

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'A Cross The Pews'

May, 2011

Issue 5



Sundays at Knox

May 1st – Communion, Merry Melodies Music,
CAIRN Camp Experience for Children,
Stewardship Focus

May 8th – Mother's Day,
Sustaining Stewardship Prayer Team

May 15th – Children & Youth Stewardship Sunday, Jazz Ensemble,
Retirement Reception Celebration for Wendy Anderson.

May 22nd – Stewardship Focus

May 29th – Commitment Sunday (Sustaining Stewardship Initiative) All Church Event!

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Sunday Service at 10:00am
Informal Service at 8:30am
Radio Broadcast: Sunday 10:00am CKWR
FM98.5

Newsletter Editor Wanted for 'A Cross The Pews'

If you are interested in this fun and informative volunteer position, please contact the church office.

519-886-4150 or knox@golden.net



Knox Reaches New Levels of Communication!! (Submitted by Brooke)

Yes, there has been a lot of mail and material handed out at church and mailed out from the church. This is because of the accidental timing of many plans coming together all at once.

1. The SSI Sustainable, Stewardship Initiative, has many meetings scheduled for after Easter and the subsequent need to communicate this important opportunity. This is to fully inform the entire Knox community with our plans for vital, sustaining and growing ministry over the next three years. As we prepare to occupy our beautiful new building the long term planning that has been undergoing comes to the forefront in various consultations. Please participate as fully as you are able in the SSI.
2. The election of new elders was planned long ago when we switched to term service for elders more than two years ago. At that time it was decided to nominate new members to serve as elders in the spring with the formal term to start in September. We will be doing this again in 2013 and every two years after that.
3. First Quarter statement always goes out in April each year summarizing the givings to our congregation for the first three months of the year. Not much we can do about this one.
4. Easter. This comes every year of course. However three years ago when the capital Stewardship campaign was progressing, Easter was on March 23rd, which is as early as it has ever been. This led us to the delusional belief that we could run the SSI without getting in the way of Easter just like in 2008. The next time Easter will come this early is over 200 years away. The latest Easter can come is April 25th which will happen in 2038. This year Easter was April 24th, the second latest that is possible. The next time Easter is on April 24th is in 2095, (our new building should be nicely broken in by then.)

All of these communications are happening at once and may provide for some confusion. All of these Knox activities are important and worthy of our finest attention. Please be patient as we together work towards the future that God is preparing us for.

Retirement Celebration

You are invited to join us on Sunday, May 15th for a celebration to honour **Wendy Anderson**, our Church Administrator, who is retiring after 21 years of service to the Knox Community.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Wendy, please do so at the Welcome Desk or see Shirley Carter after the service.

(Donations for gifts do not qualify for tax receipts)



A Note from Christian Education



We're excited about the new opportunities to minister to our friends in our community because of the new church we have built!

We are Cruising on the Steward Ship so we can learn how God wants to use us to help make new ministries happen.

During Coffee Hour in the month of May, bring your loose change to the Money Tree and toss the coins into one of the buckets hanging on the branches. We're saving for things that will help us offer new programs to Students, Seniors, and Singles at Knox.

Kids, be sure to enter the Poster Contest and make a picture about what it means to be a good Steward. You have told us that being a good steward means taking care of God's world and each other. Your poster should be a picture about just that! Posters are due May 8 and will be displayed on May 15. Each poster will be awarded a ribbon.

The Jr and Sr High youth had a sleepover at the church in April and studied the Parable of the Talents. Four small groups were each given \$20.00 and asked to multiply its worth. On Easter Sunday, there was a Bake Sale and Kandy-Kabobs were sold as part of their stewardship projects. Watch the bulletin for ads about other plans.

Child and Youth Sunday is May 15 and we'll share our stewardship experiences with the congregation during worship that day.



Upward Sports is one of the new ministries starting at Knox. The League will begin in the Fall for kids in Grades 1-6.. Please contact Vaughn Sauve for more information and to get involved.

Vacation Bible Camp at Knox!



August 15-19, 9am to noon
for Kids *finished* JK to Grade 8.
Come and look at food differently through the eyes of faith.

Cost is \$20.00 per person (\$30. for Jr Youth)
Registration forms will be downloadable at www.knoxwaterloo.ca there is a sign-up sheet posted outside the CE office for adult/youth volunteers to help during VBC week.



Summer Sunday school starts July 3 at 10am. Teachers/leaders are needed to meet with students in **3** classes (Preschool/Nursery; JK-Gr.2 and Gr. 3-6). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the CE office for anyone interested in helping this summer. Curriculum is at www.wholepeopleofgod.com

News to Share at Knox – Kathryn Hare

Chalmers University of Technology - Gothenburg, Sweden, has announced that a Honorary Doctorate will be awarded to Kathryn E. Hare, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Waterloo at a special ceremony which will be on May 7, 2011. In their news release they say:

“**Kathryn E. Hare**, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Waterloo, Canada, has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate for her prominent research, both in extent and depth, within classical and abstract harmonic analysis. Her most important work consists of studies of interpolation sets related to what is termed the Uncertainty Principle, which specifies the well-known relationship that a signal cannot be both time-limited and band-limited. It sets the limits on how rapidly and efficiently signal transfer can take place. Her research also covers topics ranging from convolution operators and maximal functions to energies and fractal dimensions of measures in classical and non-commutative settings. She is also a committed teacher, inspiring students to pursue research within harmonic analysis. In addition to her research and teaching she has also been editor of a number of international journals.

Kathryn E. Hare has had long-standing research collaboration with the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Chalmers. Through her efforts several Chalmers mathematicians have established fruitful contact with the University of Waterloo, which has led to a number of joint discoveries. She also spent the 2000/2001 academic year in Gothenburg as visiting professor. Her enthusiastic personality was a source of inspiration for both colleagues and many students.”

Kathryn has served Knox in numerous ways, including as a member of the Finance Committee, as an Elder, and she is our current treasurer. Kathryn also serves our denomination with service to Presbyterian World Service and Development. Congratulations Kathryn!

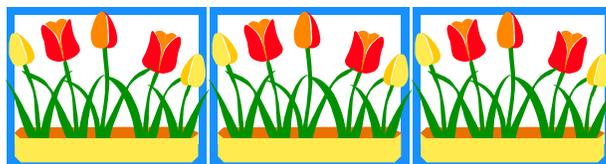
News to Share at Knox – John Peter Smit

Columbia Theological Seminary is an educational institution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and a community of theological inquiry and formation for ministry in the service of the Church of Jesus Christ. Located in Decatur, Georgia, just east of the city of Atlanta, Columbia offers seven graduate degree programs and dozens of lifelong learning courses and events as a resource for church professionals and lay people.

John Peter will be receiving the degree of Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) during the Commencement Service on Saturday May 14th, 2011 at 10 am at Peachtree Presbyterian Church Atlanta Georgia.

John Peter was associated with our congregation during his ministry as the Congregational Consultant for the Synod of Central, North Eastern Ontario and Bermuda. He was our fearless LOGOS Director in 2007-2008 before relocation to Toronto.

Congratulations John Peter!
Submitted by Brooke



PASSAGES

Weddings:

Jeffrey Kauk and Jessica Crowe were married on April 2nd.

Baptisms:

Reiley Birl, son of Andrew and Tracy Birl was baptized here at Knox.

Deaths:

Our sympathy goes to Paul MacGregor and family on the death of his Mother.

Thinking of You:

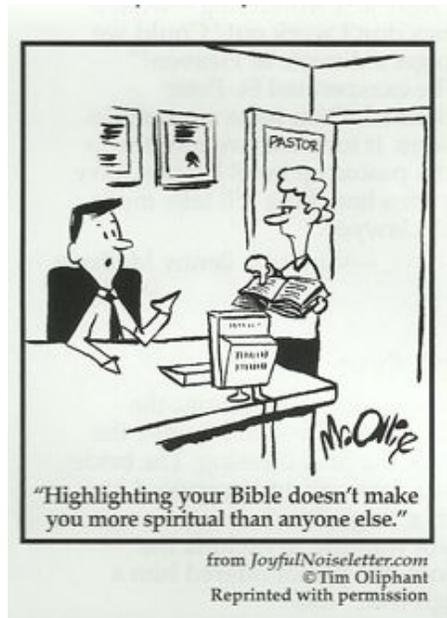
Our thoughts and prayers are with Elizabeth MacDonald, Ed Bain, Harry Todd, Lloyd Mogk and Evelyn Hayes

Election of 5 New Elders at Knox

You are asked to prayerfully consider who you feel would have the wisdom and leadership gifts to serve as an elder.

There are no age restrictions.

Nomination papers in a signed envelope must be in the church office by noon on May 9th 2011. They can be mailed or placed in the offering plate.



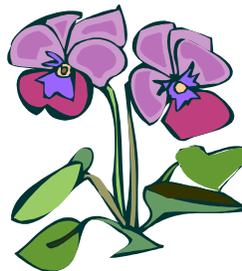
Supportive Housing of Waterloo (SHOW)

Annual General Meeting

Here at Knox Church

Tuesday, May 3rd, 7:30pm

A excellent DVD about homelessness will be unveiled and two tenants from the SHOW facility will speak about the impact of stable housing on their lives.



Our next 'A Cross The Pews' will go out June 5th.

Newsletter articles are due May 29th.

Email Joan Campbell at joanmhc@rogers.com

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

Sustainable Stewardship Initiative (SSI) at Knox

The Sustainable Stewardship Initiative (SSI) is your opportunity to prayerfully consider your role in supporting Knox's ministries as we move into the new building and develop the new ministries that will be possible. We made a daring and courageous decision to take a dated and inaccessible building with structural problems and turn it into a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ in a new age. We are committed to this new reality in Uptown Waterloo. This means paying our mortgage while supporting and expanding our ministry. This Initiative will run during the month of May and culminate on May 29th with Commitment Sunday and on June 12th - Announcement Sunday (the day we find out how much has been pledged).

What am I asked to do?

1. Pray to the Lord, "Lord, what do you ask of me so we can continue our work at Knox Waterloo?"
2. Give sacrificially. Remember our principle of equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.
3. On May 29th - Commitment Sunday, make **three one-year pledges. Your pledge will be your entire planned givings to Knox for each year.**
4. **Celebrate with us on May 29th at our All Church Celebration Event.**

Is my commitment on May 29 for over and above givings?

No - you will pledge your entire gift to Knox including money you normally give to the Operating Fund, Building Fund and Beyond Our Walls. **This is not a capital campaign** - we are pledging our total gifts to the operations of church.

With the new building, we will have the opportunity to welcome our neighbours to join our inviting and nurturing faith-based community. It is in our new church that we will have the opportunity to continue to grow and act on the amazing purpose God has for us and Knox Waterloo - a destination for inspiration!

What will the new building offer:

- a bright and welcoming community space leading into a bright sanctuary with increased seating
- accessibility to all areas - sanctuary (including chancel), washrooms, Sunday School rooms
- fully accessible senior's ministry
- expanded LOGOS midweek ministry with bright new spaces for all
- Sunday school classrooms that can welcome new children
- a nursery with a washroom and bright, clean, safe and open space
- accessibility for people with serious mobility issues to partake in the full programs of Knox
- a new space for small worship services, large meetings and other events

Sacrifice

"Sacrifice is giving up something important for something more important." Craig Miller, RSI

The Sustainable Stewardship Initiative asks for equal sacrifice, not equal gifts. Everyone has different financial circumstances. We are each encouraged to talk to God in considering what we can give to Knox.

Knox Waterloo will continue to build on our outstanding ministry to families, children and youth and we can now advance the ministry of three key demographic groups of people who populate our surrounding neighbourhoods: seniors, students and singles. We will embrace a greater level of hospitality and warmth in welcoming new worshippers as we reap the advantages of our new building as it proudly proclaims Knox's place in the heart of our city.

We will have an opportunity on May 29 to make **three one-year financial pledges** to the ministry of Knox. Our givings will support the current ministries (our current operating budget), ministry beyond our walls, mortgage payments and new ministries including programs for seniors, students and singles. (While this is a three-year commitment for the crucial first three years in the new building, we understand that our financial commitments will continue into the future.)

Key Dates:

April 26-May 3 - SSI Information Meetings taking place in homes and at the church

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Sunday worship with a focus on stewardship

May 15 - Children/Youth stewardship focus in worship

May 29 - Commitment Sunday and All Church Celebration Event

June 12 - Announcement Sunday (the day we find out how much has been pledged.)

What New Ministries Will Be Possible in the New Building?

The Congregation of Knox Waterloo is excited about the fresh and expanding ministries that will take place in the new church facility. With feedback from our members, and an awareness of the changing of the demographics of the core of our city, the Session agreed that three growth areas of ministry would be seniors, students and singles.

The fully accessible, bright and welcoming new building will make it possible for anyone with mobility issues to be driven right up to the church entrance and enter all rooms on both levels. Once we have moved over to the new site, the first seniors' event that will take place will be a Communion service and afternoon tea. The ministers and pastoral care committee presently host these twice a year off site. Now, we will be able to invite our members back into their church for worship and fellowship. We are also planning an Open House for all seniors in the Community.

Our existing programs can grow and develop. Logos can finally expand! We will begin a program, Upward Sports which will provide a March Break sports camp for Knox and other families. We will expand our Summer Vacation Bible Camp.

A team of Knox members have also begun dreaming of a weekly seniors program that will involve food, fellowship and various programs. We take our inspiration from the LOGOS program, the Manna Program and other churches. There has also been talk about midweek day-time bible studies, knitting groups and seasonal events.

Our two universities have over 54,000 **students** including over 4,000 international ones. We now serve this group with our Food For Thought program, a dinner and discussion group which meets on Mondays during the school year. We enrich our music most Sundays with our Knox Music Scholars, university students who commit to joining us in praise. Success in the Sustaining Stewardship Initiative means we will have a greater focused outreach to students.

Singles form the largest rising demographic group in Waterloo. What do we mean by singles? Are they the never married? The newly single (separated, divorced or widowed)? Single parents? Again, success in SSI means that after careful thought and planning we can begin to meet the needs of this growing and diverse group. There may be support groups, dinner clubs, movie nights, fellowship, mission trips, as well as Sunday brunches and studies.

Because of our daring and courage, Knox will become a sought after partner in the Waterloo community. Knox will become the venue of choice for many and will inspire both faith communities and those in the arts. We have had many inquiries from choirs, arts group and others seeking to work with us to enhance the spiritual life of Waterloo.

A Prayer to Inspire us...

Loving, generous God, thank you for your faithfulness and guiding presence on our journey.

From one generation to the next, you have blessed us.

Now you call us to a new and exciting adventure in our life together.

May the Holy Spirit encourage and inspire us to greater service.

Stir up our passion that we may joyfully declare your abundant love to all people.

Grant us wisdom, courage and strength to be a welcoming Christian presence.

For we offer all that we have and all that we are knowing that you will multiply our gifts.

We go in to our future with confidence and hope as we walk in the light of Christ.

Amen

The SSI Prayer Team has developed a Prayer Guide for you to use during the month of May. The prayers were written specifically for this stewardship initiative, based on individually selected scriptures. There are 14 days of prayers and you are invited to choose 14 days between now and May 29 to pray these prayers. The guide is designed to help you seek God's guidance in considering your role in fulfilling the vision of Knox. This Prayer Guide was distributed in your SSI Information Package.

Manna Day

May 12th 2011

Rev. Dr. Andrew Irvine

Responding to Conflict In Our Churches

The Journey ...Confrontation to Co-operation

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Crieff Hills Community





**KNOX-CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Harriston
Invites you to attend The Moderator's Dinner**

for Rev. Herb Gale

Saturday, May 07, 2011

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Entertainment & a Message from Rev. Gale to follow.

Cost \$ 15.00 per person

Proceeds donated to the

Canadian/Harriston Food Grains Project

Tickets available by calling

the Church Telephone

519-338-2624

or to the Church Email

kcpc-art@wightman.ca

Please RSVP by May 01, 2011

Crieff Hills

Ribbon Cutting

"The Pines"

2:00 p.m.

Grand Opening

Saturday, May 14th

10:00am to 3:00pm



Early Morning Special

Activity

Bird Banding 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Brian Pomfret Certified Bird Bander At the Picnic Shelter

Have you ever wanted to try a high ropes course?

Now is your chance! Challenge yourself to reach new heights! Join the staff from adventureworks! associates Inc at the high ropes challenge course for a fantastic climbing experience.

Join Us For—• Birding Activities • Guided Hikes – 10:30 & 12:30

Interpretive or Self Guided Hikes • Refreshments • Tours of "The Pines" • High Ropes Challenge Course with adventureworks! associates Inc

Enter Crieff Hills on Laneway # 7094



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> 8:30 Service 10:00 Service Communion Cairn Camp	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 1:15 Group 'D'	<u>4</u> 2:00 Group 'C' 7:00 Praise Band	<u>5</u> 7:30 Sr. Choir	<u>6</u> 7:00 Scrap- booking	<u>7</u> 8:00 Scrap- booking
<u>8</u> 8:30 Service 10:00 Service Mother's Day 	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 7:00 Presby- tery 7:00 Women's Circle of Care 7:30 Global Partners	<u>11</u> 7:00 Praise Band	<u>12</u> 7:30 Sr. Choir	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> 8:30 Service 10:00 Service Child and Youth Sunday Celebration For Wendy 	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 7:30 Session	<u>18</u> 7:00 Praise Band	<u>19</u> 7:30 Sr. Choir	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> 8:30 Service 10:00 Service	<u>23</u> Victoria Day Office Closed 	<u>24</u> 7:30 Finance Committee	<u>25</u> 1:00 Book Club	<u>26</u> 7:30 Choir	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 6:00 Men's Breakfast 
<u>29</u> 8:30 Service 10:00 Service 11:00 All Church Event	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				