

Calendar

7 December - Advent II - Choir Program

8 December - Congregational Care Mtg, Library 10 am

10 December - SKC Grades 3-8, Gingerbread House Comp/Pjay Party, 6 pm

14 December - Advent III, Spirit Kids' Club Program

16 December - Council, 6:30 pm

17 December - Christmas Cheer Hampers

21 December - Advent IV

24 December - Christmas Eve Gathering 7 pm

31 December - SKC Grades 3-8, Bowling, 1:30-3 pm

This is a financial summary for 2025 through November 30th, highlighting income, expenses, and budget performance with one month remaining in the year.

- Year-to-date giving below budget: Total church giving reached \$139,417, approximately \$14,000 under the YTD budget of \$153,661, though December historically brings higher donations which could close this gap. Other donations exceeded budget by about \$6,400, contributing to a combined total of \$146,819 against a goal of \$168,630.
- Strong fundraising and rental income: Fundraising events raised over \$24,000, surpassing the \$22,150 budget, including Stewardship events exceeding their \$6,000 target. Rental income was slightly below budget but expected to meet the \$42,400 yearly goal due to new tenants.
- Expenses remain under budget: Total expenses were \$224,742 compared to a YTD budget of \$236,263, with significant savings in property expenses (\$25,836 actual vs. \$38,597 budget). The church met its UCC Assessment of \$9,791.
- Deficit improving and year-end outlook positive: The total deficit stands at \$16,741, better than the budgeted \$31,193 deficit. A small surplus in November and expected December giving suggest a further reduction in the deficit by year-end.

NEW: Mission & Service

Gifts with Joy, Gifts with Hope, Gifts with Vision

[Gifts with Joy, Gifts with Hope, Gifts with Vision | The United Church of Canada](#)

Reminder: Greenspot Gift Cards Are Here!

\$50.00 Greenspot Home & Garden gift cards are restocked and ready for your holiday giving! Stop by the church office to pick up the perfect gift for friends, family, and everyone who brings joy to your season.

Your gift gives twice - A portion of every card supports our church's outreach ministries throughout the community.

NEW: A Taste of the Holidays Update

Supper was held last Sunday, Nov. 30th. We sold out the tickets (160) and had 30 deliveries/pickups. A huge thank you to all who donated food and or worked behind the scenes to make it successful. Scouts and leaders helped to pour beverages and clear dishes at the supper. We appreciated this help a lot. The profit this year, going to the operating fund at Knox, is \$3,452.

Thanks again everybody!

Reminder: Camera Pickup

Thank you for lending your cameras for our recent worship display. They are in the church office, ready to be picked up.

NEW: From the M & P Committee

Our Next monthly meeting is Tuesday, Dec 8th at 5:30 pm via Zoom

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts under the guidelines of The Manual of The United Church of Canada. The committee functions around three roles, which are the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationship's role, and the supervisory role. We provide resources & support for the staff & community of faith with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church, including ministry personnel and lay employees.

The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the community of faith.

If members of the community of faith have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee, which will recommend action.

Knox United Church is blessed with staff who are committed to their work, and we are thankful for this work in our community of faith.

Presently serving on the committee are:

Coleen Wall, Chairperson cttwall@mymts.net, Home 204-725-3416, Cell 204-761-5515

Committee Member	Committee Roll	Liaison to	Position
Coleen Wall	Chairperson	Rev. Craig Miller	Minister
"		Kendra Carnegie	Office Administrator
Laurie Crowe	Financial Advisor	Bernie Whetter	Choral Director
Karen Turnbull	Secretary	Jane Skinner	Organist
Jim Lewthwaite		Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette	Youth Director
Art Godfrey		Charles Ingram	Caretaker
Sandy Jasper		Brittany Schettler	Children's Program Co
"		Hailey Noto	Children's Program Co

NEW: from the InBetweeners

All ladies of Knox are welcome to join us for a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 11th, 1:00 PM at Komfort Kitchen, 835 Princess Ave. We have a reserved area of the restaurant, and all will pay for their own meal ordered off their menu. A great time of fellowship, where will we all be this Christmas season?

If you can, please bring with you a "boxed" food item, eg, cereal (especially baby cereal), crackers, stove top, spaghetti, KD, etc., which will go to Samaritan House. Let me know by Tuesday noon if you would like to join us, and I'll forward numbers to Komfort Kitchen. Sharon 204-728-0541 or rschrimas@gmail.com

Reminder: Christmas Cheer Hampers 2025

As we approach Advent, our members are preparing to share the light of Christmas in the lives of 22 families, which includes 77 children.

In the last few years, we have requested monetary donations only. Our request remains the same this year. As you know, the cost of food and goods is on the rise, so we are

counting on your generosity, as always, for these families in need. Receipts are available for donations of \$20.00 or more. Contact the office for a receipt. There are envelopes at the back of the sanctuary which can be placed on the offering plate or dropped at the office. Cheques, cash, or e-transfer to knoxchurch@wcgwave.ca are all gratefully accepted.

Our hampers include a gift valued at around \$25.00, a book, a warm hat, mitts or socks. Children aged 10 and under will receive a stuffed animal, many of which are donated at the Wheatking's teddy bear toss. And, of course, we include provisions for a tasty Christmas dinner, including turkey or ham or halal meats, potatoes, carrots, oranges, and many other basic food items.

Our committee is so appreciative of those talented and generous elves who provide warm hats, mitts and even dishcloths for our families.

Please know that sincere words of thanks and appreciation are often expressed by our many grateful recipients. So, thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity, which contribute to the excitement and happiness of many families who are celebrating this Christmas season.

May we all enjoy the anticipation that comes with the season of Advent as we await the promise of Christmas!

Thanks to all the committee members and drivers who coordinate and deliver hampers and gifts that have been assembled with care and thoughtfulness.

Hampers will be packaged and delivered on Wednesday, December 17th. We will be posting a request for drivers in early December.

Reminder: Spring Roll Fundraiser

The Westman Filipino Community will be hard at work, in the Knox kitchen, preparing for their second spring roll fundraiser.

The sale will be on December 6th, 2025, starting at 12 Noon until sold out!

\$10.00 per bag (20 pieces). There is a pre-order form in the church office. Call Kendra if you would like your name added!

Advent 2025 Series

What Child is This? Beyond the Lullaby

Inspired by the book *The First Advent in Palestine*, this series explores the political, social, and cultural circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth, highlighting parallels

between that era's complexities and our own. The gospel stories boldly proclaim good news amidst suffering under the Roman empire.

December 7 – Advent 2: “The Silent Word” (Peace) Choir Program

The poet of our carol, “What Child is This,” wrote the phrase “the silent Word is pleading.” Our idea of that child might be a comforting lullaby and a peaceful silent night, but the reality of babies, and that period in history, was a “crying out.” It was a time for foretelling justice amid trauma, as Zechariah does when his silence is broken. The Word became Flesh for such a time. How will we cry out for true peace for everyone? How will we soothe the world’s trauma in our time?

December 14 – Advent 3: “Son of Mary” (Joy) SKC Program

We often hear Jesus referred to as the “Son of God” and the “Son of Man.” But this carol repeatedly emphasizes his identity as the “Son of Mary.” This equally powerful description highlights his being raised by a woman who, upon hearing she would bear a child, said “yes” to one of the most difficult and precarious situations she could face. She then sings with joy a song of justice for the ages. She continues to guide and help shape this child who would tend to those in suffering. How can we proclaim a deep joy “in spite of” hardship in our time?

December 21 - Advent 4: “Enthroned by Love” (Love)

When we hear “let loving hearts enthrone him” in our carol, we are encountering the “essence of the message.” Love is at the core of this beloved story of Christ’s birth. It is love that truly defines “kingdom” and “kinship.” No one exemplifies this more than Joseph’s love for Mary and the child. He is the protector of Love; he embodies hospitality. Not only was the life of Jesus in his hands, but his character and sacrifice also influenced how Jesus lived and centred “love for all” as his message. How will we make sacrificial love our focus in our time?

December 24 - Christmas Eve: “The Babe”

God’s Body knows trauma, just as we do. John tells us that God so loved the world that God became one of us to know us and love us more deeply. Not only the cross but also the trauma of Christ’s birth reveal the reality of “God-with-us,” no matter the circumstances. This theme from our faith story can open our hearts and minds to our own place in the heart of the story. No matter how afraid we feel, the Babe, “whom shepherds guard and angels sing,” lives within us, waiting to grow into Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love incarnate.

Reminder: 2026 Church Calendar

The Canadian Church Calendar, United Church Edition

"A New Heaven and a New Earth"

Now available to purchase in the church office. \$9 each.

Reminder: Pickleball @ Knox

Our winter pickleball crew is back at it in the Knox auditorium. They welcome any Knox community members to join in and give it a try!

If you're interested, please contact:

Bryan Schettler - bryanschettler@gmail.com

Francis Cancade - cancadefrancis@gmail.com

NEW: Zeebu Youth Retreat Registration Now Open!

Harrow United Church, Winnipeg

Feb 20th to 22nd, 2026 - Grades 7-12

Exploring other Faiths. If you wish to talk to someone about it before signing up, please reach out to tmacnair@united-church.ca who can put you in touch with a seasoned retreat attendee. [Details and Registration Here](#)

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