Calendar

20 November – Trans Day of Remembrance, Service 12-1 pm, Vigil 6-7 pm

20 November – SKC Grades 6-10, Movie Night 6 pm

21 November – Movie Magic Concert, 7:30 pm at Knox

22 November - Communion

25 November – Board Game Fun with Congregational Care, 1 pm, Lounge

25 November – SKC Grades 6-10, Minute to Win It & Bracelet Making, 6 pm

28 November – BU Chorale & Concert Choir, 7:30 pm at Knox

29 November – Taste of the Holidays, 5:30 pm

4 December – Friday Night Family Advent & Christmas Gathering with SKC 6-8:30 pm

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NEW: Mission & Service

A Place to Turn

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Carols for the Coming Christ

Advent & Christmas Begins Sunday, 29 November

Like notes on a music staff, we are called to join together to sing songs that proclaim the renewed creation of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We will encounter familiar and new Carols for the Coming Christ and pause to consider their messages in fresh ways. Where words fail, music speaks.

29 November - Carols for Coming Hope - Advent One

6 December - Carols for Coming Peace - Advent Two

13 December - Carols for Coming Joy - Advent Three - Spirit Kids' Club Pageant

20 December - Carols for Coming Love - Advent Four

24 December - Christmas Eve Candlelight Gathering at 7 pm

A TASTE OF THE HOLIDAYS

29 November, Sunday at 5:30 pm

Adults $25 – Under 12 $10 – Preschoolers free
One sitting only – 160 tickets available

Deliveries/Pick up meals will be available, call the church office (204-727-6975) by November 27th.

There is a sign-up in the Narthex for food donations and helpers; please check it out and help where you can.

Tickets will be sold before and after church the next 3 Sundays.

Menu: Roast pork, Meatballs, Roasted potatoes, along with many other food selections. Homemade desserts as well, YUM YUM!

2027 Canadian Church Calendars have arrived and are available for sale in the church office.
$9.00 each



A Watershed Moment: Imagining Knox United and the United Church in 2035

The United Church of Canada is at an important crossroads. Across the country, many faith communities are experiencing declining membership, fewer volunteers, and increasing financial pressures. The cultural landscape is changing, and the ways people connect with faith communities, spiritual practice, and community life are changing with it.

But this isn't simply a conversation about decline. It is an opportunity to imagine what we could become.

We'd like to hear from you about these timely questions:

- What can we do to adapt to the major changes taking place in society and in the UCC?
- Who might be looking for a place at our table, and how can we reach them?
- How do we position ourselves as a meaningful and welcoming presence in our community?
- How can we better engage our supporters and keep them informed about the work we do?
- How can we make better use of our partnerships and community relationships?
- What does it mean to become a more invitational community of faith, and what might that look like for Knox?
- What are the most important things we want to accomplish over the next two to five years?
- What changes should we consider making to respond to the world as it is becoming, rather than simply preserving the UCC as it has been?

This is an opportunity for all of us to reflect and join the conversation. You don't need to have all the answers. What matters is being willing to participate in the conversation.

The future of the United Church isn't simply something that will happen to us. We have a part in creating it. Let's imagine that future together!

Are you interested in learning more about the Toward 2035 initiative?
Follow this link: https://united-church.ca/toward2035

Follow this link to provide feedback on the questions above online:

Toward 2035 Feedback Form
form.jotform.com

NEW: Just a Green Minute – Minister of Environment and Climate Change Invitation to Provide Feedback

You may have heard that the Public Utilities Board has released their recommendations regarding Manitoba Hydro's proposed expansion of the Brandon Combustion Turbine Plant. They are looking to construct additional 750MW capacity here in Brandon. The proposal was to install three natural gas-fired combustion turbines as well as new transmission lines and a new gas line.

Any new burning of fossil fuels will have an effect upon our climate. And those of us who live closest to this gas-plant are at risk of being affected by the resulting air-borne pollutants. Children and the elderly are most vulnerable to adverse health outcomes.

It is very important that the Manitoba government require a Clean Environment Commission hearing so that the people of Brandon have a voice and are protected. We have until **November 30th** to ask for this as Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is inviting public comment on this proposal.

You can view the proposal and make comments here: www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries

This is a very easy process and we encourage each of you to click on the above link and have your voice heard. If you need or would like help you can contact Madelyn Robinson at madelynrobinson@hotmail.com. After church on November 22 and 29 we will be set up at the back of the sanctuary to answer questions or to assist you in providing feedback.

NEW: Movie Magic Coming to Knox!

21 November, Saturday at 7:30 pm

Amir Bissen has graduated with his master's degree in music from the University of Manitoba. Now he's taking his amazing performance on the road!

Advance tickets are available at the church office for $30, or at the door for $35.

Or here is the link to order online: https://show.ps/l/e52ababf/



NEW: Green Spot Gift Cards Available

Looking for the perfect stocking stuffer? Greenspot gift cards are available for purchase at the church office!

A thoughtful gift for teachers, neighbours, family and friends!

Even better, a portion of every gift card sold goes towards supporting our many community outreach projects.

$50 gifts cards available.

Give a gift that gives back!

Reminder: Christmas Cheer 2026

It is Christmas Cheer time, and once again our committee members are busy preparing to support our community. We have a very generous congregation, and with increased need in the community this year, we have decided to increase our support by adding 3 medium-sized families and preparing 25 hampers, which include 92 children.

As in the past, we are requesting monetary donations only. Food and goods costs are still increasing, so we are counting on your generosity for these families in need. Please contact the office for a receipt for any donations of $20 or more. Envelopes are in the back of the sanctuary and can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office. Make cheques payable to Knox United Church and include Christmas Cheer in the memo line. E-Transfers are accepted at admin@knoxunitedbrandon.ca. Or cash.

Our hampers will include a gift for each child valued at $20-$30, a book, a warm hat, mitts or socks. Children 10 and under also receive a stuffed animal donated from the Wheat Kings Teddy Bear Toss. We provide many items to prepare a wonderful Christmas dinner, including turkey, ham or halal meat, potatoes, carrots, oranges, buns, and many other basic food items.

Every year we receive sincere thank-yous and appreciation from the families receiving these hampers. We would like to thank all of you in advance, for your kindness and generosity in supporting these families in having a wonderful Christmas season.

Our committee would like to thank everyone involved in our Christmas Cheer efforts, from those talented congregants who work so hard all year making warm hats, mitts and socks, to those who buy gifts, wrap and pack hampers, and to the drivers who deliver them. You are all very much appreciated.

Hampers will be packed and delivered on Wednesday, December 16th. We will be posting a request for delivery drivers in early December.

Thank you all for your support in helping us to make this much needed program in our community a success once again.

NEW: Letter Writing Campaign

We know that one our superpowers as a citizen is that we need to write to our elected officials about issues that are important to us and our community. And we certainly have people using their superpower! So far, at least a dozen of you have written letters or sent emails. Maybe more!

The Knox Green Team and Sustainable Brandon are teaming up to help make this happen in the month of November. So bring your pen and paper (or computer or tablet; whatever you write letters with these days!) and we'll let our government officials know what we would like for the future of our children, grandchildren and community.

If you want to work in community and share ideas there are 3 possible dates left that you can attend. Pick one!

25 November, Wednesday 10-11 am, Knox Chapel
27 November, Friday 6-7 pm @ the Robinson's (11 Ashgrove Blvd)
28 November, Saturday 3-4 pm @ the Robinson's (11 Ashgrove Blvd)

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Reminder: Board Game Fun with Congregational Care

Date: 25 November, Wednesday

Time: 1:00 PM in the Knox Lounge

The Congregational Care Committee is hosting an afternoon of board game fun at Knox. They've already been enjoying games with some special Knox folks and want to make sure everyone is included this time around!

Expect games like UpWords (our favourite), Mexican Train, Crokinole, Cards, and more…

This is a FREE event, and EVERYONE is welcome!

Refreshments will be available.

NEW: Brandon University Chorale & Concert Choir Present

SONG OF SONGS: The Gift of Love
Music by Renaissance, Contemporary and Canadian Composers

Saturday, November 28th – 7:30 PM
Knox United Church
$15 General Admission - $5 Students – Free for music students

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Reminder: Sobeys Gift Cards

Sobeys gift cards are back in stock and available at the church office. $25, $50, and $100 card options are available. A portion of every card supports our church's outreach ministries throughout the community.

Sunday Morning Worship on YouTube.

Join our Sunday worship at 10:30 AM on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/c/TheKnoxKonnexion
Or search *The Knox Konnexion*