

Open to All - Celebrating Diversity - United in Love

KNOX UNITED

MAY - SUMMER NEWS 2018

KNOX SPRING LUNCHEON

will be held on Wednesday, May 16th in the auditorium. Lunch will be served from 11:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. Reservations are being accepted by calling the church office, 727-6975; but these are not necessary. Fresh salads, variety of sandwiches and delicious homemade desserts are on the menu for \$8.00. All are welcome, bring a friend or maybe your spouse/partner, children and grandchildren. As one little boy expressed, "I LOVE church sandwiches"!! Come and see what you think!!!! A SignUp Sheet for volunteers to help will be posted on Sunday, May 6th.

—Sharon Christmas



SPIRIT KIDS' CLUB NEWS

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!

We had a wonderful time on Easter Sunday celebrating with our SKC children and youth. Thanks to Leanne Sprung and Antoinette Gravel -Ouellette for

organizing the activities. A special shout-out to Kim Bright for face-painting, Tara and Elena Leach for the drama, Jill Hannah-Kayes and Deirdra Taylor - John with crafts.



**Rohingya/Myanmar
Refugee Crisis
Presentation on May 27**



**Sharing Circle - Check
our Facebook page or
email news for dates**



**Green Team Electric
Vehicle Information
Session, June 2, 1 pm
Air Museum**

Sister Jan Puls calls openness “the attitude and condition that is at the heart of all spirituality.”

Rohingya/Myanmar Refugee Crisis Presentation and Brown Bag Lunch

On Sunday, May 27 following worship, Aaron Gunson and Melania Cannon will talk about their experiences in Myanmar in 2017, with a focus on the Rohingya people and the ongoing refugee crisis. Since August 2017 almost 700,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh following a military crackdown described as ethnic cleansing by the UN. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

Iridesce at Knox May 11 - 14

“Iridesce: The Living Apology Project”, is a national story-gathering initiative looking back at the historic 1988 voted to not exclude gay and lesbian people from membership and ministry in the UCCan. Now, 30 years later, the Iridesce Project is

remembering the 1988 vote and asking—Where has this taken us? Where is it going? How welcoming has our welcome been? Join us May 11-14 at Knox for workshops, worship, and storytelling. Check out your email news, our Facebook page, or our website for more information.

Coming Events at Knox

- May 11-14 Iridesce
- May 15 Council Meeting
- May 16 Spring Luncheon – 11:30a.m. – 1:00p.m.
- May 23 Outreach Brown Bag Lunch with Brandy Robertson of the Women’s Resource Centre, 12:00 Noon Lounge
- May 27 Rohingya Refugee Presentation. Brown Bag lunch with Aaron Gunson and Melania Cannon
- May 27 Canned Food Sunday
- June 17 Pride Sunday



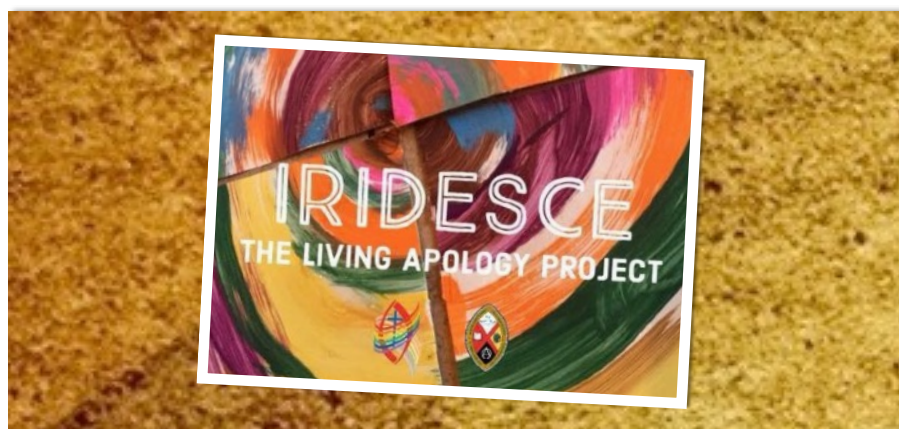
HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY



FAMILY FUN NIGHT



SKC EASTER STATIONS



Knox Connections

Inbetweeners Celebrate

30 Years - In October of 1988, six ladies from Knox got together for an evening of conversation. They chose to call the group "Inbetweeners". We have been meeting for nearly thirty years and have seen many come and go, we have had many interesting speakers, gone on a few tours, raised and donated a few dollars to various groups in Brandon. This October 2018, we are planning a Sunday service to celebrate our thirty years of activity in and for Knox United Church. We will finalize details closer to October and want to include as many of our members as possible and are hoping to invite past members to join us as well. — Diane Shepherd

Rock Lake United Church

Camp - Are you ready for an adventure this summer? Rock Lake United Church Camp, located on Rock Lake just west of Pilot Mound, is now taking applications for campers and counsellors! Discover the lifelong gift of finding a fun and caring community while you connect with Creation. For

a week (or more if you want to join staff!) of canoeing, kayaking, campfires, crafts, hiking, sports, night games, fun and friendships just follow the link: <http://www.rocklake.com> and find out more.

There are sessions for kids from 7 - 15 and job opportunities for youth 14 and over.



If you're too young to come by yourself or if you're young-at-heart and want to join us at camp, check out the Parent/Grandparent and Tot overnight. There's something for everyone. If you want more information talk to Madelyn Robinson. You can reach her at 2047289833 or madelynrobinson@hotmail.com



A Tin for the Bin - We continue to collect nonperishable food items in the blue box located in the Narthex, and marked for the local Samaritan House Food Bank. Your donations are gratefully received with thanks.

Congratulations to the granddaughter of Art and Iona Godfrey, Jasmyn Watt, who is graduating in June from Grade 12 at Kelvin High School in Winnipeg.

Congratulations to Michael Bright, son of Roger and Kim Bright, who has concluded his studies in Saskatchewan, and now in Calgary working at Joey's Restaurant towards a possible future management position.

THE REV. QUENTIN ROBINSON TO BE PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR FOR THE SUMMER

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that the Rev. Quentin Robinson has been hired to serve as the Coordinator for Pastoral Care during Rev. Craig's sabbatical (June - August and 20 hours per month).

Quentin is retired from ordered ministry and has been an active participant at Knox over the past two years. You'll spot him most Sundays playing his mandolin with our worship music team, Knoyse.

Responsibilities include: responding to requests from Knox participants and staff for health centre, care home, and home visits and other pastoral care inquiries; and responding to a crisis or death impacting a Knox participant and facilitating connections with service providers and continuity of care.

BE IN THE KNOW AT KNOX



Quentin Robinson - known around MacGreggor as the famed Goat Whisperer



Get Ready for Brandon Pride!
June 14-17

BRANDON PRIDE

Come join us on Saturday, June 16th for the Brandon Pride March and Festival. The full day celebration will kick off at City Hall for the Pride Rally and then we will hit the streets for the Pride March! The Festival in the Park will include speakers, entertainment, vendors and a free community BBQ. All are welcome!

Brandon Pride March & Festival - Saturday, June 16th
11:00am Rally at City Hall
11:30am Pride March
(Depart from City Hall; Finish at Stanley Park)
12:00pm - 2:00pm Festival in the ParK (Stanley Park - 1410 Princess Ave)
June 17 - Worship at Knox



FAMILY FUN



BRUNCH SUNDAY



HOLY HUMOUR

"Telling a story is like reaching into a granary full of wheat and drawing out a handful. There is always more to tell than can be told."

—Wendell Berry (Jayber Crow)

News from our Ministry and Personnel Committee

As spring starts to show up we all want to be outdoors! You could do that as a summer service if you wish!

M & P is working on filling up Sunday Services while Craig is on his well-deserved Sabbatical.

For the month of July & August we have a resources from the UCC in *Gathering* where it gives you almost the whole service with hymns, etc. If you don't want to do a sermon we can use a video message from a UCC minister, or do your own spin on a sermon. Or if you want to plan the whole service yourself, great! So far at time of printing here is who we have and spots still available:

May 27th - Milo Craig

June 3rd - Lydia Cancade

June 10th - David or Peggy Barrows

June 17th - Pride Sunday, Affirm

June 24th -

July 1st - We will join Trinity UC, **No service at Knox**

July 8th-

July 15th-

July 22nd-

July 29th - Debbie Coombs-Dandy

August 5th - We will join Central United Church, **No service at Knox**

August 12th- Antoinette Gravel - Oullette

August 19th - Betty Kelly

August 26th - Bernie & Jane

September 2nd -

September 9th - Green Team

September 16th - Craig Returns

Blessings for a Good Summer!

Coleen Wall on behalf of M & P Committee



20TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRUNCH



EASTER CHOIR



SKC EASTER STATIONS



Knox Connections

“Let’s Talk” Discussions with Local UCC Congregations

Early this year a task group from Central United invited local congregations (Brandon, Rivers, Douglas, Forrest, Brandon Hills, Rapid City) to participate in a meeting to discuss the future of the UCC and our ministries in this area. We were asked to reflect on some big questions:

- Where do you see your church in 2-3 years?
- What do you feel your church holds most dear?
- What would be the most challenging to let go?
- Does your church have fears or concerns?
- How will your congregation be affected by current remits?
- What do you see as the best way forward for our group of congregations?

We talked for over two hours and agreed to meet again. There was good representation from Knox and much to celebrate. There’s also lots of uncertainty about what the future will hold.

Following this gathering Central reached out to Leslie Harrison of EDGE, a network for ministry development in the UCC. On May 5 we gathered at Trinity for a four-hour workshop with Leslie. We discussed current trends in the UCC. Many of us are

aware that we’ve been closing one congregation a week since 2010, mainly in rural areas.

Leslie shocked all of us when she shared that over the next three years EDGE anticipates that 1,000 out of the roughly 4,000 remaining UCC congregations will close. She also reviewed some of what EDGE has to offer as we continue to reflect on our future.

Leslie suggested that we reflect upon new questions for a new day. Rather than asking, “How do we bring people in?” we should be asking, **“How do we send people out?”** Rather than asking, “How do we survive?” we should be asking, **“How do we serve?”** “What’s our vision and how do we implement it?” becomes, **“What is God doing and how can we get on board?”** And lastly, “What can this church do?” to, **“What can we do together?”** There is good energy around seeking to answer that last question.

Now, some of you have heard that there is talk about amalgamation. That option for Brandon congregations was mentioned by two members of Central that had a very positive experience in Winnipeg when several charges amalgamated to form St. Mary’s Road UCC.

However, there are

currently no plans to amalgamate our Brandon congregations. We do want to continue to have an open and honest conversation where all options may be reflected upon for further action. We do hope we can be creative in finding ways to work together, support our rural neighbours, and share resources. It is clear that we need to build relationships in order support one another during this “holy shift” in church and society. Surely, that’s what it means to be United. — Rev. Craig

Congratulations to Navan Forsythe who is graduating from Neelin High School. He will be attending Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton, having been accepted into the jazz studies program there. Navan was also selected to represent the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario as our youth pilgrim to General Council. He will be on the road from July 5 - August 25.

Congratulations to Heather Robertson, granddaughter of Al and Isabel Robertson. Heater is graduating June 6th from the University of Calgary — English major (BA). Heather spent one semester last year in Sweden.

Ten Ways to Go Plastic Free ucobserver.org

KNOX GREEN TEAM

Our Green Team along with the Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association would like to invite you to an: **Electric Vehicle Information Session**, on June 2, 2018, 1:00 PM, Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum Canteen, at the Brandon Municipal Airport.

This Symposium will provide the public an opportunity to gather more information about electric vehicles (EVs) as an emerging alternate transportation option in Manitoba.

Christopher Basilio, Research Coordinator at the Electric Vehicle Technology & Education Centre (VTEC), Red River College in Winnipeg will be discussing some of the practical research ongoing at VTEC. This will include their research on EV operation under Manitoba conditions as well as information about the various charging options. He will tackle some of the myths around EVs and EV charging. As well, we are inviting both commercial and

entrepreneurial/craftsman built electric vehicles and hybrids to be on display.

Electric vehicles are an important step towards a more sustainable environment for future generations. There are lots of questions and people are interested in learning more. Please join us on June 2nd and learn.



The Knox Green Team is taking care of the local arrangements so there will be no charge to attend.

For more information please contact (204) 730-0559 or wclayton@mansea.org

Please let us know if you would like to bring an electric vehicle or hybrid to display.

— Wayne Clayton, Knox Green Team

1. Shop w/Canvas Bags
2. Reusable glass jars 4 bulk
3. Stainless-Steel Bottles
4. Don't buy synthetic fibres
5. Buy food staples in bulk
6. Make your own yogurt
7. Avoid plastic cutlery
8. Use biodegradable bags
9. Bag lunch alternatives
10. DIY cleaners in glass

Thank You to Council Chair, Vivian Mitchell & Treasurer Irene Bromley, whose terms end May 2018. Thank you to the Knox Singers who held their Spring Concert in April, performing Songs of the Four Elements, "Earth, Water, Wind and Fire", along with the "Knoyse" Musicians. Thank you to Rev. Craig who once again worked his magic with the artwork of this newsletter; we wish you well during your Sabbatical leave this summer. Enjoy your summer everyone - let's hope it's a long one. — Lynn Cupples

AFFIRM UNITED

We 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.

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Knox

is on Treaty 2 land. We acknowledge our responsibility as treaty people and these lands as the original territories of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota Peoples, and we are in the heart of the Metis nation.