

# ACROSS THE PEWS

## KNOX WATERLOO



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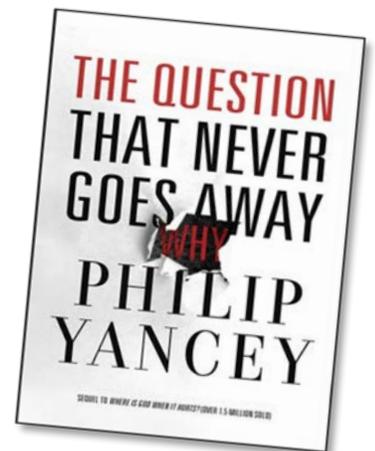


CKWR FM 98.5 Sunday 10am  
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## KNOX READS 2015 NANCY MATTHEWS

### *The Question That Never Goes Away: Why?* by Philip Yancey

Have you ever wondered if God has gone AWOL when tragedy strikes in the world or in your family? Do you struggle with issues of faith, doubt, and suffering? Do you wonder what to say when others experience pain and loss? Then you are invited to explore these questions in this year's Knox Reads' selection:



***The Question That Never Goes Away: Why?*** by Philip Yancey.

This book is a short, but powerful look at three recent tragedies (the Japanese tsunami, the civil war in the former Yugoslavia, and the massacre of the Connecticut schoolchildren) and tackles the question, "Why?" Written in Yancey's honest and engaging style, this sequel to *Where Is God When It Hurts?* wrestles with those times when our faith is shaken and our doubts increase.

In addition to reading the book, you can attend one of several small study groups in May/June. They will meet for **three one-hour sessions** at various times (daytime, evening, before or after worship), and in a variety of places (in homes, at church, or **perhaps at a café or pub!**). Choose what suits you! (Sign-up sheets for study groups will be on the bulletin board.) There will also be a related summer sermon series. See the Sunday bulletin for book ordering instructions.

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAY, MAY 3 ~ 10 AM

- Communion ~ Inclusion for All [God's love includes everyone.]

### SUNDAY, MAY 10 ~ 10 AM

- Christian Family Sunday
- Dedication of the Sanctuary Piano, special music



### SUNDAY, MAY 17 ~ 10 AM

- Ascension Sunday (Victoria Day Weekend)

### SUNDAY, MAY 24, **PENTECOST** ~ 10AM

- Wear something **red** to church!

### SUNDAY, MAY 31, ~ 10AM

- Community Connection Sunday [parable of *the yeast*]

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE: BROOKE ASHFIELD

We celebrated Easter well. I am grateful for all who made our Lenten-Easter worship so rich and meaningful. The music, the drama, the emotional impact of these services deeply moved me. Thank you.

Together, we are growing ministry in Waterloo Region. We continue to be blessed with outstanding Family ministry for families with children and teens. Much of this growth has been made possible by the generous hospitality of our community. Your friendly greeting and your warm words of invitation proclaim your faithfulness.

God is calling us to be a grace-filled, hospitable community.

## 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: 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to distribution

## GRATITUDE



### GRADE 5/6 BAKE SALE ~ THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the congregation for the **overwhelming support** of the Bake Sale held on Palm Sunday. Many of you supported the sale by baking some wonderful treats that we were able to sell and many others purchased these baked goods!

Special thanks to:

**Laura VanderVleuten** for all of her support and help during the planning, promotion, bake sale and follow-up.

**Ellen McIntosh & Eleanor Larter** for coordinating the day of the sale by helping with pricing and packaging.

**John Scace** for helping us with a “float” the day of the sale and taking care of the money raised.

**Susan McTavish** for coordinating the money that was raised.

In the words of the students:

*We ran a bake sale to raise money for our sponsored child, Yamakani. Thanks so much for contributing lots of yummy baked goods! We appreciate all of the help and are so proud that \$766.50 was raised to support Yamikani and his community. We had a lot of fun working together as a team to coordinate the bake sale too.*

*Thanks for everything. – The Grade 5/6 class.*

We are proud of the gr. 5/6 class who took ownership for this project, including planning, promotion & baking which contributed to the success of the bake sale. Jennifer Yessis (Reist), Carole Clyde-Ellis, Jiyoung (Julie) Hanand and Jane Ferguson: Sunday school teachers of the grade 5/6 class.



### EASTER SURPRISE!

If your child brought home one of these little hens with an Easter egg inside, then you should meet the lady who made them all. Maria Van Veldhuizen handmade enough hens for the little ones in Sunday school this Easter and we are blessed because of her love for us! Thanks Maria, we love you too!

### A NOTE OF THANKS

A **heartfelt** thank you to our Knox community while I was recuperating from surgery. Thank you for **lifting us up in prayer**, for the support of **meals, visits**, phone **calls**, the **prayer shawl** ministry and **pastoral care**. Our family appreciated all of the support we received and are grateful to belong to such a caring community.

Blessings, Andrew, Glenda, Amelia, Thomas and Sara



## W@K ~WEDNESDAYS AT KNOX~

### MAY 6 Cameron Hahn & Tyler Shannik: *Being Prepared Made Simple*

Bring your questions about end of life issues, funeral and estate planning. Topics will cover: establishing wills, trusts & powers of attorney; registering your consent to donate your organs & tissue; and how to ensure your personal wishes are understood and carried out.

### MAY 13 Pot Luck Lunch, with music by Full House Brass (Final lunch this season – see you in September!)

This will be a true potluck meal, so bring your favourite cold dish, finger food, or dessert (**nut free**, please) to share. **Crock-pots and hot food** are welcome, but will need to be **brought already warmed**. Entertainment by Full House Brass, whose members include Debra Lacoste & Dave Manning on trumpet, Randi Patterson on French horn, and Carolyn Culp & Susan Follows on trombone.

**\*Important reminder\*** for those who wish to attend the **theatre trip** to see *Canadian Legends* sponsored by W@K: **All monies are due by May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please make cheques payable to Knox Church, **noting** that it is for the **W@K Theatre Event**. If paying by **cash**, please use an **envelope, marked W@K Theatre Event**.

## LGBTQ INCLUSION & THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA (PCC)

### *Lunch and Learn* (free)

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:45 - 1pm

A few weeks ago, our Clerk of Session – **Deb Schlicter** provided background information for one of Knox Waterloo's goals to become an inclusive and safe space for all. **Barb Prysnuik** also introduced us to the Knox Ad Hoc Inclusion Committee and noted that there would be **opportunities for congregational discussion**. Your first such opportunity is coming up on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** when you are invited to a "**Lunch and Learn**" gathering in the Hall from **11:45am to 1pm**, immediately after our Sunday morning coffee time. **Lunch and childcare provided free of charge**.

The focus will be on the **overture** (or petition) from the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington that the PCC become fully **inclusive of LGBTQ persons including their ordination and marriage**. This overture was published last October in the newsletter and is available for those wishing a copy. Because this petition will be discussed at the **June 2015 General Assembly**, where **Linda Ashfield** is a commissioner, it is **timely** for us to also seriously and **respectfully consider what it means** for us as individuals and as a congregation **at Knox**.

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