

Knox Presbyterian Church

# 'A Cross The Pews'

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Starts again on January 10th at 6:30pm in the church hall.  
Email [lashfield@golden.net](mailto:lashfield@golden.net) for more information



We are careful in choosing a dress or a hat.  
And our weight, we certainly must watch that;  
But, friend, there is something much more worth while,  
Remember to put on your very best smile.



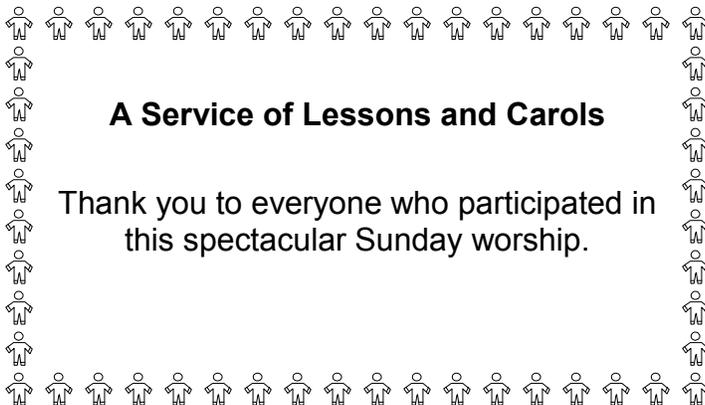
Thanks Naomi Ibbitson



### First Sundays at Knox

February 7th, 2010

Lunch and a presentation from the Waterloo Region Habitat for Humanity.



### A Service of Lessons and Carols

Thank you to everyone who participated in this spectacular Sunday worship.

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."

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## New Members at Knox – December ‘09

*Over the next several months, we will feature each of the new members who joined Knox on Sunday, December 6, 2009.*

First is **Bonnie Meyer**, who has a very long-standing relationship with Knox. She attended Sunday School here and sang in the Jr. Choir under the direction of Pauline Hieman. Bonnie was the youngest child in the Wilf and Pearl Meyer family, who lived on Knox Avenue (which was replaced by the Caroline Street extension). Randy was her older brother, and Cheryl is her sister-in-law. Although she no longer lives so close to Knox, she is glad to be back at this time of exciting growth and development. Bonnie holds special gratitude for all the ways Brooke Ashfield has served her family. She was thrilled on Dec. 6, when it was Brooke who baptized and confirmed her. Brooke presided at the funerals for both of her parents and two brothers. Bonnie hopes to become active in some area of Knox’ ministry. She is a recent retiree, who lives in Kitchener with her husband Frank.

Second and third, we welcome **Sunil and Lisa Kuruvilla**. Sunil grew up in Waterloo. With his parents, he attended several different churches, including Knox. Lisa is from Cambridge, and grew up in St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church. When they married and settled in Waterloo, Lisa reports they were looking for a church that has specific programs for children. Their first child – Isaac - was baptized at Knox on Mothers’ Day, 2009. Lisa is an English teacher at Cameron Hts. Collegiate. Sunil works part-time in Promotion and Marketing at WLU’s Faculty of Music, while also pursuing his career as a creative writer. His drama Rice Boy was produced at the Stratford Festival’s Studio Theater in the 2009 season, which a number of Knox members were privileged to witness.

Another couple who were attracted by Knox’ “vibrant ministry to children and youth,” are **Grace and Murray Ferguson**. Parents of two young children – Alexander, age 4 and Julia, nearly 2 - they have been attending Knox for about a year and a half. They come from Presbyterian and Lutheran backgrounds. Grace is an engineer with Stantec Consulting (environmental assessment and clean-up projects), while Murray is in the aviation and courier industries, with specific helicopter training. The Fergusons express enthusiasm over Knox’ “forward-thinking outlook and ambitious building project.” They look forward to serving together in years to come.

Knox welcomes these five new members! We look forward to their on-going participation in congregational life. Next month’s Across the Pews will feature more new members.

Submitted by Agnes Steffy

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Our next ‘A Cross The Pews’ will go out February 7th.

Articles are due January 31st.

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Or leave the information in my mailbox outside the church office.



## A Note from Christian Education



### Sr High MYA (Monthly Youth Activity)

Saturday Jan. 9 at the Hedquist's home.

See the Youth Bulletin board for more information and to sign up. Youth in grades 9 to 12 are welcome! Bring a friend.



### Knox Family Skating Party

outside at the Martin farm in St Jacob's. Saturday Jan. 30. Pot Luck Supper at the church 5:30pm.

Skating 6:30 – 9pm. Directions to the farm and sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside Linda's office. Donations will be taken to help pay for the ice rental.

# LOGOS

“**HAPPY NEW YEAR**” If you haven't tried LOGOS yet but would like to visit, please call the church office and join us!

The themes for January are:

**Jan. 14 Mad Hatter Party**

**Jan. 21 Pirates of the Caribbean**

**Jan. 28. Strike up the Band**

**PWS&D coin boxes** were distributed to the Sunday school children before Christmas. Thanks for your collections of loose coins. We sent \$386.72 to support PWS&D projects. If you still have a coin box, please bring it to the church office and the Sunday school will add it to the totals.



### University and College Student Ministry

This Christmas we sent out 55 cards to Knox students who are attending either College or University. It's hard to believe we have so many post secondary students! Many of the cards were made by the Knox Stampers. Enclosed with each card was a letter from Linda Ashfield and a small bell ornament made by the Church School kids.

If you are interested in writing cards to some of our students, we invite you to join us. Please contact Femmy Birks or the church office.



This Christmas the Sunday school supported some local charities by making donations to The House of Friendship for Christmas Hampers; Mary's Place for their Holiday Celebration; and to PWS&D to support 2 Afghan girls who will now be able to go to school. Sunday school offering is also used to support our Hope Child in Malawi all year long, so your child's offering is important to us all. Please remind your children about the importance of tithing as we begin a new year; if you would like offering envelopes for your child, please see Laura V or Sue McTavish.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

## Thank You from House of Friendship – and a Look Ahead to the February Potato Blitz

The House of Friendship sends thanks for prayers and support throughout 2009. And a special thanks to any from Knox who helped with the Christmas hamper and turkey drive. Your efforts shared the gifts of food and hope with many in our community - 3,620 Christmas hampers were delivered and 2,675 turkeys handed out, which helped feed 9,565 people – *thank you*.



Speaking of feeding people, February is a critical month for filling the larder at the House of Friendship with potatoes and funds to buy other foodstuffs. Special Potato Blitz events include the Don Cameron Kitchener Rangers Potato Night on January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Potato Lunch at St. Andrews on February 26<sup>th</sup>, and the ***Supermarket Blitz on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>***.

Knox has sent a team of 6-8 people (split between morning and afternoon) to Valu Mart for the past few years to talk to shoppers and request their assistance in donating potatoes or money to the House of Friendship. We need to again have a team available this year or, better still, two teams which would allow us to cover another supermarket and help the House of Friendship even more. Further details will be available closer to February 20 – contacts at Knox are Grant Birks, Knox representative to the House of Friendship, or Rich Hildred, convener of the Global Partners Committee.

### PASSAGES

#### **Deaths:**

Ruth McLaughlin a long time member of Knox passed away. Our sympathy to her family.  
Stacey McLean's mother passed away. Our condolences to Stacey and the McLean Family.

#### **Births:**

Reuben and Katherine St. Louis had a baby boy named Benjamin. Congratulations to them!

#### **Thinking of You:**

We are thinking of Dorothy Allan who is now home from hospital and doing well.  
Our thoughts are with Don Sanders.



Earlier this month I was surprised to be invited to Ottawa to receive an Award from the Nigerian Foreign Minister, the Hon. Ojo Maduekwe. His father was a pastor in the Nigerian Presbyterian Church. Ojo worshipped in St. Andrew's Enugu when I was minister there in the 1960's and is an Elder of The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. I enclose a copy of the citation that was read. It tells of my several missionary activities both within Nigeria and following service there. To readers of the Knox newsletter this would be of interest given our national church partnership with The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.

The High Commissioner of Nigeria hereby wishes to inform you that you have been selected to be acknowledged and honoured by the Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chief Ojo Maduekwe, CFR, for your contributions in fostering friendship between Nigeria and Canada.

**HON REV WALTER MCLEAN P.C., LL.D., DD.**

A Canadian public leader who has served at the local, provincial, federal and international levels. His innovative style has provided direction on the Canadian political scene but also throughout the not-for-profit sector.

He is known for his ability to instill vision and to help create structures and organizations to effectively facilitate community and organizational needs.

Walter and his wife Barbara spent the first five years (1962-1967) of their professional lives in Nigeria. He served as the first field director for Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) which pre-dated the U.S. Peace Corps. During this time Canadian volunteers increased from eight to ninety. He liaised with governments regarding the placement of teachers, medical workers and agriculturalists. Barbara taught at Queen's School, Enugu.

The McLeans had been seconded by the Canadian Presbyterian Church to the Nigerian Presbyterian Church, where he established a university chaplaincy at Nsukka and turned over the role of chaplain to a Nigerian colleague. His mandate was also to help to establish city congregations in Enugu, Ibadan and Lagos.

During this period he acted as an intermediary between the Government of Nigeria and the Government of Eastern Nigeria before the outbreak of the tragic civil war.

Upon his return to Canada, Walter McLean helped to organize Canairelief, a humanitarian effort to provide food and medicines to those caught on both sides of the struggle. Following the end of the war, he returned to Nigeria to survey war torn areas and to report to Canadians how best to assist in the recovery.

During his parliamentary years (1979-1993) he was the only M.P. who had lived and worked in Africa. He took his expertise into the Committee on Foreign Affairs and chaired sub-committees on development and human rights and a second committee on Canada's relations with Africa.

After serving as Secretary of State of Canada, Minister of Immigration and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, he was named the Prime Minister's Special Representative for African and Commonwealth Affairs. At the UN, he worked with Nigerian Ambassador Gambari who chaired the anti-apartheid committee. He worked closely with Secretary-General Emeka Anyaoku through the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' committee on apartheid.

During the period of military government, Walter was active in the ad hoc committee on Nigeria, which brought together Nigerian exiles and Canadians concerned with the return of democracy to Nigeria.

The McLeans' first son was born in Nigeria and the family continues its close ties with the country through friends of long-standing and support for community-building programs.



# January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<u>3</u> 10:00am Service Epiphany Sunday	<u>4</u> 7:30 Church Council	<u>5</u> 1:15 Group 'D'	<u>6</u> 7:00 Praise Band	<u>7</u> 7:30 Choir <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Monthly Youth Activity
<u>10</u> 9&11 Services  6:30 Food For Thought	<u>11</u> 2:00 Group 'C'	<u>12</u> 7:00 Presbytery  7:00 Circle of Care	<u>13</u> 7:00 Praise Band	<u>14</u> 4:30 Logos  7:30 Choir	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9&11 Services  6:30 Food For Thought	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 7:30 Session	<u>20</u> 7:00 Praise Band	<u>21</u> 4:30 Logos  7:30 Choir	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 9&11 Services  6:30 Food For Thought	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 1:00 Book Club <div style="text-align: center;"></div> 7:00 Praise Band	<u>28</u> 4:30 Logos  7:30 Choir	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 5:30 Knox Family Skating Party
<u>31</u> 9&11 Services  6:30 Food For Thought						