KNOX NEWS & NOTES May 9th, 2021

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Sunday Morning Worship on Youtube

Sunday morning worship can be found each Sunday at 10:30 am on our Youtube channel, <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkSYmhIYagMxAaqG5b0Wruw</u>. You can also search for, "The Knox Konnexion" on Youtube to find our channel.

The bulletins (with hymns) will be posted weekly on our website.

NEW! Minute For Mission May 9, 2021

Asian Cultures, Asian Heritage

Asian Cultures, Asian Heritage - YouTube

NEW! Worship on May 30

Worship on 30 May, Sunday will be with the Prairie to Pine Region Affirming celebration for our Regional Council! 10:00- 11:30AM

All the people of the Regional Council and beyond are invited to gather Our Place in the Rainbow in worship to celebrate Prairie to Pine becoming an Affirming ministry. Join us with your rainbows, noisemakers, and communion elements.

We will gather around an open table in all of our individuality, our many colours, languages, abilities, ages, gender identities and expressions, sexualities, and more, to share communion and celebrate Jesus' love for us all. Together we will commit to the next stage of our Affirming journey together. This celebration builds on the past and present work of many, including the Affirming presbyteries within the Affirming Conference of Manitoba and NW Ontario, and the many Affirming ministries and people within our Regional Council.

More details and information on the link will be sent out soon.

NEW! Minutes – Annual Congregational Meeting Part 2

Please notify the church office, (204) 727-6975, <u>knoxchurch@wcgwave.ca</u>, if you would like a copy of the minutes of the May 2 meeting.

REMINDER! – Zoom Worship – May 16

Worship on 16 May will be on Zoom and not on Youtube. Please email the office at knoxchurch@wcgwave.ca to register and receive the link on Zoom. The service will be recorded and posted to our Youtube channel on Sunday night. This will give us the opportunity to interact with one another and have broader participation in leadership of our gathering.

NEW! Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Aid for India

As you may have increasingly seen in the news recently, a second wave of COVID-19 is devastating the country of India. It is currently estimated that one person is dying every 5 minutes from the virus, while more than 350,000 people are being infected daily. It is a medical crisis sweeping the nation with tragedy, and as in any crisis, it is the vulnerable who suffer the most. Those who were already facing hunger in India because of poverty are now even more at risk due to the economic consequences of this pandemic.

In partnership with the Humanitarian Coalition, Foodgrains Bank members, along with their local partners, have determined that an emergency response – including food assistance - is now required.

Partner staff are already in India providing support to people in their communities to help them get through this difficult time. Now we need your help to provide emergency food assistance to some of the most vulnerable people living through the COVID crisis in India.

Please, donate today (<u>https://foodgrainsbank.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e185a59b0c5982526e0b75025&id=3776fec514&e=262abe098e</u>) and help families in India survive the impact of COVID-19. Continue to pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones due to COVID-19, as well as recovery for those who have fallen ill with the virus.

SOBEYS GIFT CARDS

Sobeys Gift Cards are available by contacting Sharon McIntosh at the church office to arrange for purchase/pickup. If you are a regular or occasional Sobeys/Safeway shopper, please consider paying by gift card. This is a great way to help the Outreach Committee support various projects.

Seeking Justice Together – May 17 to 20

Seeking Justice Together is a virtual conference hosted by Citizens for Public Justice from May 17 to 20 exploring how we are called to seek justice together through intersectional, interpersonal, and interconnected approaches.

Through a variety of keynotes and workshops, participants will explore living examples of what it looks like to seek justice as people connected to one another and to the lands in which we live. We will consider how our identities, histories, systems, and geography shape our experiences of power and privilege, and how this informs the ways in which each of us are called to seek justice together.

Speakers and facilitators will address issues of racism, Indigenous/settler reconciliation, 2SLGBTQQIA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice, and refugee rights.

Register at cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together https://cpj.us5.listmanage.com/track/click?u=a90945b6cbae71eebd4485b0b&id=ed0c49b0c4&e=39172ba408

Download conference graphics here <u>https://cpj.us5.list-</u> manage.com/track/click?u=a90945b6cbae71eebd4485b0b&id=c3c4ee253c&e=39172ba408

Worship Series "A Place to Call Home"

"In G_d's house there are many dwelling places." John 14:2

The scriptures of the Easter Season speak time and again of the community of G_d, of loving one another as kin, children of G_d. Several times the word "abide" invites us to reside, to dwell in the presence of the Risen One. On Easter a messenger tells the disciples to meet the risen Jesus back at Galilee, the place they began together and the place where they lived and worked together during his ministry. During the series we'll explore what it means to have "a place to call home" in our spiritual lives and as a physical reality.

Calendar

- May 16 Zoom Worship Service at Knox
- May 30 Zoom Worship with Prairie to Pine region

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, Memorial Fund.

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

Ensure stable and reliable support by signing up for PAR. Email the office at <u>knoxchurch@wcgwave.ca</u> and Sharon can help you get signed up.

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.

CanadaHelps (CanadaHelps.org)

Anyone can give to a specific congregation by credit card on-line through CanadaHelps at our page: <u>https://www.canadahelps.org</u> /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 approx. 3.75% deducted from your donation 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.