

A Cross The Pews



Knox Waterloo

AIDS Benefit Fashion Show

Remember When

Holy Week and Easter at Knox

Come and Experience the Cross Walk & walk the Labyrinth:

We are offering something new this year. The Cross Walk is a quiet, reflective, personal interactive path through the events of Holy Week and the Labyrinth is quiet path that guides you to the center and out again.

The Cross Walk may take about 20 minutes – ½ hour and the labyrinth as long as you wish. Come during the day, at your lunch hour or after work/school. Come alone or come as a family, and tell your friends about this. It is open to the public and there is no cost. The Cross walk will be in the Knox Room and the Labyrinth will be set up in the church hall, when the hall is available.

It will be open: **Monday April 2nd, Wednesday April 3rd and Wednesday April 4th 9 AM to 7 PM**
Maundy Thursday April 5th 7:30 to 9 PM
Good Friday April 6th 2 to 4 PM

Good Friday – April 6th

10 AM - Choral music and reflections on Jesus' last words
 Children's Church School provided
 Refreshments and hot cross buns served after worship.

Easter Morning – April 8th

7:30 AM - Outdoor Early Morning Easter Worship Service
 Gather at the church and walk over to Waterloo Park.

8:30 AM - Pot Luck Easter Breakfast.

Join us before or after worship and bring something to share with others. (no nuts/peanuts please)

10 AM - Easter Worship in the sanctuary will include choral music a Confirmation Service for Knox young people

Thank you to all who participated, organized and came out for this wonderful afternoon on Saturday, March 31, 2012

Proceeds will be supporting AIDS work in Malawi Africa (in particular women and children).

In support of AIDS relief



Minister's message



By Linda Ashfield

When I was 16 years old I read these words from a book:

"Christ's followers were utterly distraught by his execution and they feared for their own safety, because of the violence of Christ's enemies.

Yet in a matter of days these discouraged and frightened followers were amazingly transformed. They openly and fearlessly proclaimed Christ alive from the dead! So strong was their belief that they submitted to persecution and death rather than deny their Lord.

Had these unlearned men cunningly devised a fictional message (a scheme for which they had no discoverable motive), it would be reasonable to assume that sooner or later one or more of the eleven (not to mention other followers) would have confessed the subterfuge under the pressure of numerous threats of death.

But none did. Their witness never wavered. Rather, they experienced an amazing power that even enabled them to work miracles! The lives and message of these men changed the course of human history.

No reasonable explanation has ever been given to account for their transformed lives except their own: They had seen Jesus alive..."

These words had a profound effect on me. I had grown up in the church and heard the stories in Sunday School. Each year I happily celebrated Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. But when I read this it finally dawned on me that Jesus' followers were real people just like me and their experience of the Resurrection changed them forever. They spent the rest of their lives proclaiming that Christ was risen. In the end, most of them were put to death for their belief that Jesus was the Son of God.

It wasn't long after, that I began to understand that to know about Christ was not enough for me.

To be convinced that Jesus was the Saviour of the world was not enough.

To affirm my faith in Him as we did in church with the Apostles' Creed was not enough for me either. To actively believe in Christ meant that I needed to make a commitment of my life to Him and to receive Him as my Saviour. Ultimately, each and every one of us is left with the awesome mystery and terrifying freedom of either accepting or rejecting Jesus.

At the heart of all this "church stuff" - it's about Jesus. It's still about Jesus. Jesus the Lamb of God, the Light of the World, the Bread of Life, the Prince of Peace, the one chosen to bring good news to the poor, the one sent to proclaim liberty to the captives and to set free the oppressed.

This Holy Week as we walk with him into Jerusalem, sit with him at the table, watch as he is betrayed, arrested and condemned to die, may we see God's grace and love in action. And on Easter morning may we too experience the miracle of an empty tomb so that we can proclaim as those first followers did, "We have seen Jesus!"



27 Years of Ministry!

As John Riddell steps down after 27 years leading the Knox “sound team”, we asked him to review its history.

We will include portions of the history throughout the next several newsletters!

Submitted by Agnes Steffy

We asked John how much sound and broadcast has changed Christian worship over these years.

With the use of wireless mikes, the ministers can wander anywhere in the sanctuary and be heard perfectly. There are fixed mikes at the pulpit or lectern. With the use of microphones, the choir can be heard really well, too. Our broadcast has been on CKWR for over 35 years. It is estimated that we have about 5,000 listeners on any given Sunday. There is a Bell broadcast line that goes from the church to the Bell office on Albert Street, and is amplified there. Then it leaves the Bell office and goes to CKWR on University Ave. They monitor it and send it out to their transmitter on Erb. St., which is on 98.5 Mhz FM. We are heard from Goderich to Guelph and Brantford.

We had a few interesting problems over the years with this radio circuit. Occasionally Bell technicians would disconnect it and use it for somebody’s phone. They listened on the cable pair, heard nothing, so figured it is not in use and pulled it. Of course, it is dead during the week! Now CKWR has its programming on the internet at www.ckwr.com, so anyone anywhere in the world can listen to Knox Waterloo worship services! We regularly listen when we are in Florida each March.

We set up a system for the hearing impaired so they can hear the service in the sanctuary. The old building had a small transmitter on 90.3 which I built for \$100.00 and could be heard over the entire property. If we needed sound in the old Hall, we would set up a “Boom Box” radio and tune it to 90.3 FM.

John, did your hobby in amateur radio contribute to your interest in bringing sound to Knox?

Yes, very much so. I received my Amateur Radio license in 1958 (VE3AMZ) and have been involved in many areas since then. I have built over 40 kits including 2 colour TV’s and also enjoy building equipment from scratch, known as “Home Brewing”. I built the first Amateur radio repeater station in this part of Ontario and installed it on the Baden Hill, home of CKCO TV’s transmitter. It still works, but with more modern equipment.

Amateur Radio has made me friends all over the world. One night around midnight, I went on the radio and chatted with two guys who were at the South Pole. They were the only persons on that radio band that night.

In 1977, while wandering around Disney World in Florida, we came right next to His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan, whose Amateur radio call sign is JY1. I introduced myself as VE3AMZ and asked for his autograph. He wrote, “ToVE3AMZ, from JY1, all my best wishes, JY1, B. Hussein.” He was surrounded by armed guards. Dianne noticed that while I was talking to His Majesty, each guard had one hand on his gun. The King was in Orlando to pick up a 747 jet and fly it back to Jordan.

To be continued next month: John will talk about the new sound system in our new Knox sanctuary.

Committed to the Core

By Grant Birks & Barb Prysnuik

The title for our update this month is “Committed to the Core”. As a congregation, we are committed to our “core” faith values and committed to being a presence in Uptown Waterloo. The beautiful crosses on the outside of our new building are a visible sign that our faith is centred around Jesus dying on the cross for our salvation and for God’s love for us. We are also committed to the “core”, to spread God’s word and to be a welcoming faith community. Over the past months, Knox has not just been thinking about being “committed to the core” but we have been taking action and committing time, energy and money to reaching out in the community and being committed to our core values and to the core, “Uptown Waterloo”. Knox has opened its doors to the community and hosted many local events. Some of these events include: Project Ploughshares’ 35Year Celebration with Samantha Nutt, A Fifty Year Ann Roberts Retrospective by the Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo Region’s Reach For the Top Student Competition, Ray of Hope’s Coldest Night of the Year Walk, the House of Friendship’s Potato Blitz and the World Day of Prayer.

We also want to report to you, how we are doing, with being financially committed to Knox. Hopefully, you have had a chance to read the Treasurer’s and Finance Committee Report in the 2011 Annual Report, where there is a detailed account of the financial picture. Listed below are some highlights of the key points in their report.

1. The Knox financial position was strong at the end of 2011.
 - Surplus at yearend totaled \$55,000
 - Thankfully, the historic pattern of increased givings in November and December continued. For example, November saw income exceeding expenses by \$10,000 (Our hope and prayer would be that 2012 would bring a year of “Novembers).
 - We received a 3 year gift of money with instructions to use as needed. At this point, the full amount has been set up as deferred income and the funds invested in a high interest account.
 - In total, about \$990,000 was donated through 2011, which is amazing.
On the other hand, if our mortgage had kicked in when we had expected in 2011, we would have had a **deficit of \$100,000.**
2. The Knox Budget for 2012 is challenging.
 - The Finance Committee has worked tirelessly and diligently to come up with this budget, which was passed at the Annual Meeting on March 4, 2012.
 - Total Income=\$870,000 Total Expenses= \$986,000 Deficit=**\$115,000**
 - This projected deficit includes the full mortgage, which we expect to start paying in April or May.
3. Moving Forward to Meet the Challenge of a Deficit Budget.
 - Thanks to our 2011 surplus and the 3 year gift, we have some time to close the gap.
 - While we hope to increase parking and building rentals, most of our income will still come via our givings.
 - We will also need to give regularly to meet the monthly expenses. For example, P A C K (Pre Authorized Contribution to Knox) is a way of giving regularly. For more information on this method of giving, please contact Ruth Song, our Church Administrator.
 - We will need to stay informed and respond to meet the challenge of our first mortgage, since 1983. Look for financial updates from the Finance Committee and the Bridge team in upcoming newsletters.

There is an African proverb that goes like this... **“When you pray, move your feet.”**

We ask that you would pray for financial sustainability for Knox and move your feet at the same time. Maybe take a look at what you might be able to do differently and take some action. In this way, together as a congregation, we can move forward along the Bridge.

Grant & Barb
Bridge Team

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH , WATERLOO
FINANCIAL UPDATE
YTD FEBRUARY 2012

	Feb -12 YTD ACTUAL \$	Feb -12 YTD BUDGET \$	Feb -12 ANNUAL BUDGET \$
INCOME:	113,742	113,402	870,200
EXPENSES:	82,913	93,871	626,131
MORTGAGE	34,000	60,000	360,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,171)	(40,469)	(115,931)

It is our intention to keep the congregation as well informed as possible on our sustaining commitment to the health & growth of this dynamic community of faith.

The attached financial statements for the year to date ending February 29th are very encouraging in that, they show that we have met our income targets for the first two months of the year. We have also been able to manage our expenses and keep them under budget by almost \$11,000. But the small deficit of \$3,171 should be kept in the context of what our full mortgage costs will be. Currently until the mortgage is struck we are paying only the interest portion (\$17,000 per month). If the mortgage had been in place from January 1 we would be looking at a deficit of approximately \$29,000. This is well within the 2012 budget approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting, but our ultimate goal as a congregation is to have a balanced budget and provide programming on an ongoing basis that is spiritually meaningful to this community of faith and the community in which we live.

In the months ahead, the Knox congregation will face all of our challenges with the strength, determination & the faith demonstrated over the last 120 years. Our glass is truly three quarter full.

Respectfully Submitted,
 John R. Scace CMA
 "Equal sacrifice, not equal giving's"

Salute to Seniors

In commemoration of Kitchener's 100 years of cityhood, Kitchener would like to honour those senior who are or will be turning 100 years of age in 2012. It is a great distinction to live to 100 year or more, please help us celebrate!

If you would like to recognize an outstanding senior, please complete the submission form at www.kitchener.ca/awards or there are paper forms in the church office. Submissions are due April 26, 2012

Honourees will be invited to attend the event June 14, 2012,

MINISTERS' TIME AWAY

Brooke and Linda are attending a family wedding in Wales this spring and will be away from April 25th to May 15th.

During that time, our student minister Reuben St. Louis and our minister in association Rev. Dr. Walter McLean will be leading worship as well as covering pastoral care.

Please call the church if you need pastoral care.

Thank you.

Family Ministry Opportunity:

Knox Nites have been Intergenerational evenings with activities like skating, tobogganing, pumpkin carving, Advent activities, etc. started or followed by a Pot Luck supper. The Nurture Committee would like to explore a new focus for Family Nights at Knox. Some thoughts: Family Movie Nites, Family Bible Study with Pot Luck. If you have some new ideas or would like to help with planning/implementing of Knox Nites starting this fall, please see Laura V.

Prayer Shawls and Pneumonia Vests

On Sunday, March 25, we dedicated 31 prayer shawls and 44 pneumonia vests. Thank you to those who contributed prayer shawls: Jean Shantz, Eleanor Larter, Margaret Woods, Reta Spencer, Eula Mae Myers, Loreen Palmer, Ruth Kirkby, Win Sanders, Dianne Linnerth and Betty Crompton. And thank you also to those who contributed pneumonia vests: Anne Blair, Betty Montgomery (sister of Nancy Hunter), Dorothy Aitken, Ruth Kirkby, Eleanor Larter and Nola Williams.

Prayer shawls are given to people from our church community who are facing challenges in their lives. We have also donated to Debbie Burns' mission in Malawi, the Boarding Home Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and St. Mary's Hospital. People feel a sense of comfort and warmth as they wear the shawl and contemplate the prayerful support that goes with it. With our current number of shawls we will be donating to a local group needing support as well as our own people. Pneumonia vests are sent to India and Malawi through the bale of the Women's Missionary Society. This program will continue in 2012. At the end of this year, the WMS will no longer be sending a bale but Knox and St. Andrew's Kitchener have decided to continue sending our own bale of pneumonia vests since we have been told that they are very much needed by physicians treating babies and children for pneumonia. So you can continue to meet this need by your knitting which is very much appreciated in these countries. At a later date we will be accepting donations to cover the cost of the bale. ~Submitted by Ellen Yessis

Births

Sam and Sharee Bailie have a new granddaughter
Quinn Catherine Anne Bailie
born February 17, 2012 - 7 lbs. 1 oz
proud parents Aaron and Kate Bailie



Passages

Knox sends its condolences to Collin Newman on the loss of his brother and to Frank Whitson on the loss of his sister.



Upcoming Worship @ Knox

Sunday April 1st - Palm Sunday Intergenerational worship and Communion
10 am
Friday April 6th - Good Friday worship with program for children 10 am
Sunday April 8th - Easter Early morning outdoor service 7:30am
Sunday April 8th - Easter Worship 10 am Confirmation service
Sunday April 15th - New Members joining
Sunday April 22nd - Earth Day, praise band and grades 4-5 tone chimes
Sunday, April 29th - Bluevale H.S. Choir, Reuben St. Louis preaching



A Note from Fitness and Fellowship

Spring into spring with us; enjoy some physical activity in a supportive setting to get you ready for the season. Recently, during 'fellowship time', we have learned many things: Did you know that equal parts 'grease fighter' liquid detergent and 'green' detergent will remove the toughest stain? Ask Eula Mae.
Do join us for spring fellowship and physical activity; new friends always welcome. If you have any questions do call Beth Thorsen (519) 570-9357.

A Note from Christian Education



Spring League: Tuesdays, April 3 to May 29
6-8pm for kids in Grades 1-6. Basketball & Ball Hockey.

Cost: \$50. Per person

Registration forms are available from the Church Office. Contact Vaughn Sauve.



SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP

"Take me to the Water: God's Love Flows"

August 13-17, 8:45am – noon, for kids *finished* JK to Grade 8!

Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, music, FUN! Cost is \$20.

New Full Day Option

Including ...

Upward Sports

Crafts and daily trips to Waterloo Park

Cost for Full Day

\$120.00

Bring your own lunch

Only 40 spots available so register early!

Registration forms available soon; watch the website for a downloadable version.

Contact **Laura V** or **Glenda Ribey-Rozomiak** for more info on how to get involved. **We need adult/youth volunteers!**

CANADA YOUTH 2012 is a five-day national Presbyterian youth conference at Brock University, St Catherines from July 3-8. Registration forms for High School youth and adult chaperones are available from the church office or online at www.canadayouth.ca. Please see Laura V. for more info and to plan for transportation and fundraising.

Confirmation celebration is Sunday April 8 at the 10am Worship service.



transforming lives...and congregations

The last LOGOS this year is Thursday April 19, 4:40-7:30pm. Congratulations to our Grade 8 grads: Sarah Fazzari, Sarah Tippin, Josh Sauve, Brad VanderVleuten, Abbey Nevin, Melanie McArdle; and our Grade 12 Grads: Aaron Hedquist, Sydney Piatkowski, Alicia Mar, Jonathan Fraser and Erik Feldmann. We enjoyed having some of the SK children, who will be attending LOGOS in the Fall, at the Carnival on March 29. The LOGOS Year End Celebration for Adult participants is Thursday, May 3.

Wednesdays @ Knox

[Wednesdays@Knox](#) invites you to arrive for a time of fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and stay for a short devotional and lunch, followed by a great variety of great speakers and presentations, ending at 1:00 p.m. With the arrival of much warmer weather, we are now serving sandwiches, raw vegetables, tea, coffee, and dessert for \$5. If you would like to bring your own lunch, we supply drinks and dessert for free!

Knox members are featured speakers for the rest of this Spring, starting with Linda's Holy Week Message and Mary Whitson on April 11. Two Knox members, who are registered dietitians, will speak on April 18 and May 2 on urgent topics for older adults and all who help prepare family meals. A former Knox minister will speak on April 25 on a topic he has presented at Knox College. Finally, a member and published science fiction author will expand our understanding of stories. What a line-up of talented speakers we have! Look for further details in the May edition of Across the Pews!

April 4 – Holy Week Bible Study, with Linda Ashfield: The Last Week of Jesus' Life

April 11 – A Spring Fling meal and special Easter presentation by **Mary Whitson**. The menu can be seen at the Welcome Table as well as on the bulletin board by the Lounge. Tickets are \$10-

April 18 – “Vitamin and Mineral Supplements from A to Z.” A Dietitian answers our questions! Janis Randall Simpson, professor of food science, University of Guelph.

April 25 – Faith and Public Life. Walter McLean, Minister-in-Association and former Member of Parliament, will share insights about going from ministry into public life.

If you would like to come to Wednesdays @Knox, but need a ride, please call Ellen McIntosh at 519-497-5934, or email emcintosh1130@rogers.com. We'd love to see you!

*Seen on a church sign in Fairfield, IA
“Silly rabbit – Easter is about Jesus”
-via Pastor Dale Schoening*



When: May 5, 2012

Who: The Food Bank of Waterloo Region and our community partners.

What: One day region-wide food drive to raise non-perishable food items needed for the summer months at The Food Bank of Waterloo Region. DIG IN is a chance for the entire community to get involved, raise a lot of food for those needing help and have fun.

Why: 26,500 people needed food assistance last year. Almost 40% of them are children. The need for emergency food continues throughout the summer while many people are on vacation and not thinking of The Food Bank of Waterloo Region and the 71 food programs it services: hampers, community meals, shelters and residential programs.

Where and How: Donation sites to be established throughout region in addition to donations being accepted at all grocery stores.

I am a Site Captain at one of the area grocery stores (site to determined) and I am asking the Knox community to DIG IN and help me to hand out Food Bank bags, receive donations or to just be a smiling face and give a word of thanks to the community as they donate between the hours of 9am and 3pm on Saturday May 5th.

If you can help for an hour or two please talk to me during coffee hour or email me at dogram@rogers.com.

**Thanks,
Dave Ogram**

See The Food Bank of Waterloo Region website for more information
http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/events/dig_in.asp

Contact Program at Knox

What is it?

We have a program that aims to keep in touch with each member of Knox through elders, sustaining elders and contact volunteers.

When does it happen?

It hasn't happened for some time now during the period when our church was absorbed with the Sustaining Stewardship Initiative which involved many contacts and phone calls. Following that period, we ordained five new elders and four new contact volunteers were put in place. This meant that the whole program needed to be reorganized in order to accommodate new members coming in and some members moving on as well as assign members to our new elders and contact volunteers.

We have worked hard to assure that most people will continue with the same contacts but some have been assigned to new elders or contact volunteers out of necessity. We are now ready to introduce a new contact initiative beginning in the month of April. Contacts take place on a formal basis two to three times a year. Beyond that, the sky's the limit.

How does it work?

Each member of the church will be contacted by an elder, sustaining elder or a contact volunteer who works together with the elder to reach all our members.

What is a contact or visit?

A contact could be a personal visit, a telephone call, a meeting in a coffee shop, an email, a contact via Facebook, a letter, a note, a conversation at church ... the possibilities are endless.

Why have a contact program?

We hope to inform you of events at church and the general church situation.

We also want to keep up with your needs in your personal life and your wishes for the church.

So . . . when you hear from a contact volunteer or an elder, use it as an opportunity to learn more about your church and to let your church know more about you.

Donating Securities (Stocks) To Charity

If you are looking for a way to reduce your tax bill and make a meaningful donation to Knox Presbyterian Church consider a special gifting opportunity that is available to Canadians.

The Government of Canada encourages the donation of investments/stocks by potentially eliminating the taxes you must pay on such donations. Under normal circumstances, when you sell a publicly traded security, you are subject to income tax on 50% of the increase in value or capital gains. However, when you donate appreciated investment to a registered charity such as Knox (by using the "Gift of Publicly Traded Securities" form), you don't have to pay tax on any of the gain – the inclusion rate in income is 0%.

If this is something that may be of interest to you, please speak to either Rev. Brooke Ashfield or John Scace to obtain further details.

We are now eight

Twice a year our ministers bring Communion to these homes, in the spring and in October. Because the time of the Pinehaven service coincides with the time of another service, we need an additional minister. Mary Whitson, a retired minister of our congregation, has generously offered her time to help us with Communion services where needed.

Where do the services come from? - Some of our own people write the services: Brooke Ashfield, Nancy Matthews, Agnes Steffy and Ellen Yessis

Where are the services and who takes part?

The Court at Laurelwood	Carolyn Culp and Connie Graham
Waterloo Heights	Barbara Prysruk and Lynn Allen
Beechwood Manor	Nancy Matthews, George MacAskill and Agnes Steffy
Terrace on the Square	Lynelle Purdy, Ramona McWatt and Mildred Seibel
Bankside Terrace	Cheryl Meyer, Ramona McWatt and Agnes Steffy
Lanark Heights	Ellen Yessis and Jean Shantz
Parkwood Manor	Betty Geddes and Agnes Steffy
Pinehaven Nursing Home	Beth Thorsen and Cheryl Meyer

Bill Simpson is a frequent substitute in times of need.





May Newsletter

Submissions for May's A Cross The Pews are due
Sunday, April 22.



Manna Day at Crieff Hills – Thursday, May 17th 10:30-3:00
p.m.

A wonderful day that includes worship, a hot lunch and a presentation by Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine. The topic is "Ministry with Respect". Clyde will lead us as we reflect on the importance of mutual respect between clergy and congregation and how respect in congregational leadership might be practiced. Over the years Clyde has shared his many musical gifts at our Manna Days. This time in his pastoral way, Clyde will take us on a different journey, that of exploring mutual respect. If you love to learn, love to join others and love the adventure of going places come to Manna at Crieff Hills (south of Guelph). Cost for everything is \$20. Please pick up a brochure on the Knox Bulletin Board beside the church lounge or for more information www.crieffhills.com