith community we are committed to sharing God's love and grace and to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, study, work, action and fellowship.

As the people of Knox United Church we aim to provide a safe, nurturing environment where we accept and welcome all into the life and ministry of the Knox family: persons of any age, colour, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, social or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and freedom for all of God's people.

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**Spirit Kids' Club Family
Fun at the
Brandon Hills**



**The Knox Konnexion
Youtube Channel is
launched in March**



**In Betweeners and CE
Host Family Fun at the
Kemnay Recreation
Centre**

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Agenda for the 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting
February 7, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Knox Mission Statement
4. Moments of Remembrance
5. Approval of Agenda, Minutes of Last Congregational Meeting, and Voting Rights of Members and Adherents.
 Omnimotion:
 That the agenda be approved as written, that all present have the right to vote at this meeting, and that the minutes of the November 22, 2020 Congregational Meeting be approved as distributed.
6. Introduction of Council
7. Committee Reports – Questions and Answers
8. Planned Giving Report
9. Business Arising
10. Mission and Service Fund
11. Review of the 2020 Financial Report (not reviewed externally at this time)
13. Operating Budget 2021
14. New Business
 - a. Insurance
15. Adjournment
16. Commissioning and Blessing

Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

Baptisms 2020

October 18, 2020 Bron Norman Monias, child of Jeremy Monias and Elilah Knott

October 25, 2020 Evan Kowalchuk, child of Trevor Kowalchuk and Kristi Grift

Marriages 2020

August 8, 2020 Collin Reid Moskal and Stacy Irene Chapman

Deaths 2020

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Date of Burial</u>	<u>Name</u>
April 2020		Joe Gieni
April 15, 2020		Reg Eamer
November 29, 2020		John Spak

Knox United Church Council

MINISTER: Rev. Craig Miller

CHAIR: Sharon Christmas

VICE CHAIR: Debby Dandy

SECRETARY: Sharon McIntosh

TREASURER: Shelley Tataryn

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL: **Coleen Wall**, Deb Carnegie, Art Godfrey, Les, Kelly, Margaret Whetter, Laurie Crowe

WORSHIP: **Diane Shepherd**, Meg Carrington, Pat Cavanagh, Peggy Barrows, Phyllis Digby, Cheryl Doull

PROPERTY: **Roger Bright**, Tony Wall, Robert Campbell, Steve Derendy, Brian Manns, Barry Bromley, Orval Henderson

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & MEMBERSHIP: **David Barrows**, Shirley Armstrong, Gayle Watt, Ida Hallatt, Linda Schrader, Lynn Cupples

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: **Leanne Sprung**, Mel Doyle, Jill Hannah-Kayes, Madelyn Robinson, Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette

OUTREACH: **Wayne Digby**, Debby Dandy, Maureen Cobb, Susie McPherson-Derendy, Lorraine Pompana, Gerald Whetter, Lydia Glawson. Madelyn Robinson

GREEN TEAM: **Wayne Clayton**, Ken Wojnarski, Orval Henderson, Wayne Digby, Les Kelly, Madelyn Robinson, Quentin Robinson

STEWARDSHIP: **Alan Moulin**, Vern Gilbertson, Duncan Waddell, David Paul, Vivian Mitchell, Jim Cornett

AFFIRM COMMITTEE: **Laura Crookshanks**, Lynne Manns, Kathleen Richards, Sharyn Hayter, Mel Doyle, Deirdre Taylor-John, Tara Leach

TRUSTEES: Wayne Clayton, Norman Brown, Vivian Mitchell, Doug Crookshanks, Craig Miller

Chairperson's Report

I must confess, preparing reports on the computer is not one of my favorite jobs, SO I have taken the laptop to our kitchen table, which looks west so I can periodically look at the absolutely beautiful day we have before us this morning. The hoar frost, at least two inches thick, has covered every tree in our backyard and beyond and now the sun has come out and the frost and snow are a truly sparkling wonder. Inspiration, I hope!

I am two things for sure, an extrovert and an optimist. This past year has proven very difficult to be either of these things. I am very thankful to have had the Knox Family help me get through 2020. I am very "optimistic" that 2021 will be a better year and that we can get back to in-house worship, meetings, friendly gatherings and an opportunity to feed your soul as well as mine.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the following who have kept the church running smoothly this past year. Everyone has done a remarkable job!

TO - Rev. Craig Miller and the music crew, Bernie, Jane and Mindy, who have live streamed our Sunday Morning Worship. The opportunity to get together every Sunday morning has been a blessing for all of us.

TO – All those that provide an opportunity to gather for an evening of music together, giving us an opportunity to sing out loud and sound very good doing so!

TO – Sharon McIntosh our office manager. There were new challenges weekly but you kept the church running smoothly in a caring and dedicated way.

TO – Charles, our caretaker, who rose to the challenge of keeping the church extra clean and sanitized as well as looking after the normal caretaking duties.

TO - Shelley our Treasurer, for putting in extra hours making it possible to get CERB and all other financial opportunities offered by the government. It really helped with our budget.

TO – All Committee chairs and members who have worked hard under trying circumstances to keep us "zoomed" in about our church, our community and the wider church and the world.

TO – Roger our property man, if he can't do it nobody can! He has worked countless hours painting and repairing all parts of our church, inside and out. At every council meeting he has a list of accomplished projects that has been done. WOW!

TO – All Knox volunteers who silently work behind the scenes. You and your loyal dedication keep our church vibrant for our Knox family and the community.

We will get through this 2021 year together with fewer surprises "hopefully" and God's strength to see us through to 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Christmas

Annual Report by Rev. Craig S. Miller

Indian novelist, Arundhati Roy, reflecting on the global pandemic and our desire to return to our old lives, to what we experienced as “normal” before the pandemic, reminded us at the outset of this global virus that, “historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This [pandemic] is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next.” Writing from India, she advised, “We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it.”

You know the challenges that we faced as a community of faith during 2020. While we longed to meet face to face, and those who are not comfortable with technology felt isolated, the pandemic forced us to get out of the building and into a virtual space that extended our ability to be community beyond Brandon.

Folks from rural Manitoba, other provinces, and even viewers from outside of Canada, joined our Livestream worship celebrations. There were over 440 views of both the Easter and Christmas Eve celebrations on our Youtube channel. And some of you connected from the lake this summer. Who says miracles don’t happen!

We heard from people that had never entered a Christian sanctuary for worship but were willing to join us from the comfort of their own home. Multiple individuals have shared with us that they want to become a part of our community once we resume in-person engagements.

We heard from United Church members in rural communities, where no ministry personnel are currently serving, thankful for the opportunity to join with a UCC community during such a challenging time. Some of them sent financial donations, with notes of gratitude.

Others watched while they were hospitalized or receiving treatment.

Our Livestream team enjoyed a wonderful camaraderie, and I want to especially thank Jane, Mindy, and Bernie for their commitment, skill, and creativity. It’s quite challenging to stare at a camera in an empty room and connect with a virtual audience. I could not have done it without them.

Our Hootenanny Sing-Alongs on Zoom, Soul Cafe offerings on Facebook and Youtube, and our Holiday concerts on Youtube also engaged folks outside of Brandon.

Over 600 people viewed one of Quentin and Madelyn Robinson’s songs on our Facebook page in the spring.

And what a joy to sing again with Donna Kormillo, joining us from Winnipeg, and meeting family members living in other provinces.

We also celebrated our first Christmas pageant in 9 years, An Ugly Christmas Sweater Christmas Pageant. Everyone got in on the action. What fun!

Our youth director, Antoinette Gravel Ouellette, stayed connected with our youth on Zoom, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Talk about a steep learning curve! There were scavenger hunts, games, and opportunities for reflection. Signs of Hope were created during Pride week and over the New Year and posted on our lawn. We hosted an outdoor game day in October, and they shared a story during our pageant.

Spirit Kids' Club continued on Zoom, and what a time we had together. It was enlightening to see and hear from our children joining us from the comfort of their own homes, a very different environment from sitting together on the chancel steps. We shared many laughs, and our leaders were so creative and engaging, even delivering at-home activity kits this fall and winter. We hosted, at the request of the children, an Easter season dance party. And we enjoyed our races at the bike park.

Knox is known for actively engaging in justice initiatives, and we didn't let the pandemic stop us. Once again, we took some flack in the Brandon Sun for a message on our sign. It read, "Jesus was a Protestor, Speak Out Against Racism."

In response, Knox hosted an outdoor gathering in June at the request of youth from our local high schools involved in the Black Lives Matter movement. Youth and adults gathered in the green space to hear from a diverse group of speakers.

Youth, young adults, and Knox members supported the Fridays for Future Climate Strikes at noon on Fridays. Shoe strikes were organized for times when we needed to follow restrictions on the size of outdoor groups.

Members of our committees promoted and participated in online gatherings that explored diverse topics, including reconciliation, renewable agriculture, transgender rights, affirming ministry, and eco-justice.

In November, we held our first virtual congregational meeting. It was gratifying to have new participants and at least as many present, if not more, as when we meet in person. As a result of this meeting, two new projects received approval, the Tipi Legacy Project and the Livestream Equipment Enhancement Project. Both are cutting edge and will serve us well into the future.

Rental and fundraising revenue was impacted severely by the pandemic; however, the community responded, and we finished the year with a surplus. The generosity of our community went above and beyond once again. And how about those lunches hosted by the In-Betweeners in June and October. Over two hundred meals served at each event. Our new treasurer, Shelley Tataryn, participated in multiple meetings with our General Counsel and assisted us with applying for federal subsidies and grants. Her work was of significant benefit to our community, and there may be more funds to come to help us during this challenging time.

Our Council outdid itself, offering guidance and leadership on multiple fronts with good humour and much wisdom. The group developed a new emergency action plan. The Executive and our Office Administrator, updated rental guidelines. The Council reviewed and made recommendations on multiple projects. And we applied for several new grants that may assist us with security equipment and operating funds.

I am grateful for the work of our staff during this very challenging time. Sharon adapted to public health guidelines and kept us up to date on provincial mandates. Charles worked with the M&P committee to follow best practices and flexed his schedule to assist with the nursery school and the before and after school programs. I've already mentioned Bernie, Jane, and Antoinette's contributions. We're fortunate to have a great team of people.

Thank you for your support and encouragement over the past year. It made all the difference during this challenging time. We're better together. — Craig

Chaplain's Report to Knox 2020 From Joe Ball

Jan. 5.2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

My, what a year it has been. Among the many losses has been the fellowship of faith, as we have not been able to safely gather for worship since March of last year. I foresee that we will continue to be apart from each other until at least March of this year, and likely, for many months more. However, I am comforted in the faith that reminds us of G-d's presence with us always, through the Spirit of Christ.

My work in the Spiritual Care Department at the Brandon Hospital has been coloured by the crisis of COVID-19, but if anything, my work has brought me into contact with even more people than usual. What has changed is the uniform, which is no longer limited to a suit jacket – and maybe one of Wayne Clayton's old ties. Now, I'm often doffing those to don a yellow gown and blue gloves. And always, everywhere, a blue mask and a big pair of plastic lenses.

Over the year, I note that I made about 1050 visits, and spent just shy of 800 hours in direct delivery of Spiritual Care to patients and families. I was also available after hours for a further 1,600 hours in 2020. My notes say that I presided at 12 funerals, but only one wedding, as this year saw many weddings postponed. I don't keep track of the hours spent in meetings, but believe me, there were many more of those, mostly connected to pandemic planning.

On a personal note, my thanks for the many from Knox who sent condolences following my mother's death in July. She was in care for the last years of her life, and the pandemic limited our visits with her in her last months of life. Thankfully, just three days prior to her death, I was able to take my father in for a visit in the garden at Misericordia Place. It was a comfort to both of us to have seen her so soon before her sudden death after a long illness. Her funeral, like so many, has been delayed by the pandemic restrictions. I have used the time to build a box for her ashes, which has provided opportunity for reflection and remembrance.

As the vaccines become available to Manitobans, there is hope that we will all be able at some point in this new year to look back in reflection and remembrance. As Churchill once said, "This is not the end, not even the beginning of the end; but it is perhaps the end of the beginning." Certainly, the arrival of the vaccines provides a tool that we can use, beyond our social engineering, to combat the COVID.

From this point in the pandemic, I can only be grateful for the incredible privilege of ministry in the midst of things. I want to thank the Knox community for your continued prayer for our patients and the staff who serve here, in the thick of things.

While the loss of our corporate worship and fellowship are difficult for us, they are a sacrifice and offering that helps to keep our community safe during this pandemic. During Passover, our Jewish sisters and brothers give voice to their hope and steadfast faith when they pledge, "Next year in Jerusalem." That same faith in G-d's steadfast love inspires my hope that we will see the other side of this time of sickness; and may there be joy when we are gathered together, and soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe

Knox Music Team Report

As usual, our music program got off to a great start in 2020. And yes, we did have 2020 vision for our music leadership for the year. Reverend Craig creatively developed our worship themes starting the year off with “Listen to the Children” followed by “Entering the Passion of Jesus” for the season of Lent.

Then, like all other activities at Knox and around the world, the Covid Pandemic shut down our music program abruptly after our March 8 service. By this time, the choir was one month into our rehearsals for our Spring Concert. Our theme was “Home”. There are so many beautiful songs about Home to choose from. Little did we know at that time that we would all be seeing A LOT of our homes as the pandemic unfolded and restrictions tightened. However, good music does not disappear and when life resumes to normality, we will pick up our rehearsals and present our concert to you. “Home” for certain will have a new meaning for us all - both positive and negative.

Missing only one Sunday, the Music team, guided by Craig’s creative genius, picked up the pieces and carried on in Virtual format beginning March 22. These services proved to bring a lot of joy to both us as the ones in front of the camera and to the audience who so faithfully watched and supported us. We quickly learned that it brought a sense of community to us all even though we could not be together. Through word and music, we were able to deliver meaningful and timely messages of faith, calm, challenge, and joy. It was a pleasure to have guests with us as restrictions allowed. In May, we enjoyed Karen Canche (Cello) and Amanda Contreras (Violin), both master’s students at BU and both from Mexico. Ben Lamont (Guitar) and Naomi Foreman (Voice) joined us for the Advent and Christmas season. It was also great fun and a rewarding experience to play the bells on Christmas Eve. This was our debut with the bells and certainly created much interest from our audience. Thank you to Eileen McLachlan and the Central Community Bell Ringers for so kindly offering these bells to Knox. We will make good use of them now that we have a successful start.

What 2021 holds for us is uncertain. We know that we will not be back together for some time and when that day comes, it will no doubt be different. In a letter to the choir, I mentioned that we will look for different ways to offer our message in music, possibly with small groups, instrumental, physically distanced performances, and yes, the bells!

The music team always appreciates the support and love we receive from the congregation at Knox United. That is what feeds us and gives us inspiration.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Whetter, Choral Director

Worship Committee Report

Committee: Diane Shepherd, Peggy Barrows, Pat Cavanagh, Phyllis Digby, Cheryl Doull, Meg Carrington, Bernie Whetter.

This report may reflect the “chaos” that ensued with Covid19 entering our lives.

We started 2020 in a normal manner with Sunday services, candles to light, voices raised in song and hope for a new year. Reverend Craig’s first theme for 2020 was ‘Listen to the Children’ (Season of Epiphany). The sanctuary banners were those made by our youth and children.

Lent began in February with March 1st being the first Sunday of Lent and the theme was ‘Entering the Passion of Jesus, Picturing Ourselves in the Story’. The sanctuary was decorated with picture frames.

In-person services were cancelled starting March 15th, but due to the diligence of Craig and others we were able to start live streaming worship March 22nd – wonderful! Thank you to all who helped set this up and to those who have made the services a joy to behold.

The theme for the Easter season was ‘The Heart of the Matter’. This Easter Season we will encourage one another to truly live out the heart of the matter. (Theme material adapted from Worship Design Studio).

The theme for the start of autumn is ‘The Season of Creation; Reconnecting with the Wisdom in Earth’s Soulscapes’. After Thanksgiving, the Worship theme was ‘The Great Adventure: Becoming a New Creation’.

‘I Believe Even When.....Fill the Night with Music and Light’. Advent has begun.

Communion was served on February 23rd, and we were able to share communion, via You Tube, on Good Friday, April 10th, June 14th, September 27th and November 1st.

There were two Baptisms held in October, on two different Sundays to accommodate social distancing.

Thank you to Craig and Bernie for the decorating of the sanctuary to fill the space for Sunday services. I don’t know if there were other contributors, but thank you. Diane did help with the trees for Advent.

This cannot be said enough, thank you to all who have helped, been a part of our livestream services, it warms my heart to see and participate from home!

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Shepherd
Worship Committee

Affirm Committee Report

Committee: Laura Cookshanks, Mel Doyle, Sharyn Hayter, Lynne Manns, Kathleen Richard, Deidra Taylor-John, Tara Leach

In March, as we were making our final preparations for hosting our annual “PIE” Event (the Public, Intentional and Explicit initiative of Affirm United), the pandemic reached Manitoba and everything shut down. This was very disappointing as it would have been the first celebration held by our Affirm Cluster of churches in southwestern Manitoba.

Despite not meeting in person over the last several months, members of the committee have participated in several online events, including Zoom meetings of Affirm United and some webinars hosted by Affirming Connections in Alberta and Westworth United Church’s Interfaith Response to Racism series.

The October 25th Worship Service recognized the 10th Anniversary of Knox becoming an Affirming Ministry. One of our members attended and was happy to read messages sent by Rev. David Cathcart and Tessa Russell-Hopkinson, both of whom were on the initial Affirming Committee that began the affirming process at Knox.

In November, Knox participated in organizing and hosting a virtual Trans Day of Remembrance Service at noon and evening Vigil. It was well-received by members of the community as it is an important time to remember Trans folk from all over the world who have lost their lives over the past year.

We look forward to becoming more active again in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Crookshanks

Christian Education Committee Report

Committee: Leanne Sprung (Chair), Jill Hannah-Kayes (Substitute teacher, Junior Group), Mel Doyle (Junior Group), Madelyn Robinson (Wigglin 'Worship Room), Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette (Youth Director). The Sunday School Superintendent position is vacant.

Spirit Kid's Club

Three groups are offered each Sunday, following the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum; Wigglin 'Worship Room (infant – preschool), Junior (K – Grade 5), Intermediate and Senior (Grade 6 +), dependent on activities and numbers. Weekly Sunday gatherings continued successfully until March when public health restrictions caused the closure of the church and limited in person gatherings.

March 1 was the first intergenerational event of the year at the now annual Knox Family Fun Event at Kemnay Recreational Centre featuring skating, board games, snowmobile rides and food. 60 people joined and enjoyed the activities and fun contests. This popular event gives our children and youth a chance to gather outside of Sunday mornings at church; with each other, friends and others in the church. It is a significant part of building our Knox Community.

December 22 was the second intergenerational event of the year and our first online pageant, An Ugly Christmas Sweater Christmas Pageant. All children and youth had a chance to speak a part and all congregation members had a chance to sing well known Christmas Carols. For many, this was the first time to see one another since we were last together in person for church in March. It was a well-received event!

Between March 1 and December 6, the two younger groups began to meet online twice per month to make a craft, hear a story and sing songs based on a combination of the curriculum and seasonal themes. When public health restrictions eased in May, there were two in person gatherings at the bicycle park.

In September, the Junior group met at the Brandon Hills Conservation Area, with Madelyn Robinson leading a lesson and songs with Quentin. Six children and their families enjoyed the nature hike in G_d's creation.

Three sets of "SKC at Home" kits were prepared and distributed for 14 children in the age 3 to Grade 5 age group. The kits are available on request as promoted in the Friday announcement emails. Thanks to Peggy Wojnarski for sewing the bags for the kits – Leanne donated Christmas fabric and children were encouraged to use the bags for wrapping Christmas gifts...part of caring for creation!

Knox Youth

Last year was, for sure, a first for all of us with COVID-19 happening and the church's closing.

In the first part of the year Antoinette led a youth games night in January with eight youth participating. In March an overnight retreat for the youth was planned and needed to be postponed due to Covid.

Antoinette and Julia Schettler are alternating leading the Intermediate/Senior group on Sunday morning. This leaves time for Antoinette to lead youth activities outside of Sunday morning. This took place in the first part of the year.

Once we needed to move to a new way of connecting, the older youth started to meet on line for SKC and for activities.

For Pride Week in June the youth made signs that were posted on the front lawn of Knox.

Coming back in the fall Antoinette and Craig had an outdoor event with games and snacks at The Riverbank Discovery Centre and had 13 youth in attendance.

Moving back into COVID-19 restrictions, the older youth wanted to meet weekly and are doing leadership training by Zoom. This has been well attended and the youth are creating and engaged. SKC is meeting twice a month with the older youth starting to take on some of the leadership roles.

The older youth have created an Instagram page where they are responsible for posting "good news" and have called it Knox_Knews. They post weekly news items that are local, world and inspirational. Recently they put together signs to encourage people around COVID-19 and have them tied to the trees in the front of Knox.

We are hoping to be able to meet again in person soon and will continue with the plan that was made last year.

Adult CE

The committee partnered with the Green Team to host six sessions (before the lock down) of "One Strange Rock." The National Geographic documentary is narrated by astronauts (including Canada's remarkable Chris Hadfield) and explores our planet's unique place in the solar system. Craig made connections between faith and science and we discussed each episode together over popcorn.

A fall six session study via Zoom; 'Why are We Here?' by Mary Jo Leddy on Monday mornings at 10:00 am and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. There were 13 folks who participated. Craig was hoping that by offering a morning and evening session we would have greater participation but that was not the case. Some folks may not be interested or able to gather on Zoom.

The Broadview Reading Club, initiated by Laura Crookshanks and Debby Dandy, engaged some new folks in conversation and is a great way to promote the excellent journalism in the magazine. The first one was 29 October, at 10 am and continued over winter.

Respectfully submitted,
Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette, Craig Miller, Leanne Sprung

Ministry & Personnel Committee Report

Members of the Ministry & Personnel Committee

Coleen Wall – Chair, Deb Carnegie, Laurie Crowe, Art Godfrey, Margaret Whetter, Les Kelly

As I write this Annual Report I am thinking about how thankful/grateful I am for a lot of things. I am grateful for the committee members I have working with myself and staff, I am incredibly grateful for all our staff and how they have managed to continue to inspire me working through this pandemic, I am grateful for our church council, how we have worked together also through the pandemic, and I am grateful for our congregation that have been supportive of all the workings that have been going on with our church.

This year started off with a meeting in January, then we did not have a meeting till April as the worry of the pandemic started to unravel. In March we saw our fearless leaders take to Live Streaming our worship services. I am sure behind the scenes that we all do not see there was a sense of pandemonium! Live Streaming has had it hiccups but for the most part it has been well received by our congregation. Seeing our numbers weekly online and then views after Sunday makes me proud of how many of us, and many not technically great with computers, have adapted; and we welcome many from a distance as well. We saw staff adapting to moving back and forth from the office to home when pandemic changes were happening. Sharon has remained in the office since September when Brandon Nursery School began its 2020-21 term and the BU Before & After school daycare began to use our facilities. Charles has stepped up learning and adapting to cleaning and sanitizing our church so it remains a safe place. Through July and August, our staff continued to produce weekly pre-recorded services. Antoinette, Craig and Leanne offered SKC kid's programs through Zoom and socially distancing when possible, and continue to do so.

A huge thank you to all our staff at Knox: Rev. Craig Miller - Minister, Sharon McIntosh - Office Administrator, Charles Ingram - Caretaker, Bernie Whetter - Choral Director, Jane Skinner - Organist, Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette - Youth Director. Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed.

M & P would like to thank Marg Whetter and Les Kelly for their years on the committee. Your part as liaisons and continued support to the committee will be missed! Thank you!

I would also like to thank Deb Carnegie - our secretary, and liaison to Bernie Whetter & Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette, Art Godfrey - liaison to Sharon McIntosh, and Laurie Crowe - our financial person who is great with crunching numbers. I, Coleen Wall, continue to be the chairperson and liaison to Charles Ingram, Jane Skinner, and Craig Miller until we can find a couple of new members to join our committee.

I am sure I have missed some points that I should have brought up in this report. My main point though is to thank all our staff and any volunteers who have helped and continue to support us in steering this ship on our journey through 2020- 2021, and hopefully by next fall we are able to meet again together!

Stay Safe!

Blessings
Coleen Wall
Chair of M & P

Stewardship Committee Report

Committee: Alan Moulin, Chair (2012 to present), Vern Gilbertson (2013 to present), Duncan Waddell (2013 to present), David Paul (2016 to present), Vivian Mitchell (Fundraising 2018 to present), James Cornett (2018 to November 2020).

The Stewardship Committee supported the Knox congregation with respect to projects and opportunities for service and fund raising; and provided input to council related to these activities in 2020. Our committee thanks the congregation for their generosity during 2020, which resulted in a net surplus of \$1,492.08 for Knox. This surplus occurred in the context of reduced income due to rentals, decreases in expenditures, and significant government grants.

The past year was a challenge for the Stewardship Committee, as our fundraisers were cancelled due to the covid regulations. Furthermore, the committee does not anticipate organizing a fundraiser until October 2021. The activities of the Stewardship committee will continue with respect to supporting service to Knox United Church, as budgeted expectations for donations from the congregation in 2021 will increase. This expectation is based on the premise that the church will achieve a balanced budget in 2021.

Church donations increased in 2020 due to the pledge campaign, and in response to other requests. However, the number of pledges returned to Knox was low, following the fall campaign. Our committee plans to review the year-end summary of giving to the church, to assess the potential for donations and service in 2021. Members of the committee recognize the significance of bequests to the church in 2021, and the importance of planned giving.

Membership in Stewardship will change in 2021, as Vern Gilbertson will leave the committee in Spring of 2021, and James Cornett left the committee in November 2020. Vern was a long-time member of the Stewardship Committee and played a key role in many of our fund raisers, as a planner and worker. Jim was relatively new to committee; he participated in meetings and projects, and recommended new ideas for the future. We thank them both for their contribution, they will be missed. Vivian Mitchell volunteered to join the committee in 2021, based on her previous participation in our fund raisers. Current members of the committee are Alan Moulin chair, Vern Gilbertson till June or July 2021, Duncan Waddell, David Paul, Vivian Mitchell and Peggy Wojnarski. The committee welcomes Peggy who joined the committee in January 2021.

Please contact Alan Moulin, chair of Stewardship, if you have any new ideas for service and fund raising. Our church and many service organizations are rapidly adapting to new circumstances due to covid, we need new ideas and opportunities.

Submitted by,
Alan Moulin

Congregational Care and Membership Committee Report

Committee: David Barrows, Shirley Armstrong, Ida Hallatt, Linda Shrader, Lynn Cupples, Gayle Watt

The committee is responsible for a variety of activities that involve pastoral care, social events, and general oversight of the care of the congregation. Several subcommittees are appointed to look after the following:

- Pew Registers
- Kitchen Care
- Sunday Morning Coffee
- Friendly Visitors
- Mailing Cards
- Knitting Circle
- Funeral Luncheons

Because of Covid 19 and the various restrictions that were put in place during 2020, most of the committee's normal activities were not possible. The only thing that continued as usual was the sending of cards. Early in the year Gayle Watt took on this job of sending cards to those who experience significant milestones or a major transition in their life. Christmas greetings were also sent to those who might be in need of some extra Christmas cheer.

When worship in the sanctuary was not possible our usual contact with the congregation could not happen. Soon after this began, the committee attempted to contact as many of the congregation as possible. This was done by phone or email.

Of course we look forward to the time when worship in the sanctuary can begin again, but until then, we will do what we can to provide the best congregational care possible under these difficult circumstances.

Submitted by
David Barrows for Congregational Care and Membership Committee

Spring and Fall Luncheons

The SPRING luncheon was held on May 21st and the FALL LUNCHEON was held on October 28th. Due to Covid restrictions both had to be done by delivery or pick-up only. This was a bit of a challenge, but because of very competent volunteers, they were very successful. The spring luncheon profit was \$1,627.00 and the fall luncheon profit was \$1,938.00. Thank you to the volunteers who donated food and helped prepare 208 luncheons in the spring and 210 luncheons in the fall. All money went to help support our operating fund at Knox. Will we have to have this style again this year? We'll keep you posted!!!

Submitted by:
Sharon Christmas,
Luncheon Coordinator.

Brunch Bunch

Due to the Covid restrictions placed upon us in the middle of March last year only two brunches took place, the first Sunday in February and March.

The dedicated kitchen crew are able and willing to continue preparing brunch for our congregation when we are able to gather again in person. Looking forward to it!

Submitted by,
Sharon Christmas

Outreach Committee Report

Committee: Wayne Digby (Chair), Lydia Glawson, Maureen Cobb, Debby Coombs-Dandy, Susie McPherson, Lorraine Pompana, Madelyn Robinson, Gerald Whetter

Mission and Service - Through the Mission and Service Fund, our outreach efforts join with those of other United Church communities of faith to serve those in need in Canada and around the globe. In typical times, the work of the M&S fund is highlighted through Minutes for Mission, presented verbally or through video during Sunday worship. Since March, when we moved to virtual worship services, M&S promotion can now be found in the weekly email newsletter. Our inability to gather in person for worship has not diminished Knox's commitment to M&S. Our 2020 goal of \$40,000 was surpassed with a total contribution of \$40,604.23

Samaritan House Work Bee *Feeding Families* - Knox, Trinity and Central decided to continue doing monthly work bees bagging flour, rice, brown and white sugar for the families accessing the food bank. Samaritan House supplied the four cup bags for us this year. Trinity hosted in January, Knox in February and plans were underway for a work bee at Central in March when co-vid brought it to a halt. Prior to the work bee, the host church checks in with Marcia Hamm-Wiebe, hamper coordinator and gives a short report on number of hampers distributed that month and most wanted items for the Food Bank. Thanks to Knox members who dropped off food and clothing items at the church during Covid. These were delivered to Samaritan House.

Bear Clan Support - Cyndi Price, one of the Bear Clan members alerts an Outreach Member of any specific needs and then the announcement is posted in our weekly emails to Knox members. Thanks to the Knox people who have provided muffins on a few occasions this year. Outreach also made a donation of \$200.00 from the Benevolent Fund to this group.

Benevolent Fund - Thanks to Sharon, our church manager for ordering the Sobeys Gift cards. We are able to profit from the sales of these cards. Amount earned up to December 31, 2020 is \$2,025.00. Donations of \$200 to the Bear Clan and \$500 to the 7th St. Health Access Centre were made. Balance is \$1,165.00. Thanks to members who continue to buy the Sobeys Gift cards.

Support to incarcerated people leaving BCI - Linda Johnston, Community and Institutional Programs Coordinator at the John Howard Society presented at a brown bag lunch at Knox in November 2019. She explained how individuals leaving the Brandon Correctional Institute often have no personal supplies to get started in a new living situation. The support services in the community require details like an address, can't start until after an orientation is scheduled, or require references, etc. This means that men are required to find shelter as best they can, and make do without the items which would facilitate a positive interface with the community. In early 2020 Outreach members explored the possibility of working with John Howard to prepare backpacks for men leaving BCI. These backpacks were to contain hygiene items, information about

accessing resources, basic clothing items, etc. With the Covid lockdown this initiative was put on hold until we can start meeting in person.

Chaplaincy Art Contest - Each year correctional chaplains ministering in Manitoba's provincial centres organize an annual art contest for adult inmates and youth residents. The contest is sponsored by the Manitoba Multifaith Council, and various faith communities financially contribute the prizes awarded for first, second and third places. Sponsoring faith communities also choose the theme to guide artists whose submissions are judged by a professional artist. This endeavour builds bridges between the community and the correctional centre, helps inmates reclaim their dignity, and creates a practical creative outlet for people who have amazing artistic abilities. Knox sponsored the contest this year with a contribution of \$450. Outreach intended on arranging a showing of the art for Knox members however Covid got in the way again. Maureen did attend a tour of the exhibition at the Art Gallery which, in spite of Covid restrictions, was very interesting. We are still hoping to arrange either an in person or virtual presentation.

Sharing Circle - In December, we celebrated our 4th anniversary of hosting a monthly sharing circle at Knox. Susie McPherson-Derendy continues to provide guidance and facilitation for the group. Thank you, Susie! Each time we gather we share learnings and actions that promote conciliation. Most of our circles were held on Zoom, although we were able to meet outside at the Riverbank Discovery Centre in June.

KAIROS: Kairos and other environmental justice organizations have created a three part series of facilitated conversations regarding climate change. Debby Dandy and Madelyn Robinson have participated in training to be able to offer these online discussions. They are at three different levels, and participants can register for one or all three. They are appropriate for those who feel that they need to learn more, or for those who understand the threats posed by climate change and want to talk about actions that can be taken to mitigate it. Registration information will be shared on Knox Connections.

The Tipi Legacy Project - Our community of faith was invited to be a host for the Tipi Tour Legacy Project of Brandon. This invitation resulted from our work on reconciliation, including hosting monthly sharing circles and providing leadership in the Brandon Indian Residential School Mobile Learning Centre. Knox is the only church included in the project, and our Outreach Committee understands that this is a significant moment and request.

The Tipi Legacy Project began when Brandon's Walking With Our Sisters (WWOS) committee received a grant from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Commemorative Fund. The Outreach Committee provided volunteers, food, and additional resources for the WWOS project, hosted at Brandon University.

The WWOS committee, along with the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council and the Brandon Friendship Centre, wanted to use the grant to leave a legacy in Brandon. Following the WWOS event and the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, momentum grew in Brandon for acknowledging our shared history and honouring Indigenous identity, culture, and traditions.

The tipis are a platform to share knowledge and culture and commemorate past events. The tipi at the health centre will focus on Indigenous health and wellness. The tipi at BPS incorporates the Seven Sacred Teachings. The tipi at BU commemorates the *WWOS* project and includes artwork from students. The tipi at Stanley Park, the only red tipi in the project as all the others have the colours of the medicine wheel, commemorates missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

The Outreach Committee was invited by the project to consider a theme for the tipi. The committee agreed that our tipi would be a memorial to the students of the Brandon Indian Residential School and highlight the history of the school and the United Church's response.

The tipi, which is 15 feet in diameter and 13 feet in height, will stand on the green space at the intersection of 18th Street and Victoria Avenue.

The Outreach Committee recommended to Knox Council that we participate in this project. Following review of the Project by Knox Council a presentation was made to the November congregational meeting. Very good input was received regarding the Tipi message and signage. With strong support from the Congregation, Knox Council approved moving ahead with the Project.

Fair Trade Faith Group - Knox United Church became a Fair Trade Faith Group in 2020. This means we support fairer conditions and better prices for people in the Global South who grow and make our products; whether it's the coffee we drink, the cocoa in our chocolate, or the cotton in our t-shirts.

It's a market-based system that uses consumer support to influence international trade practices, and is a powerful tool for change. When you buy fair trade products, farmers and workers have much more power to create a better life for themselves and their communities, and enjoy sustainable livelihoods.

The committee members of Deanna Ginn, Mindy Campbell, and Madelyn Robinson started off the year promoting Fair Trade products by participating in a worship service highlighting Fair Trade on February 2. We set up a table and took pre-orders for coffee and chocolate from Ten Thousand Villages as well as Fair Trade roses from Sobey's to help celebrate Valentine's Day. We sold \$350 worth of coffee and chocolate and made \$70 from the sale of roses that will help us to continue offering Fair Trade products. Plans had been in place to offer something similar for Mother's Day but the Pandemic has put all that on hold. We are hoping that during this Pandemic you have been keeping fair trade in mind. Many stores in Brandon sell a few different fair trade products. Be sure to look for the label.



Submitted by,
Wayne Digby

Refuge Brandon

Iman, Fatemah and their children, Arif(5) and Ummu(3) who all arrived in Brandon in May 2019 seem to be doing very well. They have moved to very affordable living quarters in Massey Manor and so, are very close to New Era School for Arif. It is also near Westman Immigrant Services for English classes for both Fatemah and Iman. Still a little distant for Nursery School at Knox for Ummu, however she gets a lift to and from two days a week from Madelyn.

They had an approximate \$5000 air fare bill (Kuala Lumpur to Winnipeg) to pay off to the Govt of Canada and they were able to make the last payment on it today, Jan 6th. Yeh! Neither Iman nor Fatemah growing up Rohingya were ever allowed to go to school where they were born in Rakhine State, Myanmar or in Bangladesh to where their families had fled. So, learning to read and write English is an uphill battle when you're an adult. And now with the Covid shutdown it's a bigger challenge. Their teacher, Oksana, from Westman Immigrant Services is doing what she can on line to help them make progress.

When a need has been identified for others like for the two young fellows from Eritrea, usually one or more of the committee will take care of the request if it's something we can satisfy like furniture, bedding, clothes, or transportation for groceries or a doctor's appointment.

Our group is providing support where and when we sense it's needed without very many zoom meetings.

Submitted by,
Gerald Whetter for Refuge Brandon members

Green Team Report

Committee: Wayne Clayton, Madelyn Robinson, Quentin Robinson, Wayne Digby, Orval Henderson, Les Kelly, and Ken Wojnarski

The Knox Green Team is responsible for encouraging and supporting individuals to become involved in greening initiatives in our Knox faith community as well as the wider community.

Well, 2020 was interesting to say the least (but then so is a root canal)!

The Knox Green Team was making plans for a number of events in 2020. Some that were able to take place included:

- Recycling tips/updates to the congregation
- Promoting the “One Strange Rock” series with Rev Craig hosting. After watching each episode, we had a chance to reflect on the themes using the lenses of Christian faith and spirituality. The series was very interesting!

Others that were in the plans that had to be cancelled included:

- Lunch & learn session regarding Brandon being a “Bee City”
- Gardening/Backyard workshop
- Electric Vehicle Information Session
- Participation in events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day events

Once the pandemic wave broke over us we had to refocus and turn to some online presentations. Some that we were able to partner with others on included:

- “The First Biomass Boiler in a Public School in Manitoba” – with ManSEA/MEIA
- “Indigenous Clean Energy” (ICE) – with ManSEA/MEIA
- “Regenerative Agriculture in Manitoba” with Ryan Boyd – hosted by the MB Forage & Grassland Association
- The GT continues to look for opportunities to bring interesting/relevant information to the congregation and the wider community
- With assistance from Roger Bright, the GT committee has been working on an energy audit of the Knox building.
- A Green Team representative attends regular meetings of the Brandon Environment Committee and relays information back to the Knox Green Team.
- Green Team members are active participants in the Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association (ManSEA) and the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association (MEIA)
- The Green Team attempts to have a representative at each Knox Council meeting

Submitted by Wayne Clayton
on behalf of the Knox Green Team

Property Committee Report

Committee: Roger Bright, Tony Wall, Robert Campbell, Steve Derendy, Brian Manns, Barry Bromley, Orval Henderson

- Smoke Detectors updated, now good until 2029 and include lifetime battery backup, units in Sanctuary and Babyfold include CO monitoring.
- As a result of an incident in March the walls in the Chapel were washed with TSP, to remove any smoke residue, and painted. Carpets in Chapel, Office area hall and Library, were professionally steam cleaned.
- The regular routine Fire Inspection was completed in March, and the issues arising have been addressed: Carbon Monoxide detectors installed on each level.
 - Deadlock on Babyfold door changed to have thumb latch on interior side.
 - Extension cords utilized for the Organ and Piano in Chancel removed and replaced with surge protected power-bar(s).
 - Multi-plug current tap receptacle unit in Youth room on lower level removed and the mini fridge will be plugged directly into the wall receptacle unit.
 - Fire Inspection Log updated to current format and forms.
- Donated Handbells and related materials which were received in late 2019 were relocated for storage from the Chapel to a room in the lower level.
- With the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic and it's restrictions for activities, meetings, etc., it has been an ideal time to complete some interior painting projects. These have included - Chapel/Choir Room, Office Hall, Club Room storage area doors and trim, bulletin boards and chalkboard, and trims, washroom by Lounge/Kitchen including sink vanity, Office Manager's Office, Office Area Washroom, Babyfold, Former Office/Tops room outside the Babyfold, including cupboards, and missing baseboard section replaced, Lower Level walls, as well as Lower Level storage room doors, and lastly the Sanctuary east and west walls and baseboards.
- Bicycle stand repaired and painted, and installed outside 18th St. Entrance, thanks to Barry Bromley.
- New exhaust fan installed in Washroom in Office Area.
- Exterior panel (rotting) by north-west fire exit replaced.
- 17th St. Entrance interior wall and ceiling patched and painted.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers installed through-out the building, and social distancing markers purchased and placed on the Auditorium floor, and in Narthex, for benefit of health safety of user groups.
- Lawn-mower tuned up thanks to Bob Campbell.
- Flower bed watering and maintenance performed by Jill Hannah-Kayes, Linda Schrader, Jim & Maureen Cobb, Garth & Debby Dandy, Madelyn Robinson, Debra Carnegie, David Paul, Betty Kelly, David & Peggy Barrows, Shirley Armstrong, Duncan & Audrey Waddell.
- Eavestroughs cleaned with thanks to assistance from Wayne Clayton.
- Fall yard clean-up completed with assistance from Tony Wall, Duncan Waddell, Jim Cobb and Wayne Clayton's truck.

- Flower beds cleaned out and put to bed for the year by the Garden Gnomes: Norm Brown, Cec Foster and Duncan Waddell.
- Light units in Office Hallway and in vestibule by south door, replaced with LED units.
- Insulated outlet plate sealers installed on exterior wall outlets.
- Faucet aerators checked and upgraded where needed to lower flow units.
- Lounge painting completed and thanks to assistance from Brian Manns, carpeting was taken up, in preparation for installation of new vinyl laminate flooring.

Respectfully submitted
Roger Bright
Property Chair

Trustees Report

The current trustees are Vivian Mitchell, Doug Crookshanks, Craig Miller, and Wayne Clayton. As per the UCC Manual – the Minister is automatically a member of the Trustees. Norm Brown has stepped away from the committee and we would like to thank him for his time serving as a Trustee.

Insurance for Knox

The Trustees meet annually with our insurance broker, Western Financial Group, to discuss our policy that is with Ecclesiastical Insurance. Ecclesiastical insures a number of Canadian churches.

Currently, the insurance policy for Knox (*June 1/2020 to June 1/2021*) includes:

Replacement cost on the building \$4,927,253

Contents– \$439,931 --- same as last three years

Total coverage is \$5,367,184 with building and contents

There is also a separate Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy (CHAD) that covers church members, adherents and volunteers participating in church sponsored activities. Cost for this is \$125.00/year

Total cost for insurance was \$11,196.48, which is a significant increase from last year.

In light of the significant increase in insurance premiums for the last two years, the Trustees are in discussions with our insurance broker and are reviewing options for Knox. We hope to have an update for the AGM.

Other aspects of our insurance:

Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance – “UCC Protect”

All United Church congregations and pastoral charges are covered under a national umbrella policy

With regard to COVID-19 -- there have been no changes to coverage.

Other areas where trustees were/will be involved

- Trustees were consulted regarding suggested changes to the Knox Constitution
- The Trustees had planned to conduct an inventory of all of Knox over the last year. The pandemic restrictions have had an impact on this so it has not been completed. We hope to make this happen in 2021.

- The Trustees are responsible for the Archives Committee. We hope to have a committee in place this year that can begin their work once some of the pandemic restrictions are lifted.
- A trustee attended most meetings of Council

Submitted on behalf of the Trustees
By Wayne Clayton

Planned Giving Committee Report

The Planned Giving Committee met via Zoom on one occasion in 2020 along with additional email contacts regarding a request for expenditure from the Planned Giving Fund. The request was made for the purchase of equipment to allow Knox to provide more fully live-streaming service to the larger community. Upon receipt of the proposal the Planned Giving Committee recommended to Council that an expenditure of up to \$25,000 be allowed for this purpose.

The Planned Giving Committee will continue to meet on an as-needed basis as further requests for funding consistent with the mission and vision of Knox are received in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bromley
Doug Crookshanks
Brian Manns

Inbetweeners

InBetweeners are a group of friends that meet the fourth Tuesday of the month from September through to June. Because of the Covid pandemic we only had the opportunity of meeting in January and February.

In January we asked our minister, Rev. Craig Miller, to join us for an evening of "Q and A". He graciously said yes and admitted he was a bit nervous but agreed to answer all questions to the best of his ability. It was a great evening; we got to know him better and a little more about the family.

In February the fourth Tuesday was "Shrove Tuesday". InBetweeners served pancakes, sausages, mixed fruit and whipped cream from 5-6:30 PM in the auditorium. We served approx. 120-130 people from our church and the wider community. Thanks to all who helped make this another successful supper.

InBetweeners have also donated \$3,000.00 to cover the cost of replacing our lounge flooring with quality vinyl planking. All of the InBetweener women have worked tirelessly over the years catering to a number of events so we can give back to the church and the wider community as needed. Thank you, ladies, for all you do.

We hope we can meet soon in person and resume our normal monthly meetings full of knowledge and nonsense. Until then take care of yourself and stay safe!

Submitted by,
Sharon Christmas

Java Jabbers

We are a group of women who like to talk while sipping a cup of coffee/tea, meeting in the Food Court of the Shoppers Mall every Tuesday morning at approx. 10:30 AM. All are welcome to join us, we confess we have let in a man or two over the years. The last time we met was on Tuesday, March 10th the day before restrictions were put in place due to the Covid Pandemic. When we are able to meet in person again, we'll gather together with A LOT of stories to share since we saw each other last. We might have to stay for lunch in order to hear them all!!

Submitted by,
Sharon Christmas

Indoor Garage Sale Report

Indoor Garage Sales were planned for May 4 and October 26, however, had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent health regulations and restrictions.

Consideration was then given to holding a smaller “Christmas Sale” but as more restrictions were introduced in late fall, this idea was also cancelled.

Providing regulations allow it, the 2021 Spring Indoor Garage Sale is tentatively set to be held on June 5th.

Submitted by,
Cec Foster

Christmas Cheer

The Knox COVID Christmas Cheer Campaign 2020 was a huge success! THANK YOU!

On Tuesday, December 15th, Knox United Church once again shared Christmas Cheer hampers with Brandon families. Working within all the Covid restrictions the Christmas Cheer team organized, wrapped, and packed hampers for 22 families with 83 children. By noon on Tuesday, the delivery volunteers had spread out across the city delivering hampers of food and gifts. While Knox was not able to have the normal White Gift contributions of toys and food items this year, everyone still contributed. The Knox family always supports outreach projects like the Christmas Cheer Hampers and this year was no exception. Thank you to all.

It took some special organizing to do the purchasing and packing following all the Covid protocols. The Knox elves who organized, and who helped collect, wrap, pack, or deliver did an amazing job. The Brandon independently owned stores were especially helpful as the elves searched for toys. Each year, Knox's Christmas Hamper effort gets quiet, willing support from Kuiper's Family Bakery and Safeway/Sobeys. This year was no different and again we say Thank you. The delivery men from Safeway always deserve special mention. Organizing and delivering those two truckloads of groceries to Knox first thing in the morning is no easy feat. As well a thank you to the 'elf family members' who helped with the packing in order to reduce the number of household bubbles involved, and special thanks to all who so readily agreed to deliver hampers when called upon. Lynne mentioned that everyone responded so positively when she called.

In this Covid year sharing some of our collective abundance made even more of a difference than in other years. After several weeks of initial uncertainty about whether there could be any Christmas Cheer at all in Brandon, it was good to see the community come together in new ways. Thank you for all the contributions that made Knox's participation in Christmas Cheer possible.

We say a collective THANK YOU for helping Knox United Church spread some Christmas Cheer. As Nancy said after the hampers went out, ""On Sunday we lit the candle of Joy in this season of Advent and I think we passed some Joy along this week!! Merry Christmas!"

The Knox Christmas Cheer Team for 2020

Nancy & Terry DeRoo

Kirsten Ardron

Lynn Cupples

Syndy Wright

Cheryl Doull

Phyllis Digby

Audrey Waddell

Lynne & Brian Manns

Betty Kelly

More Users of Knox

- Brandon Nursery School
- BU Early Learning Program (before-and-after-school program)
- Bochasanwasi Shree Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha Inc. (BAPS Inc.)
- Westman Dharma
- Scouts, Cubs, Beavers
- Japan Karate
- TOPS #2152
- AI Anon
- Crystal Meth Anonymous
- SMART Recovery
- Brandon Community Orchestra
- Prairie Blend Men's Choir
- Brandon Festival of the Arts
- South West Branch, Manitoba Genealogical Society
Margaret E. Goodman Memorial Library
- Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (music therapy program)
- AJ Music (Aislynn Johnson)
- Westman Immigrant Services (cooking classes)
- Rotary Club of Brandon/Strathclair Theatre Presentation
- Deeper Life Prayer Group
- Prairie Mountain Health "Stepping Up with Confidence" workshop
- Kathy Sheppard Piano School (student recital)
- Community group New Years Day event
- Two birthday parties, and one baby shower.