

KNOX NEWS & NOTES September 12th, 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,

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheKnoxKonnexion>

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

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No Longer Asking “Where Will I Eat?” An Update from Our Place Society

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NEW! Reopening for Worship on Sundays Postponed

The Executive made the decision this week to postpone reopening for worship on Sundays until the whole Council can review the reopening plan at the meeting on 21 September. With new health orders in place, we want to ensure that we are following best practices and that we have time to communicate the plan and expectations so that our community feels safe in returning to the building. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We look forward to being able to see many of you in person once again.

NEW! Spirit Kids’ Club

The Christian Education Committee will meet this month and review program options which may include both online and in-person opportunities. We anticipate having outdoor gatherings for children and youth in October.

**NEW! Worship in the Season of Creation
Called by Earth and Sky — Praying with the Elements**

Series based on content from the book, Water, Wind, Earth, & Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements by Christine Valters Painter

12 September — Sister Earth

Theme: Holy Ground

All praise be Yours, my God, through Sister Earth, our mother,
Who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces
Various fruits and coloured flowers and herbs.
— St. Francis of Assisi

God said,
“Come no closer!

Remove the sandals from your feet,
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”
— Exodus 3:5

I am the Vine and you are the branches.
— John 15:5

19 September — Brother Air

Theme: Carried by the Wind

All praise be Yours, my God, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all the weather's moods,
By which You cherish all that You have made.
— St. Francis of Assisi

You ride on the wings of the wind,
You make the winds your messengers. — Psalm 104:3-4

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. — John 3:8

26 September — Sister Water

Theme: Living Water

All praise be Yours, My God, through Sister Water,
So useful, humble, precious, and pure. — St. Francis of Assisi

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. – Isaiah 55:1a

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said: “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

– John 7:38

3 October – Brother Fire
Theme: Fire of Illumination

All Praise be Yours, My God, through Brother Fire,
Through whom You brighten up the night.

How beautiful he is, how gay!
Full of power and strength. – St. Francis of Assisi

You are my ever-burning lamp, Yahweh!
My god, you lighten my darkness! – Psalm 18:28

And before their eyes, Jesus was transfigured – his face becoming as dazzling as the sun and his clothes as radiant as light.

– Matthew 17:2ALF - October 23

NEW! Orange Shirt Day is Thursday, 30 September, & Marked in Worship on Sunday, 26 September

On 30 September, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential schools.

The summer of 2021 was a summer of orange shirts as Indigenous communities across the country shared the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned from residential schools remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites.

This Orange Shirt Day is also the first observance of a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For settler Christians in particular, this is a time when we can reflect on our role in colonialism and the residential school system and our ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

Representatives from Knox will be attending a small ceremony on the grounds of the former Brandon Indian Residential School that day. The City of Brandon is organizing events for the week beginning Monday, 20 September, and more information will be available here next week.

We've been working to honour the children buried in unmarked graves and cemeteries at the former site here in Brandon. Knox is the keeper of The Brandon Indian Residential School Mobile Learning Centre, a project of the former Assiniboine Presbytery and community partners. The Learning Centre is a direct response to Call To Action 59 and is used by schools, communities of faith, universities, and community groups, to illuminate the history of the school.

This summer Knox was approved as a partner on a grant application submitted to the Indigenous Agriculture Science Partnerships Program through Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada (federal government). Additional partners include Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and the Brandon Research and Development Centre.

In the application we requested funding to support five areas:

1. Access to the site: Improve access for those with permission while controlling access to others - gates, grading the road, road improvements, benches for Elders.
2. Site clean-up and rejuvenation: Remove illegally dumped waste, develop signage to make people aware that this is a sacred site, to commemorate and educate (in multiple languages)
3. Protect the burial sites: Expand the North Hill burial site fence to include grave currently outside the fence, fence the North-East Fields and East Hill burial sites.
4. Identify, manage and plant culturally important plants: Conducted vegetation surveys, map plants, look to increase populations with transplants and management, develop a walking route to act as a medicine teaching tool, identify areas near the burial sites for enhanced plantings to honour the children.
5. Host a cultural feast: Honour of the BIRS survivors and those buried on the site & community consultation. Partner with SVDN for tent rental, transportation, hospitality, support for ceremonial needs, display proposed signage and conduct community consultation during the feast.

The grant for \$50k was approved in July. Knox made a commitment to recruit volunteers to assist with the site clean-up/maintenance and raise \$5000 for in-kind funding. You can make a donation to Knox, noting that it is for the Brandon Indian Residential School Cemetery Fund. All monies raised will go directly to the project.

Knox will take time during worship on Sunday, 26 September, to honour the children who attended residential schools. You are

encouraged to wear an orange shirt that day. If you don't have one yet, you can purchase a shirt from the Brandon Friendship Centre. Email a photo of yourself or your family wearing an orange shirt(s) that Sunday to craigatknox@wcfgwave.ca . We'll include it in a collage from Knox that we will send to our Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator, Sara Stratton. The collage may also be shared on UCC social media.

NEW! For the Love of Creation (UCC) Thursday Online Events in September

For the Love of Creation is hosting a fall advocacy series on Thursdays in September. Join us for one or more of the following sessions: September 16th: Indigenous Rights or September 23rd: Climate Ambition and Transition Hear from guest speakers, and learn more about recent progress on the FLC advocacy priorities.

<https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/event/>

Celebration of Life for Vera Glawson September 25, 2021

A Celebration of Life for Vera Glawson will be held at Knox on Saturday, September 25th at 11 am. The service of committal will take place beforehand at 9 am at Riverside Cemetery in Hartney, MB. All are welcome to attend both/either service. We expect to have ample capacity at the church, but to be sure, if you are planning to attend the service at Knox, please RSVP to the church by Wed. Sept 22, by calling 204-727-6975 with name and number attending. Thanks!

Knox Church Office Hours - September

As August comes to a close, we normally return to regular office hours. However, as we transition to a new office manager, this year will be different.

The church office will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-noon beginning September 7. As much as possible, please do your "in person" business with the church during these hours. Diane Shepherd and Coleen Wall will be happy to help you.

Sharon McIntosh will continue to work from home during the rest of the week and can be reached by e-mail/phone.

Save the Date

Plans are underway for a one-day in-person retreat for youth grades 7 - 12. More information to follow once plans are finalized.

Sobeys Gift Cards

Sobeys Gift Cards are available by contacting Sharon McIntosh by phoning or e-mailing the church office to arrange for purchase and pickup of cards. This is a great way to help the Outreach Committee support various projects.

Calendar

- Sept 15 Outreach Committee, 1:30 PM on Zoom
- Sept 16 Broadview Reading Club on Zoom, 10 AM
- Sept 16 Indigenous Rights, Reconciliation & Climate Justice 6 PM, online
- Sept 20 Strategic Planning Committee, 7 PM on Zoom
- Sept 21 Council, 6:30 pm
- Sept 23 Climate Ambition and Transition, 6PM, online
- Sept 24 Global Climate Strike, 11 am - 1 pm Greenspace at Knox
- Sept 25 Glawson Funeral, 11 AM
- Sept 26 Orange Shirt Sunday
- Sept 27 Opening of Brandon's Truth & Reconciliation Week, Sunrise Ceremony at the Riverbank Discovery Centre
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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 knoxchurch@wcgwave.ca 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: <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 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.
