

Calendar

25-26 September - Canadian Chamber Choir Festival at Knox

27 September - Orange Shirt Sunday, Brunch, Canadian Chamber Choir Concert at First Presbyterian 3 pm, Where Water Meets Sky

28 September - 10 AM Survivors Flag Raising & Ceremony at City Hall, 3 PM Kairos Blanket Exercise, 5 PM Family Movie Night

29 September - 7 AM Sunrise Ceremony

30 September - 11:45 AM Orange Shirt Day Walk, 4 PM Healing By the River

3 October - Indoor Garage Sale at Knox

4 October - 9 AM Sisters in Spirit MMIWG2S Petal Ceremony Brandon Riverbank, Worldwide Communion Sunday, Potluck

7 October - 6:30 PM Christian Education meeting on Zoom

16 October - Blanket Exercise, Elspeth Reid Centre 10 am

17 October - Women In Harmony presents "Echoes of the Earth", Knox 2 pm

24 October - Learn to Sew Witches Hats from Linens, Knox 1-4 pm

28 October - FALL Luncheon



NEW: Treasurer's update as of August 31, 2026

Total church income YTD	\$100,402.76
Total fundraising YTD	\$16,380.14
Total miscellaneous YTD	\$31,347.66
Total rentals YTD	\$30,961.66
(included in miscellaneous)	-
Total income YTD	\$148,130.56
Total expenses YTD	(178,898.53)
Total surplus/(deficit) YTD	(30,767.97)

NEW: 6 Volunteers Needed For BIRS Learning Centre

Rev. Craig needs 6 volunteers to assist with set-up on Monday, 28 September, at 1:30 PM at the Riverbank Discover Centre, and 6 to help pack up on Friday, 2 October, at 4 pm. Please contact Craig if you are able to help – craigatknox@wcgwave.ca

NEW: Lunch Kit Preparations for Orange Shirt Day

Tuesday, 29 September, 10 AM Knox Kitchen

10 Volunteers Needed

We received a request from the Truth and Reconciliation Week Planning Committee to assist with 500 lunches for Orange Shirt Day walkers. With input from our team and Sioux Valley's willingness to help, we'll prepare 250 lunch bags here at Knox on Tuesday and SVDN will make arrangements to provide 250. We need ten volunteers to work with Sharon Christmas. A big thank you to Sharon and the InBetweeners for responding to this request and for their generous \$500 donation for supplies. We've also received a \$3,000 grant from the Prairie to Pine Region (UCC) to support some of the costs of Orange Shirt Day. PLEASE CONTACT SHARON CHRISTMAS if you are able to volunteer. rschristmas@gmail.com or 204-728-0541.

NEW: Happy Retirement!

After 11 wonderful years as Youth Director at Knox, Antoinette is retiring from the position. Thankfully, she's not leaving us! She will continue to be an important part of our Knox community as Chairperson of the Christian Education Committee.

A huge thank you to Antoinette for the countless hours, care and meaningful contributions she has made to the lives of so many Knox youth over the past 11 years. We are grateful for all that you have given to our young people and our church community!



NEW: Knox Fall Indoor Garage Sale

3 October, Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm

Donations for the sale can go on the auditorium stage starting Monday, September 28th

(We cannot accept electronics or old TV'S)

We need volunteers for the following days to help make this sale a huge success:

1 October - 1 pm to 5 pm, sale prep: includes collecting/unboxing, organizing, and pricing.

2 October - 9 am to 5 pm, lots more sale prep!

3 October - 9 am to 1 pm, Sale time!

3 October - 1 pm, cleanup crew.

We will need a few folks with trucks to take the remaining items to MCC.

We are always thankful to the wonderful number of people pitching in to take on the many jobs! Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Thank you to all who have signed up to help so far!

NEW: Knox Building Manager

We would like to welcome a new staff member. Knox has a large, aging building that needs care. Council decided to hire a casual, part-time building manager to oversee the church's needs & projects.

Mark is allotted up to 10 hours per week, and he will work closely with Kendra & Charles. The priority now is the roof from the summer's storms.

Mark has lived in Brandon since 1992. He has worked for the Brandon School Division for the past 21 years. He worked at the Division office as an Office Utility Worker; for the last 5 years, he has been at Valley View School as a Maintenance Person. He oversees the property, ensuring it is in good working order and arranging necessary repairs as needed. He has training & experience in many areas that will be an asset in being a Building Manager



Mark is passionate about curling, also enjoys fishing, riding his quad, and travelling. He has been married to his wife Shelley for 26 years.

Welcome Mark!

Reminder: Come Celebrate Worldwide Communion with Affirming Leaders from Kenya & Zambia.

Sunday, 4 October – Communion service, followed by a potluck lunch and information session. See the sign-up list on the bulletin board.

Pastor Caroline Omolo and Mwaka Mwandia will be our guests on Sunday, 4 October. Both are members of a delegation participating in the UCC's "Faith Beyond Borders" program. The focus of the trip will be to learn about the global backlash, including here in Canada, against the human rights of our 2S and LGBTQIA+ kin. The full delegation includes partners from Zambia, Mozambique, Kenya, South Korea, Colombia and the Philippines.

More about our guests:

Pastor Caroline Omolo is a distinguished leader and activist with significant roles across several organizations dedicated to advocacy and social justice in Kenya. Their leadership includes Cosmopolitan Affirming Church, where they serve as Co-founder,

Senior Pastor, and Executive Director. Wawa Aba Institute, serving as the Country Program Director and Regional Director for Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda. Minority Womyn in Action (MWA) as Program Officer. And GALCK+ (formerly Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Kenya), as Cluster Security Coordinator.

Mwaka Mwandia is the Administrative Assistant at All Africa Theological Education by Extension (AATEEA), the umbrella body representing more than 20 Theological Education by Extension (TEE) institutions across Africa. Throughout her career, Mwaka has supported initiatives that promote theological education, gender diversity, institutional strengthening, and capacity building across Africa. She is committed to fostering collaboration among churches, advocating for the inclusion of minorities and persons with disabilities, and contributing to the growth and sustainability of theological education networks.



Truth and Reconciliation Week 2026



Monday, September 28

- 10:00 AM** Proclamation and Survivors Flag Raising & Ceremony at City Hall
- 1:00 – 3:00 PM** Tipi Raising & Teachings
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM** Kairos Blanket Exercise
- 5:00 – 8:00 PM** Family Movie Night sponsored by the Brandon Police Service
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM** Prairie Bounce Games & Face Painting with Free Hotdogs

Tuesday, September 29

- 7:00 AM** Sunrise Pipe Ceremony & Lighting of the Sacred Fire with Knowledge Keeper Frank Tacan sponsored by Sunrise Credit Union
- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** Organized School Events at the Riverbank
Site is open to the public
- 5:00 PM** Pulling Together Canoe event with Amanda Conway. Starts at Dinsdale Park and ends at the Riverbank Discovery Centre.
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM** Men's Drum Group Practice

Wednesday, September 30

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM** Wrap the Community *"Through smudge, sharing, and Songs we honor our Survivors"*
- 11:00 AM** Dignitaries and Speeches
- 11:45 AM – 3:00 PM** Orange Shirt Day 7km Walk and Mini Orange Shirt Day 1km Walk
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM** Orange Shirt Day Free Lunch by the John Howard Society Transitional Housing Services
- 4:00 – 6:00 PM** Healing by the River - Indigenous Traditions & Celebration with Host Drum Rolling Thunder at the Fusion Credit Union Stage

Wednesday, September 30 – Continued

- 6:00 – 7:00 PM** Jason Lepine & Band with Metis Jigging Demo at the Fusion Credit Union stage
- 12:00 – 5:00 PM** Indigenous Market
- 12:00 – 7:00 PM** Food Trucks

Thursday, October 1

- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** Organized School Events at the Riverbank
Site is open to the public
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM** Pow Wow Club - Oawusuna
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM** Women's Drum Group Practice

Friday, October 2

- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** Organized School Events at the Riverbank
Site is open to the public
- 3:00 PM** Library Storytime
- 4:30 PM** Community Feast & Closing Speeches with a Feast by In A Good Way of the Brandon Friendship Centre
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM** Candy Scramble

Saturday, October 3

- 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM** **Mikanah Project at the Riverbank** featuring Voyager Boat Rides, Water Teachings by Susie Derendy, Sharing Circles, Bannock on a Stick and Food.

Sunday, October 4

- 9:00 AM** Sisters In Spirit Petal Ceremony with Brandon Friendship Centre followed by a free bannock breakfast sandwich at the Brandon Riverbank

Indigenous Talent by Knowledge Keepers including drumming, dancing, music, ceremony, etc.



**CWC In Partnership with
BFC ~ AHW Wellness Centre**
Offer at no charge

BLANKET EXERCISE

an experiential teaching tool that explores the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples

Friday Oct. 16 10am to noon
Elspeth Reid Family Resource Centre @
255 on 9th Street
Brandon Manitoba
Treaty Two Territory
Pre-Registration Required
Communitywellness204@gmail.com

KNOX 'HOW TO' SERIES:

Learn to sew Witches Hats from Linens

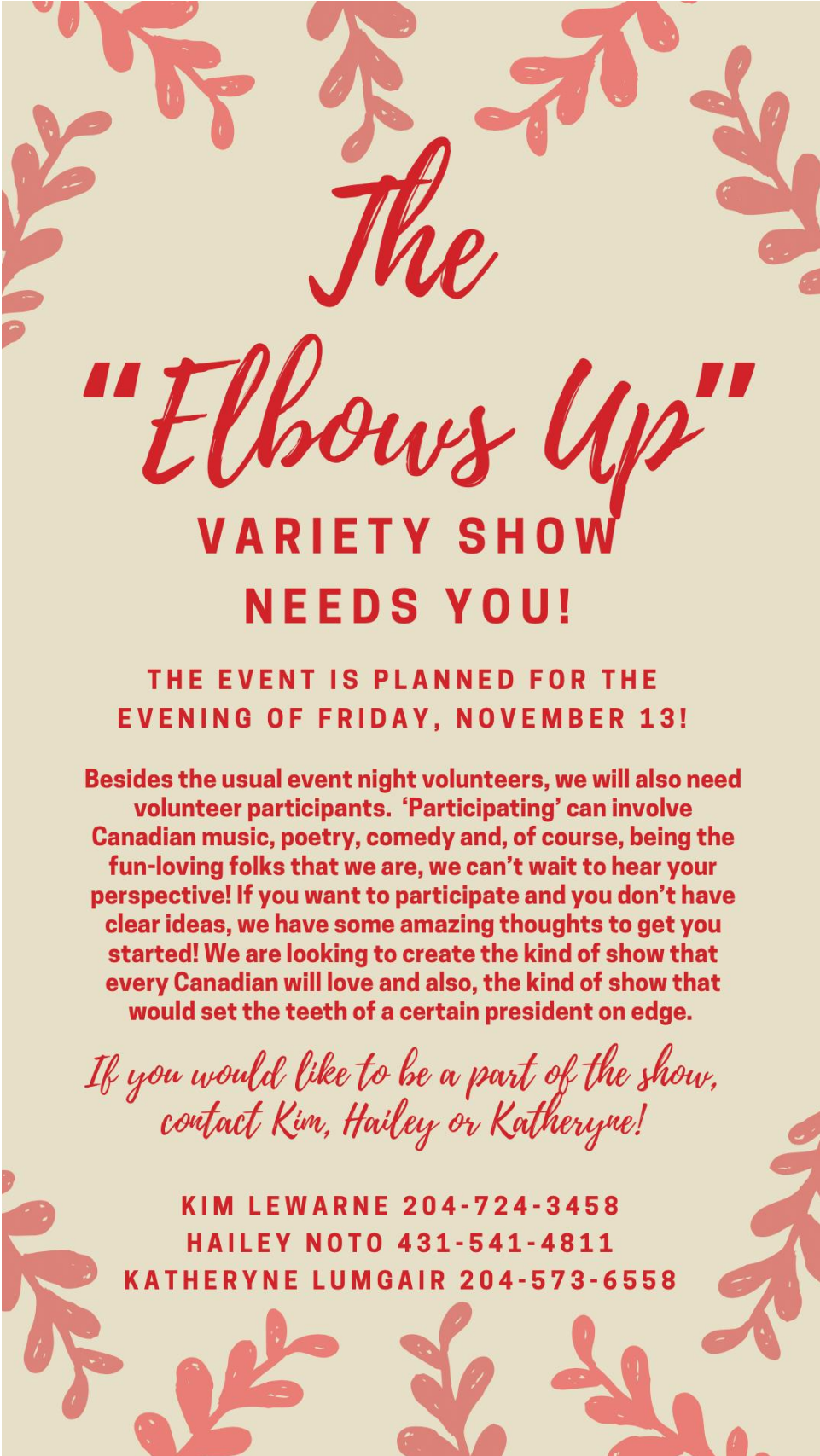
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**OCTOBER 24TH, 2026 1-4PM
KNOX UNITED CHURCH
LOWER CLASSROOM**

Price includes everything you need!
Call Kathyryne to register at 204-573-6558





The "Elbows Up" VARIETY SHOW NEEDS YOU!

THE EVENT IS PLANNED FOR THE
EVENING OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13!

Besides the usual event night volunteers, we will also need volunteer participants. 'Participating' can involve Canadian music, poetry, comedy and, of course, being the fun-loving folks that we are, we can't wait to hear your perspective! If you want to participate and you don't have clear ideas, we have some amazing thoughts to get you started! We are looking to create the kind of show that every Canadian will love and also, the kind of show that would set the teeth of a certain president on edge.

*If you would like to be a part of the show,
contact Kim, Hailey or Katheryne!*

KIM LEWARNE 204-724-3458
HAILEY NOTO 431-541-4811
KATHERYNE LUMGAIR 204-573-6558

Season of Creation Gatherings on Sundays

Wild Hope

A Five-Week Series Starting 13 September

Wild hope grows like forests after fire, rivers feeding floodplains, seeds breaking open after a long winter. It is rooted in the planet's ongoing work of renewal and in our call to become partners with God in healing the Earth and one another.

13 September – Week One: Wild Hope Begins with Wonder

Loving the Earth changes you and the Earth.

20 September – Week Two: Wild Hope Grows Through Connection

We belong to the Earth, just as the branches belong to the vine

27 September – Week Three: Wild Hope Heals

God's healing includes people, communities, and ecosystems.

4 October – Week Four: Wild Hope Acts

Wild Hope is something we practice.

11 October – Week Five: Wild Hope Sends Us

We are sent into the world as people of hope.

NEW: Mission & Service

Restoring Sacred Connections

[Restoring Sacred Connections | The United Church of Canada](#)

Reminder: ALF Youth Retreat - Minnedosa, MB

Oct 23 to 25, 2026 - Faith in Film

Calling all grades 7 to 12 from Prairie to Pine Region (and beyond) to explore with peers for a weekend how movies inform our faith.

Registration Open: [Click here for info](#)

NEW: Church Office Hours

Regular church office hours return September 1st

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 9 am to 4 pm (closed 12-1 for lunch)

Fri: 9 am to 12 pm

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*