



Remembrance 2021

Lest We Forget

New Beginnings

Anne Miller

We are on the precipice of something new, and it's exciting, nerve-wracking and perhaps a bit stressful, and also full of possibility. Despite how we feel about the changes around us and at Knox, God has led us here. And God is faithful. God is good and will provide for us.

My time at Knox as worship leader has been a wild ride and an absolute privilege. Despite the challenges, God has allowed me to use my gifts in this strange time and I've learned so much. This congregation is full of talented, compassionate, passionate and skilled people who are willing to share themselves freely for Jesus' mission and ministry. We are incredibly blessed at Knox to have the Christian community that we do, with people of all ages and stages of life, and ready to model faith, lend a helping hand, listen, pray and share their financial gifts.

I've been saying a lot of thank yous lately and here are a few more:

Thanks to Nick Hardeman for his speech after my last service on October 24th.

Thanks to Gord Taylor, Gwen Brown, and the rest of the congregation for the beautiful framed gift of Psalm 96:1&2, the gorgeous flowers and the gift certificate to Crieff Hills Community.

Thanks to others who have given cards or small gifts, called or sent me e-mails.

Thanks to our entire Knox staff – Nancy for being a dream to work with in the office as we constantly adjusted to new normals; Janet for being a terrific partner in planning music and all aspects of worship; Mikayla for providing digital and safe in person Sunday school, Knox Kids Camp and serving in many other ways to keep things running; and Michael for taking on a variety of tasks and keeping the building clean and safe.

Thanks to George Seggewiss for his technical wizardry – we would have been lost without him in terms of having worship that people could access from home while we had to be closed.

Thanks to everyone on the Worship and Covid committees for their work and wisdom as we found our way through the pandemic and to all who have helped us and contributed to worship.

Thanks to everyone involved with pastoral care, and particularly Prayer Link and Knox News delivery, for your faithfulness in caring for our members' needs.

Thanks to all who have prayed for me and offered encouragement and support in any way, as well as sharing your lives with me and pastoral concerns.

Thanks to the Rev. Al Brouwer for trusting me to fill this role.

The next steps of my journey are as yet unclear.

A bit of a break seems to be in order before leaping into something new and I will be listening carefully for God's leading. Know, as I've said before, that Knox will always be my church home. And I will

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New Beginnings (cont'd)

Anne Miller

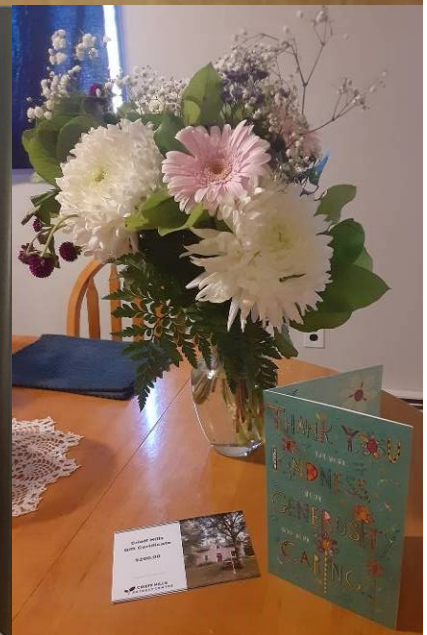
do whatever I can to support Rev. Kim's Call to minister among us.

As we prepare for this new beginning, please continue to pray for the Kims as they prepare for this big change. Pray for our ability to welcome them fully and to do what we can to live out God's calling together. I'm excited for what that will look like and for the visions and dreams God will place within us. It is a time to consider how we want church to be and what things are essential, what things ground us in faith, and what things better served us in another time. No doubt about it, God is going to

want to do things in and through Knox if we are willing to embrace the Spirit's leading. Let's move forward with open hands and hearts.

Thanks again for your kindnesses and grace, your encouragement and insights, and your trust in me. You have been a blessing to me and each other.

Peace be with you!



Covid-19 Update

Anne Miller

And There Was Much Rejoicing!

By the time you read this, we will have had at least two Sundays with congregational singing. Somehow it was appropriate that our first time lifting our voices in song together since March 2020 was as we celebrated Knox's 187th anniversary. Little by little we are finding our way safely as we gather in the sanctuary and continue to share the service online and over the phone (for those who want to try it the



number is 833-313-1504).

There are lots of thank yous to offer for how we got to this point:

Thanks for everyone being careful when they come into the building through the week for meetings or to pop into the office. Thank you for continuing to log in, sanitize or hand wash and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet as you wear your mask. Please remember that if you use the washroom you need to quickly sanitize the surfaces you touch (doorknob, toilet flush, taps, paper towel lever, etc.) with a wipe from the cylinder-shaped dispenser. Thanks to our staff who are the front lines of protecting everyone who comes in Monday to Friday.

Thanks to everyone who is attending worship and remembering to pre-screen, distance coming in and in the pews, and follow the protocols. We're finding our stride and working to make worship still feel friendly while obeying current guidelines for safety.

Thanks to our greeter and usher team who make things go smoothly. We can always use more – speak to Nick Hardeman if you feel you could help. Thanks to our scripture readers and singers and other musicians. Thanks to Kate and Jennifer for safely distributing Communion elements at our first celebration of the Lord's Supper together as a congregation in over a year and a half. Thanks to George and our tech crew trainees who are learning the ropes so that George can get a break sometime.

Thanks to our young families who have felt comfortable coming back and who have followed the guidelines so that Sunday school can be safe for all our kids. Thanks for our families who have decided staying at home is best for them right now and who continue to nurture their children in the faith. Thanks to Mikayla and our Sunday school teachers and helpers who have done extra training to protect our youngest members who can't yet be vaccinated.

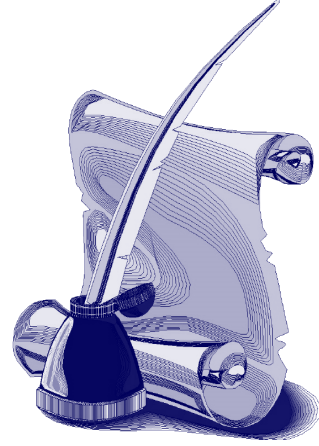
Thanks to our midweek group leaders for following the guidelines that protect all participants as well as our own people and staff. Rev. Kristine reminded us on Anniversary Sunday that our space is a huge blessing. It is a gift that should be shared, and we can do so safely as we all adhere to the Covid policies.

Our biggest thanks needs to go to our Covid planning team who I'm sure had no idea what was coming when they agreed to serve on this committee. We've had differing opinions and as new government and health guidelines have come to us we have worked well together to do what was needed. It hasn't been easy but it has been rewarding as we have carefully considered the needs of our people and their safety. So thanks to Gord, Josie, Mikayla and Nick for being such a caring and diligent team since we first met in August 2020. And the work and our need to follow the guidelines continues! Please, as always, let us know of any questions or concerns that you have around Covid-19 and Knox.

Session Notes

October 5, 2021

Josie Miller, Clerk of Session



There were eight elders in attendance.

Correspondence

Evangel Hall.....Newsletter
Kristine O'Brien of Crieff Hills.....Thanks for our donation
PCC Heritage Centre.....Request for a donation
Christine Kuch Community Health Care.....Seeking help with a client's pharmacy bill
Diane Saggau.....Resignation from Session

Diane's resignation was accepted with deep regret.

We need to seek more elders in the near future.

Interim Moderator's Report

John Ault and Rev. Al Brouwer joined the Zoom call with the Hamilton Presbytery.
Rev. Kim's induction will take place on November 7 in the afternoon.

Ministry Reports

The Mission Committee

The committee met on September 9, 2021, with a guest, Kelly Wigglesworth from Youth Unlimited. She told about Youth Unlimited and her project "The Table". The Table will be a drop-in supper club with a sit-down meal for high school teens, starting in November if Covid restrictions will allow it. Our committee will discuss ways Knox can help when plans are more definite.

KAOS

Mikayla is hoping to start KAOS again on Friday evenings.

COVID

COVID-19 South Western Health allows singing, with everyone masked and facing in the same direction, with the exception of those protected by plexi-glass screens.



Exciting times are ahead!

We are planning the Induction Service for The Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim on Sunday, November 7, at 3:30 p.m. here at Knox.

Mark Your Calendar!

Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary

WMS – November, 2021

Susan McLennan, Secretary

Saturday October 23rd Paris Presbyterial held a Fall Meeting at Knox in Woodstock. Based on the theme “*Bloom Where You Are Planted*” chosen last year, some members from the Presbyterial got together to create “*flowers in a teacup*”. These cheerful little arrangements are the perfect size to give to a friend who needs cheering up or to keep.



The beautiful hymn by Natalie Sleeth *Hymn of Promise*, also known as, “*In the bulb there is a flower*”, reminds us in the last line of each verse “*unrevealed until it's season, something God alone can see*” – we can hold tight to the promise that God is with us during this time.

November is Remembrance month – a time when we remember global events that changed the course of history around the world. It could also be, perhaps should also be, a time to remember people and situations that have touched our lives, directly or indirectly, in these challenging days:

- ♥ Clerks and cashiers in stores who have been particularly helpful
- ♥ Health professionals who have shown up, day after day, to do their work
- ♥ The people who ensure that the lights stay on and water still flows from our taps
- ♥ The people who deliver goods and services which house, clothe and feed us

Such people may go unnoticed, but they are vitally important to our daily lives.

“Rather than worrying about what we don't have, let us be grateful for what we do have.”

Thanks be to God!

Music Matters...

Janet vanderSpek



As the season of Autumn continues, it is a time of transition at Knox Church. November is a time for Remembrance and there are many hymns having the theme of peace. “O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines”, #732 in the Book of Praise, is a good example of one of them. The Rev. Dr. Carl Daw wrote the inspiring words. He is an Anglican priest and the former Executive Director of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada (1996-2009).

It is striking to note that Daw's words show sensitive attention to social justice issues, as well as terms of comfort he offers for times of grief, challenge and turmoil. He masterfully weaves Christian and wider Biblical motifs with modern concerns.

The last part of the hymn goes as follows:

“Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.”

Paris Presbyterial WMS Fall Meeting

Elaine Stevens

Nine WMS members of Paris Presbyterial met at Knox on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, for a Fall meeting. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, the WMS of Paris Presbyterial had not met for over 1 ½ years. Although attendance at this meeting was small, the nine who came were thrilled to be out and able to visit with each other.

President, Judy MacIntosh, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a short devotion based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18: What is new?--a form of greeting. However, the response is not always positive especially during our pandemic year. Our bible passage tells us that anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.

Judy MacIntosh read greetings sent from Margaret McGugan, president of Synodical.

Marie Gregor gave the Treasurer's report. A motion was passed to send \$1,000 to the WMS office for the *Together We Can* projects – \$500 each, for Raise the Roof and Action Refugees.

Susan McLennan demonstrated how to arrange a bouquet of artificial flowers in a tea cup. Each person then designed her own tea cup arrangement from Susan's selection of various coloured flowers.

Joan Willsie received the door prize of a "Bloom where you are planted" kitchen towel.

Each auxiliary reported on what they had been doing the last two years to keep in touch and promote interest in mission work. Shirley Miller, from Paris, closed the meeting with prayer.





George Leslie MacKay 2022 Calendars



To commemorate the 150th anniversary of George Leslie McKay's arrival in Tamsui on March 9, 1872, and the beginning of Canada's engagement with Asia, the Canadian MacKay committee has produced a bilingual English-Chinese wall calendar with historic and contemporary pictures from Taiwan and Canada, plus informative text and dates.

If you would like one or more of these commemorative calendars, please call Nancy in the church office. Cost is \$12.00.

Remembering to Remember

Rev. James Grant



(This is a reprint of an article submitted in 2010 by The Rev. James Grant, whom many of you will fondly remember. The subject matter will always be relevant.)

At the close of World War I the day we have come to know as Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice Day. It commemorated the official cessation of hostilities on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 1918. Its purpose was to honour those who died in battle and of whom the poet Rupert Brooke was to write: “...poured out the red sweet wine of youth; gave up the years to be of work and joy, and that unhopd serene that men call age...” The observance would be marked by two or three minutes of reflective silence.

As time passed war veterans took a leading role in memorial ceremonies at cenotaphs and other war monuments throughout the Commonwealth. Perhaps it is of some note that the Armistice observance in Canada was merged with Thanksgiving Day for some eight years, but in 1931 it was renamed Remembrance Day, and the date reverted to November 11th. Parliament has further confirmed the date as a statutory holiday throughout Canada.

It is fitting that the observance has come to include the military service personnel who died in two World Wars as well as many others who lost and are losing their lives in peacekeeping operations on behalf of Canada. Aside from the Department of Veterans Affairs the Royal Canadian Legion has played a very significant role in maintaining memories of the

terrible cost of war and in caring for comrades in their ongoing suffering. In recent years, with the cooperation of educators and schools, veterans have been sharing something of their experience with the younger generation.

Every year there are fewer war veterans attending Remembrance Day ceremonies. They are the living connection to the horror of war. Once most of them are gone, will the traditional observance continue in a growing multicultural society such as ours? Without it a knowledge of Canadian history would be incomplete, and the reminder of the cost of those values we cherish such as freedom, justice and a resolve for peace and “goodwill among men”, could be well nigh forgotten.



The Christmas Place

Elaine Stevens

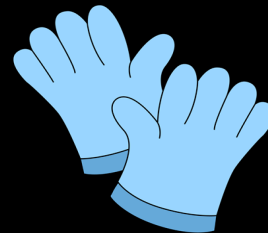


The Christmas Place, run by Operation Sharing, will run the same as last year. Gift cards will be handed out instead of having recipients shopping at The Christmas Place store. We are inviting you to give a monetary donation for the purchase of gift cards.

This can be done through your church offering envelope during November. Just record the \$ amount and *Christmas Place* on your envelope on the “other” line. Please make cheques payable to Knox Presbyterian Church. December 1st we will deliver a cheque, in the total amount donated, to Operation Sharing.

WINTER COATS FOR KIDS & ADULTS PLUS OTHER WARM WEATHER WEAR

The weather is getting colder and winter will soon be here. Operation Sharing is again collecting good, used winter coats for kids, youth and for adults. A collection box has been placed at Knox’s parking lot entry for donations. There is also a second box for smaller items that are new or in good condition—mitts, hats, scarves, boots. Warm socks and underwear would also be appreciated and these must be new, purchased items.



LOVE IS... WORD SEARCH

Look for the **red** words from the verse listed below.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8



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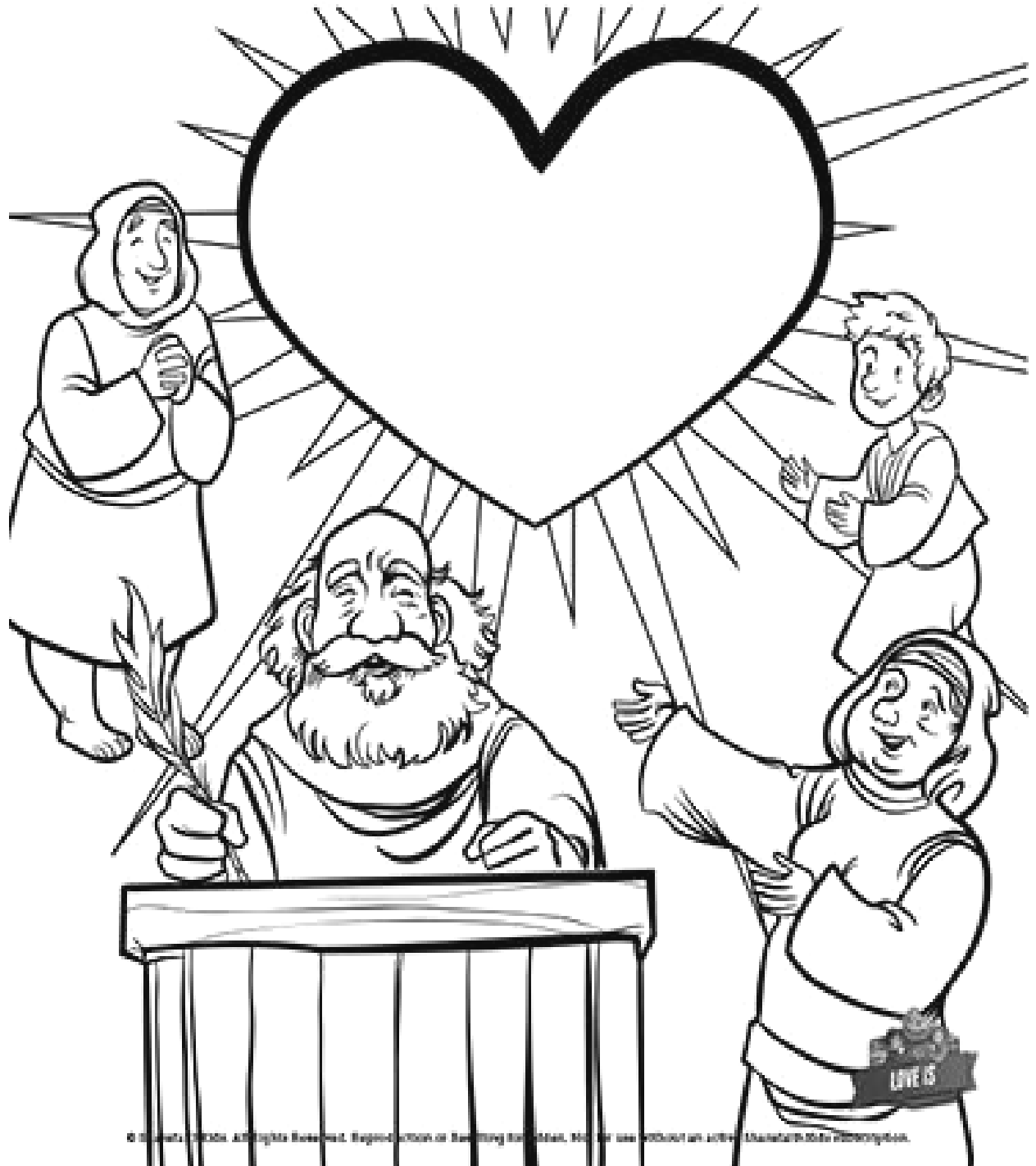
Love is **patient** and **kind**; love does not **envy** or **boast**; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not **insist** on its own way; it is not irritable or **resentful**; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but **rejoices** with the **truth**. Love **bears** all things, **believes** all things, **hopes** all things, **endures** all things. Love **never ends**.

1 **Corinthians** 13:4-8

LOVE IS

1 Corinthians 13:13

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.



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Please Consider Pre-Authorized Remittance

*“The pre-authorized remittance plan helps me to give consistently...
proportionately...intentionally.
It helps me to say thank you to God.”*

We at Knox have had a pre-authorized remittance plan (PAR) in place for years, however very few of our members have taken advantage of this system to give their gifts to our ministry. There are many benefits to the PAR plan:



- Your contributions will be made regularly even if you are away on business or vacation.
- You will not have to write a cheque or carry cash to church each week.
- The church will receive your contributions consistently, which will help pay all the bills even in the summer months when many are away.
- It will save time and work for those who count and register the offerings each Sunday.
- Avoids “catch up periods”.
- You can budget your monthly giving.
- Regular support of your church in the amount that you choose.
- Best of all, never again will you have the frustration of getting halfway to church and then remembering that you forgot your offering.

How the plan works:

- You sign up for the plan and indicate the amount you wish to give for work at our Church, Presbyterians Sharing, PWS&D or other Ministries.
- The plan can be changed as you wish at any time by notifying Nancy in the office.
- Cards are available to place in the offering plate each week.

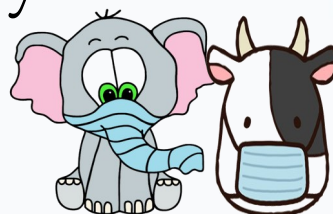
Registration pamphlets are available on tables as you enter the sanctuary; please take one and consider this as a way of sharing your blessings. If you have any questions on the plan you can contact Steve McInnis or Nancy in the church office.

*“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

2 Corinthians 9:7

Our Church Family

Karl, Wrinkles and Daisy are reminding you that you are welcome to sing during the worship service with masks on.



David & Carol Langille, 38 Years - November 5
Warren & Irene Brown, 64 Years - November 30



Birth

Abigail Louise Bos
daughter of Christine & Alex Bos
great-niece of Janet vanderSpek



Please Let Us Know...
If you know of someone in our church family who is ill or in the hospital, please tell Nancy. Also, if you have good news to share, please pass that along too!



November 21
Anne Jewlal
November 30
Emily Hewitt



*May God
Grant you Comfort
and Peace*

*With Deepest
Sympathy*

*"Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish
but have eternal life."*

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Eugenia Culp and family on the death of her son Jeff Culp, on October 10th.

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Reminder to turn Clocks back November 7	1 10:30 Meditation Gp.	2 9:30 TOPS	3	4	5 2:15 Service Rehearsal 7:00 Knox KAOS	6
7 10:30 Worship Welcome Rev. Kim! 3:30 The Rev. Dr. Kim's Induction Service	8 10:30 Meditation Gp.	9 9:30 TOPS 7:30 Session	10	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12 2:15 Service Rehearsal 7:00 Knox KAOS 7:30 Rock Hounds	13
14 10:30 Worship 3:00 Rangers, Pathfinders, Guides	15 10:30 Meditation Gp. Cheyne Room	16 9:30 TOPS 2:00 Pastoral Care Meeting Room	17 7:00 COVID Team	18 10:00 Mission Comm.	19 2:15 Service Rehearsal 7:00 Knox KAOS	20
21 10:30 Worship Reign of Christ Sunday 3:00 Rangers, Pathfinders, Guides	22 10:30 Meditation Gp. Cheyne Room	23 9:30 TOPS 1:00 Beginnings	24 7:00 Bd of Stewards	25 7:00 Prayer Shawl Gp. Cheyne Room	26 2:15 Service Rehearsal 7:00 Knox KAOS	27
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