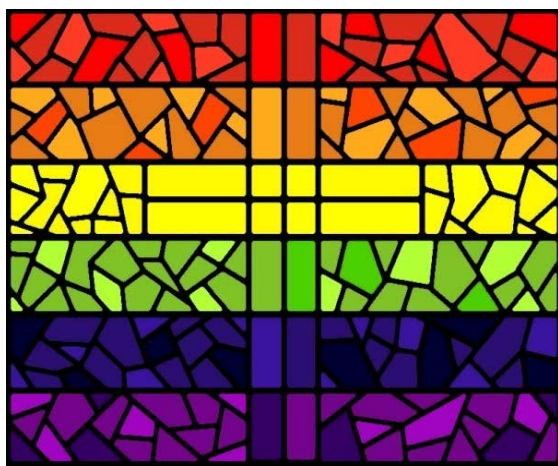


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KNOX WATERLOO



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AD HOC GROUP BARB PRYSNUK

The September 2014 meeting of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington took place in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Hespeler. **Rev. Dr. Mark Lewis introduced an overture to the 141st General Assembly** of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which will meet in the Vancouver area in June 2015. This overture was titled: "An overture **affirming that the Presbyterian Church in Canada is fully inclusive** of every person regardless of **sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life**, calling and relationship as a matter of justice and hospitality." This overture, moved by Brooke Ashfield and seconded by Linda Ashfield, was then adopted by the Presbytery as its own and sent to the Assembly office with the approval of the Presbytery. To read the entire overture, one can refer to the October 2014 issue of **ACross the Pews**.

With the Presbyterian Church of Canada looking at this shift, the Session at Knox felt that it was important for our congregation to have the opportunity to have safe conversations around sexuality and the church as well. At the January meeting, Session invited Linda Ashfield and Barb Prysnuk to **form an "Ad hoc" group of interested individuals to meet to discuss ideas and activities, which would give the congregation an opportunity to explore, search, listen, learn and share insights.** The Ad Hoc group met on Monday, February 9th, 2015 and will report to Session at the next meeting, which is February 24, 2015. **We welcome others who may wish to join the conversation.** Please let Barb or Linda know if you are interested.

Stay tuned!

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MARCH 1 – 10 AM

- **Lent 2:** Sacrament of Holy Communion



This Lent we look at the walls in our lives and in our world.

MARCH 8 - 10 AM

*Turn clocks ahead
Saturday night *

- **Lent 3**
Sacrament of Baptism

MARCH 15 – 10 AM

- **Lent 4**

MARCH 22 – 10 AM

- **Lent 5**

Everyday we live with the inner barriers that help to define us. Our assumptions about culture, power, relationships, faith and love, shape the way that we live. Jesus reached across the barriers to affirm the vulnerable part of everyone he met. There are invisible walls, walls that need to come down, and walls that keep us safe in a scary world.

Lent can be a time of personal reflection and growth. My prayer is that we will embrace the opportunity to assess the barriers and walls that unite and separate us from God and each other. May our Lord of compassion journey with us.
BROOKE ASHFIELD

MARCH 29 – 10 AM PALM SUNDAY

- - Intergenerational Worship, Praise Band

FRIDAY APRIL 3 – 10 AM GOOD FRIDAY

- “Behold” service of lessons and carols

APRIL 5 – EASTER

- **7:30 am** Outdoor worship – Waterloo Park
- **8:15 am** Potluck Breakfast in the church hall
- **10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 8TH AT 3:00 PM

Please plan to attend.



Many thanks for your continued support of the ministries, groups and committees at Knox.

ACROSS THE PEWS: PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Full Edition ~ 16 – 20 pages

(Articles, Photos, News Items, Reports and More)
Feb/Mar, Apr/May, June/Summer, Sept, Oct/Nov, Dec/Jan

Supplemental Editions ~ four pages

(Announcements, Calendar, Worship Schedule)
March, May, Summer, November

Monthly Deadline for Submissions: 15th of the month prior to distribution

ACTIVITY & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR POTATO BLITZ VOLUNTEERS!
Thanks to all the enthusiastic volunteers who helped to collect potatoes and cash during this year's potato blitz.

Across K-W, 260 volunteers collected 129,281 lbs of potatoes. The Knox volunteers collected equivalent to 10,450 lbs of potatoes for the House of Friendship. Our FreshCo volunteers set a new record, having collected 5600 pounds of actual potatoes at that location. Our excellent team of volunteers were a mix of young and old, new and experienced. A big thank you to Gloria and Tom Roberts, newer to Knox and first time out for the Potato Blitz, for eagerly helping at the HiWay Zehrs location when our two Waterloo locations were fully staffed.

Mark your calendars. TREK 4 KIDS is coming on May 2nd. We hope to have a Knox biking team again this year so we can send kids to camp this summer.



VALENTINE'S TEA

It may have been bitterly cold outside; however, many stayed after the church service on February 15th to enjoy a delicious chocolate brownie with a strawberry and icy cold ice cream. **Special thanks to all** who purchased tickets and brought their Valentine(s). Together we **raised \$400** for our **Knox gardens**. Look for The Women's Circle of Care's next dessert event coming in the Spring!



HELP WANTED!

The grade 5/6 class is doing a **Bake Sale on Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 29th** to help raise money to support Knox's sponsored child, Evison Yamikani, who lives in Malawi through World Vision. Last year our church raised well over \$500 to support the purchase of a goat, blankets, clothes, school bags, school uniforms, transportation and food for Evison Yamikani, his family and nearby community.

We welcome any help with baked goods before church on Sunday, March 29th. Please drop off the food in the kitchen before the service. Many thanks in advance. **Please support** the grade 5/6 class by **baking goods and buying baked goods** as a special treat for your family after the service on Palm Sunday. Many thanks in advance for your help!

Written by: Naomi Ellis, Davna McLean, Ainsley Milne, Blake Wolf on behalf of the Grade 5/6 class

* Please note: Knox attempts to be a 'nut free' facility. Goods that *may contain nuts* should be labelled. Please also indicate if any items are "gluten-free".






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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See the **previous edition** of *ACROSS THE PEWS* for **FEBRUARY/MARCH** calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL 2015 (next edition will include full April & May calendars)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 March Palm Sunday Worship 10am  KW Chamber Orchestra 3pm Food for Thought 6 :30pm	30	31 Quilters 10am Upward Ball Hockey 6pm Praise Band 7pm	1 April Knox Knitters 9:30am W@K 11:30am *RHM Clair Hills 2pm	2 Maundy Thursday Fitness and Fellowship 9:45 - 11:00 LOGOS 4:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	3 Good Friday Worship 10am  25 - 30 Somethings 6:30 AA 8pm	4 Passover ¹ (April 4 - 11) Easter Eve: songs, scripture & readings from C.S. Lewis 7:30pm
5 Easter 7:30 am Outdoor Worship Waterloo Park 8:15 am Potluck Breakfast Church Hall  10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary	6 Easter Monday	7 World Health Day ² Quilters 10am Daughters of Christ 1:30pm Praise Band 7pm Circle of Care 7:30	8 Knox Knitters 9:30am W@K 11:30am	9 Fitness and Fellowship 9:45 - 11:00 LOGOS 4:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	10 *RHM Beechwood Manor 2pm 25 - 30 Somethings 6:30 AA 8pm	11

*RHM ~ RETIREMENT HOME MINISTRY

MULTICULTURAL OBSERVANCES & FESTIVALS:

1. Judaism 2. World Health Organisation



W@K ~ WEDNESDAYS AT KNOX~

APR 1 Linda Ashfield: Holy Week ~ Reflecting on barriers and walls

"[They] drew a circle that shut me out, Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But Love and I had the wit to win; we drew a circle that took [them] in." Edwin Markham

APR 8 Stuart MacTavish: Mining and Its Impact On Society

Mining has been with us since prehistoric times evolving as knowledge and technology has improved. This presentation will examine current mining practices as well as the environmental and social issues related to mining. Stuart graduated from Queen's University Engineering, Mineral Processing and currently works as a mineral processing consultant. Stuart has worked in the mining industry for the past 40 years.



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Glenda Ribey - Knox Atrium

Glenda Ribey - Baptism

David Blake (Twitter)
Spuddy visits Sunday school

Catherine Fife (Twitter)
Potato Drive at ValuMart