

KNOX NEWS & NOTES May 31st, 2020

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Sunday Morning Live Stream Virtual Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will be live streamed on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckSYmhIYagMxAaqG5b0Wruw>. You can also search for, "The Knox Konnexion" on Youtube to find our channel. The service will be archived as a video and you can watch at your convenience if you are not available to participate in the live stream at 10:30 am. We'll have a very small cadre of participants to lead the service.

If you have community news or prayer requests that you would like shared — remember that this is viewable by anyone on Youtube — please email the information to Rev. Craig, craigatknox@wcgwave.ca. If you want to be able to participate in the chat box on Youtube you need to sign up for a free subscription to Youtube.

THE BULLETIN (with hymn lyrics) IS ON OUR WEBSITE.

Spring Luncheon

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who supported and or worked to make our "Spring Luncheon " so successful. The delivery and pick up format went smoothly, 207 lunches were ordered, 81 for pickup and 126 for delivery. Thanks to the delivery guys: Art Godfrey, Cec Foster and Rene Christmas. All were delivered on time, good job!!!!

Our kitchen crew were: Irene Bromley, Lynn Cupples, Linda Schrader, Lynne Manns, Nancy Deroo, Coleen Wall, Iona Godfrey and Sharon Christmas. Making cupcakes were Cheryl Doull, Iona Godfrey and Sharon Christmas. Thank you, ladies, for working so hard and being so organized so all these lunches could be ready for delivery and pickup on time.

Thanks Norm Brown for being a smiling 17th St. door ambassador for the pickup meals. Your blue sparkly hat and pink flowers were definitely a hit.

The approximate total profit was \$1,585.00. Some donations may still be coming in to make our total over the \$1,600 mark. Thanks also for all the generous tips from so many!!!! We definitely exceeded our expectations in both order numbers and profit!!!!

Sharon Christmas, Spring Luncheon Co-ordinator.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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Our Generation: The Mission & Service Music Video!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChdB3UJHm_I

Knox and Covid-19

Have you been wondering what the future holds as far as church services? There are still many uncertainties, which will be clarified as the Department of Health issues directives. Planning for the summer and early fall has been confirmed by Knox Council:

- Regular live streamed services will continue to be live streamed on youtube (search for The Knox Konnexion) until June 28. Shorter services will be pre-recorded and shared online over the summer until at least Sept 6. Craig and the other participants in the services - Jane Skinner, Bernie Whetter and Mindy Campbell – are appreciated SO MUCH for their work in bringing music and worship to us each week!
- Craig has some vacation and study time over the summer; however, we can still join him for worship via the summer services on our youtube channel.
- Sharon McIntosh will work regular summer hours after June 30, until September 8 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am till 1:00 pm). The office will remain closed to the public during this time.
- We will not meet for worship in the sanctuary until gatherings over 100 are allowed by the Department of Health. Before this happens we will receive guidelines for how to keep the congregation safe. Choirs and congregational singing have been identified as high risk for transfer of the virus so there will be guidelines provided to reintroduce singing in later stages. We also appreciate guidelines provided by the United Church of Canada for reopening in careful phases.
- Knox Executive council members will be carefully monitoring the situation and planning for the safety of our congregation over the summer. Updates will be provided as appropriate.

Sharon Christmas, Chair
Debby Dandy, Vice Chair

Help Needed:

The Nominations Committee is looking for people to fill upcoming vacancies in various church committees:

- Stewardship is looking for 2 people to join the committee (Chair is Al Moulin).
- Ministry & Personnel is looking for one new member (chair is Coleen Wall).

There may be other vacancies unknown at this time.

Please give some serious thought to these volunteer opportunities.

Thank you,

Jim Cobb and Jill Hannah-Kayes (Nominations Committee)

Looking for Flower Bed Care Givers!

A skilled and dedicated team of gardeners will be planting Knox's flower beds in the coming weeks. We need help to keep the beds watered and weeded, and to maintain the always beautiful flowers over the summer.

If you are able to sign up for a week from June 14 (until frost?), it would be greatly appreciated. Tasks are weeding, watering and tidying the flower beds. Hoses are on the east and west sides of the church.

Please contact Debby Dandy at 204 726 0008 or dcoombs.dandy@mymts.net to sign up for a week. The schedule will appear here each week, until full, so you can see which weeks are available. Thanks for your help!

Week Starting	Name	Phone Number
June 14		
June 21		
June 28		
July 5		
July 12		
July19		
July26		
August 2		
August 9		
August 16		
August 23		
August 30		
Sept 6		
Sept 13		

Sobeys Gift Cards

Sobeys Gift Cards are still available, even though the church office is closed. If you wish to purchase Sobeys gift cards, please contact Sharon McIntosh to arrange for payment/delivery.

Frontline Fridays - 7 pm

We're inviting churches to ring their bells and neighbourhoods to make some noise, once a week, on Friday's at 7:00 p.m. for 1 - 2 minutes. Remain at your home. Honk your vehicle horns or use noise makers of your choosing. We'll do this as an expression of gratitude from our community for first responders, health care staff, and our essential services workers.

In Process: Theological Reflections with Rev. Craig

Those of you accessing our Youtube channel (The Knox Konnexion - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckSYmhIYagMxAaqG5b0WrUw>) will find a new playlist added a few weeks ago: In Process (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfu9VhEOWImUkF02TRiAc7LRgX6QQer>).

The format for our live stream virtual worship experience changed to make the time more flexible for families participating with young children. The virtual experience includes a dance party, breaking bread together, and an opportunity for conversation or journaling. It was great to hear that some of you called one another this past Sunday!

"In Process" contains theological reflections connected with the lectionary readings for the Sundays in the season of Easter. So if you have the time to go a bit deeper into the themes of each Sunday, this may be a good resource for you. A new reflection is published each Sunday.

You may also want to check out our "Soul Cafe" playlist (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfu9VhEOWImXs9RPHFT-gK3xSIhotRytd>) which includes musical offerings from Quentin and Madelyn Robinson. This week's addition is, "Give Yourself to Love."

Rev. Craig S. Miller

Worship Matters

Pentecost Sunday, 31 May

This Sunday, we conclude the Season of Easter with a celebration of Pentecost.

Wear red or orange and show your Pentecost spirit! If you're preparing food to share at home, you may want to make some cupcakes to celebrate the birth of the Christian community.

Song lyrics included in the bulletin for each Sunday and a pdf copy is available on our website.

Union Sunday, 7 June

On Sunday, 7 June, we'll celebrate the 95th Anniversary of Church Union in our virtual worship service.

We want to share some of your stories and hopes for the future. What is your most treasured memory from your life in the UCC? What community of faith were you a part of at that time? What happened? Who was there with you? What makes this experience or moment in time important to you? What is your hope/dream for Knox and the UCC?

Please send your response to Rev. Craig at craigatknox@wcgwave.ca.

Pride Sunday, 14 June

Sunday concludes the observance of Brandon Pride week. This year will be very different as we cannot meet in person for our Pride parade, Pride in the Park, and our Pride service. But we can still get our Pride on and be Public, Intentional, and Explicit. SKC youth are preparing signs for the lawn area.

We'll celebrate the Sacrament of Communion this Sunday. Prepare bread/juice/wine to share at home.

Indigenous Day of Prayer, 21 June

Today we observe the Indigenous Day of Prayer and reflect on the Seven Grandfather Teachings (or laws for living a good life): Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility, and Truth. The liturgy is by Deb Anderson-Pratt and prepared for use in the UCC.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 28 June

This will be our final Sunday for our live stream worship service on The Knox Konnexion Youtube channel. A new service will be recorded for each Sunday of July and August and published on that day.

Ways to Give to Knox

Post-Dated Cheques

Good old post-dated cheques are a familiar way for people to give. Place them in an envelope and mail them to the church office. That will keep personal contact to a minimum. Don't forget to include your envelope number and any breakdown for directing your giving i.e. General Fund, Mission & Service, Building Fund, Memorial Fund.

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

Ensure stable and reliable support by signing up for PAR. Email the office at knoxchurch@wcgwave.ca.

Already on PAR and want to update?

Those already on PAR can easily update the amount of their gift by contacting Sharon at the email above.

New PAR donors are asked to fill out the PAR authorization form, indicating how much they want to give to Knox and how much they would like to donate to people in need and programs that matter through Mission & Service. Because the office is not open, please mail the form along with a voided cheque, or credit card information, to:

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CanadaHelps (CanadaHelps.org)

Anyone can give to a specific congregation by credit card on-line through CanadaHelps at our page: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118986447RR0001-knox-united-church/>. CanadaHelps is a Canadian registered charity that exists purely to enable other charities to receive online gifts. There is a service charge of between 3.5 - 3.7 % when you use this service. CanadaHelps will immediately e-mail the donor a tax-receipt. Every 7–8 weeks CanadaHelps will send us a cheque in the mail with your gifts.

E-Transfers

Contact Sharon McIntosh if you would like to make an E-Transfer to Knox. Don't forget to include your envelope number and any breakdown for directing your giving i.e. General Fund, Mission & Service, Building Fund, Memorial Fund.
