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**“See! The winter is past;  
the rains are over and  
gone. Flowers appear on  
the earth”**

**Song of Songs 2:11-12a**



### PHONE LIVESTREAM

Did you know that in addition to watching our services online, you can also listen to them over the phone? Please consider sharing the number with those who don't have internet access. The toll-free number is 1-833-313-1504.



## CHURCH ENDURES

Coming across opportunities to be 'thankful' throughout one's life, I believe, is one of the greatest blessings one could have. On that note, I am mindful of the various ministry opportunities that my family and I have had over the years. Suffice to say, we are thankful to our friends, past and present, for camaraderie, friendship, and acceptance within the church family.

This sense of blessing, for me, stems from having experienced firsthand the sense that 'Church Endures'! Not the aging of its members, nor the dwindling of membership, nor the peeling of paints on the wall, and not even the onslaught of 'the pandemic' has curtailed the zeal of our congregational membership in being and becoming the body of Christ! What an honor it is to have been and now part of such endeavor at Knox, Woodstock!

In jotting down these few words, I am reminded also of a very special hymn, whose words echo dearly the strength of its members, our forebears in faith and the many voices that would come after them. I am, of course, speaking about the hymn, "Follow me the Master said" (#645):

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"Follow me," the Master said:  
We will follow Jesus.  
By His word and Spirit led,  
We will follow Jesus.  
Still for us He lives to plead,  
At the throne will intercede,  
Offers help in time of need;  
We will follow Jesus. (Verse 1)"

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This hymn is both an affirmation and a prayer to Scripture's invitation to follow Jesus and to embrace the new life in God. This journey of faith is without question narrow and difficult. As our forebears in faith had chosen to follow this path, so too, I believe, the congregation of Knox Presbyterian, Woodstock, have elected to envision together a pathway of faithful servanthood.

May God bless the members of the Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock.

Speaking of journeying together in this walk of faith, a pivotal component of this is our Annual General Meeting (AGM). A gathering has been scheduled for **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as part of the morning service of worship.**

Please allow me to share details on how our gathering on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> would look like:

- Gathering for Service of Worship at 10:30am
  - Sunday School will commence concurrently. Children will go immediately downstairs into their classes.
- Brief break
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) will commence. Goal is to conclude by no later than 12:30pm (earlier if possible).

Essentially, we are looking at having the Annual General Meeting as part of the Service of Worship. In order to facilitate this special gathering, the service of worship will be modified to ensure brevity, all the while maintaining the integrity in the full sense of the word.

Our prayer is that many of you could join us for the worship service; that includes our gathering to celebrate together a year's ministry at Knox, Woodstock, and some collective decision making for a brighter future in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim*

## SESSION NOTES -

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The Session Meeting on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 @7pm was held on 'ZOOM'

There were eleven Elders in attendance.

The meeting opened with a reflection and prayer.

**Correspondence** - Nancy Wright sent a letter to session and the congregation to thank us for the gifts on the occasion of her retirement.

### **Ministry Reports:**

#### **Christian Education Committee**

A list is being compiled of people in the congregation who will help  
Children are staying away due to COVID

**Covid-19** The team recommends the return to in-person worship on February 27

*Carried*

**Pastoral Care Committee** discussed meal preparation for members in emergency situations.

For long-term needs there are community services available.

Presbyterian Connections - five copies are ordered for seniors' residences.

#### **Board of Stewards**

Michael Conte is back at work fully vaccinated. Kim Kenny has done a good job with the web site.  
Boiler work is slated for the spring.

## **Budget**

Do we want to start doing gift cards again? Yes

We need to get clarification on the Knox Kids' Camp figures before this is submitted for publication.

We hope to get high speed Wi-Fi this year, so this was included in the phone budget.

**Restoration Committee** There is enough money designated to do the work needed. The only scaffolding will be at the parking lot door, which will remain accessible.

## **Worship**

One more person has signed up for the phone service, therefore we shall pay a lower rate this year. The cost for this service is tiered; given the current number of subscribers, the church may decide to opt for a lower tiered service which would save us some money.

A service of holy communion will be held on February 27.

The committee talked about the possibility of Rev. Kim not being able to come one Sunday.

Delivery of annual reports - everybody should get a paper copy - they will be informed that they are at the church, to either pick up or have them delivered.

## **Presbytery/Synod Report**

Acceptance of Chris Little's resignation. He has been assigned the role of Presbyter General for the Presbytery of Paris. He will receive a stipend for the year. An exit interview is being planned. A lay person has been hired for the period of a year.

**Roll Clerk** - Kathleen Willits will be added to the membership roll by act of session.

## **Ministers' Report**

Rev. Kim is learning more about this church and its history - he is becoming comfortable and familiar with the congregation and the people.

The Bible study is the Book of Acts

The hospital is once again allowing registered clergy to visit.

Lent is coming - we are looking forward to a joint service with First Baptist Church on Good Friday.

## **New Business:**

Discussion: Church as the Body of Christ, Expressions For Our Time

Our sign to the community is the way people see us - how as a congregation, as the body of Christ, we present ourselves in public and how we welcome everyone.

This conversation is a process.

It was decided to add to our sign "All are welcome in this place of prayer".

There has been a request for the use of the Knox kitchen to prepare meals for the homeless. Our reply to the request is that the session is discussing it but we can't give her an immediate answer. We need to discuss this with the whole congregation. While we support the good work that she does, we feel unable at the moment to commit to a long-term relationship, but in the interim will support her in any way we can, financially and with manpower.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm



As experts predicted, the Omicron variant spike in cases has gone down significantly since last month. While we still care about and pray for those infected and vulnerable to illness, as well as those who have lost loved ones, it is a good sign that things appear to be stabilizing again. Thanks to everyone for doing their part to keep case numbers down and to follow protocols to protect their neighbours in our community and beyond.

At our February 15th meeting, the Covid team discussed the province's plans to gradually reopen. As of February 17<sup>th</sup>, indoor gathering limits increase to 50 people. This means that we can have all of our mid-week groups and meetings on site once again, as long as protocols are followed and gatherings are booked with Kim through the office. This allows us to ensure sanitizing of spaces used. In terms of worship, we will be able to seat as many people as can be socially distanced from those outside their 'bubble'. So, once we reopen for public worship on February 27<sup>th</sup> little will change from last fall – we still ask everyone to pre-screen at home before coming to church, to mask, to distance 6 feet from others and to sanitize and hand wash.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, the province plans to lift all capacity limits for indoor public settings as well as the requirement for proof of vaccination. The Covid team discussed that this could be interpreted as a green light to remove our ropes from the pews and the plexiglass. However, we will not be doing this because it could easily be repealed if numbers increase again, and we don't feel that the congregation is ready just yet. We will revisit when to remove the ropes and plexiglass at our next meeting. Meanwhile, we are excited to be reopening for worship on February 27<sup>th</sup> when we will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The recording of our services will still be e-mailed out and available through the toll-free number.

Some reminders about reopening for worship:

The normal protocols will be in place - pre-screening at home, masking, distancing and sanitizing or hand washing.

We ask our Sunday school families to check in at the ramp door instead of the parking lot door. The nursery will remain unstaffed with toys stored away because children this age can't be masked or vaccinated. We want our youngest members to be safe. For those who have difficulty hearing, we have hearing assistive devices which are disinfected after use. Ask an usher if you would like to use one.

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our annual meeting as a congregation as an extension of the worship service. This meeting will not be livestreamed, although we plan to record it. Please plan to attend, and pick up your copy of the annual report from Knox office or have someone pick it up for you. Sunday school will start at the beginning of the service and children will attend the meeting with their caregivers with worship bags and colouring pages provided.

This was my last meeting with this committee as I move on to new endeavours. My thanks to the rest of the team for the journey it has been doing this ministry! Stay safe everyone, and thanks for your care of each other, especially those who have provided leadership in worship and through serving as ushers and greeters. We have a phenomenal team making this all possible.

Submitted by Anne Miller



This year the World Day of Prayer service will be hosted in Woodstock by Emmanuel Reformed Church on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

**World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who**

**welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.**

The service this year was prepared by the women of Wales, Northern Ireland and England. The theme for 2022 is “I Know the Plans I Have for You”.

*“In the midst of all the uncertainties we are living under due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WDP 2022 theme emerges like a balm of confidence. It is an invitation to place our trust in God in times of suffering.”*

If you are unable to attend, please do check out the website for further information and the history of this organization.

<https://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html>

The first in-person meeting of 2022 of the Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary WMS will be Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. We are looking forward to meeting together.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McLennan, Secretary

*This prayer was taken from CASA (Spanish for Home) online Church community:*

Loving God,

Longer days, warmer sunshine, a flurry of starlings in the air, trees swelling with buds— seasons about to turn;



perhaps time for us, too, to turn towards good we may do in this hurting creation.

Carrot peelings go to ground for the little brown urban rabbit, instead of into a composter.

Excess clothes go to a shelter instead of clogging a closet.

Behind masks, smiling eyes indicate smiles directed towards strangers.

A phone rings in the home or room of a lonely senior, because we remembered them, or imagine how it feels to be that alone.

In all these small and private actions, may we see your guiding hand, your loving heart, your will for a better, kinder world brought into wholeness, piece by piece, peace by peace.

We ask this knowing that we are not alone. Amen.

- by Anne MacDermaid



Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada  
Conseil œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada

Theme: I Know the Plans I Have for You  
(based on Jeremiah 29:1-14)

Please join us for World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. This year the service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of **England, Wales and Northern Ireland**.

The World Day of Prayer 2022 Service Video (55-minutes) can be viewed on the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada's website <https://wicc.org> and click on "World Day of Prayer 2022 Service Video".

Also, this same service video will be shown on many local cable TV channels – check your local cable network listings for Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> or view local times on <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>  
In Ontario, YES TV will be showing the WDP video Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 am (EST)

For 2022, people are encouraged to **donate** to World Day of Prayer:

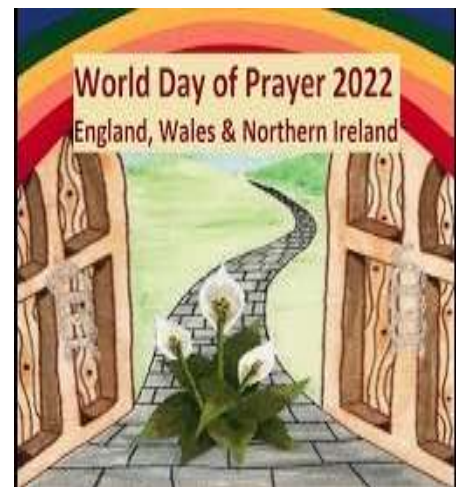
- through the WICC website: <https://wicc.org/donations/> or
- by mailing a cheque directly to the WICC office: WICC, 47 Queens Park Cr E, Toronto, ON M5S 2C3. Be sure to include your mailing address so we can send a tax receipt.

In person service will be held at Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke Street North, Woodstock on Friday March 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

OR Join us on Zoom:

To listen in, use either method.

- Computer: (with speakers attached)
  - If you have already downloaded and installed Zoom:
    - Open Zoom.
    - Click on "Join a Meeting".
    - Enter 9821364625.
    - Enter your name.
    - Click Join.
- Telephone: (long distance charges may apply)
  - +1 647 558 0588
  - Meeting ID: 9821364625#
  - Press # again



*You will be placed in a waiting room. You will be admitted by the Zoom operator. Please be patient.*




Lent begins on March 2nd and this time of penitent observance is often compared to a journey. May the journey be filled with peace and blessing.

A beautiful Lenten hymn in the Book of Praise is "In the Cross of Christ I Glory". (#208) John Bowring (1792-1872), wrote the words and they were inspired by Galatians 6:14: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Bowring was a businessman who spent much of his life in public service. From 1828 to 1835 he worked for the British government as a political economist in the Netherlands, France, and Germany. Bowring studied two hundred languages and claimed to speak one hundred. Including in his writings are two collections of hymns, Matins and Vespers with Occasional Devotional Pieces (1823) and Hymns as a Sequel to Matins (1825), which included "In the Cross of Christ I Glory".

John Stainer (1840-1901), composed the tune, called "Cross of Jesus". An influential composer and music scholar in the Victorian era, Stainer grew up in a musical environment. As a young boy he took organ lessons from his father on their small home chamber organ, and he became a chorister at St Paul's Cathedral in 1849. His most famous cantata, "The Crucifixion" was followed by knighthood and honorary degrees from Durham and Oxford. He composed some one hundred and fifty hymn tunes. "Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide." May the words of the 4th verse be a source of inspiration during the time of Lent.



**"Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified; peace is  
there that knows no measure, joys  
that through all time abide."**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory", by John Bowring**





Have you considered registering for direct debit?



### What is direct debit?

If you already have automatic cheques going to your account to pay for insurance, taxes, or mortgage, then you are familiar with direct debit. It means, simply, regular contributions debited from your bank account throughout the year.

It is a convenient way to make regular contributions to the church month by month. Your account will be debited each month and Knox's account will be credited with the amount you specify. You will no longer require offering envelopes to fill out each Sunday.

### Advantages to direct debit:

1. Regular support of your church in the amount that you choose
2. Continual support of Knox, even when you are away
3. Avoidance of "catch-up" periods
4. You are able to budget your monthly giving

### Advantages to Knox Presbyterian Church:

1. Regular, dependable flow of contributions
2. Reduction in bank overdrafts
3. Able to budget with a guaranteed amount of tithes and offerings

### How to sign up for direct debit:

1. Decide on the amount you wish to make as your monthly contribution
2. Fill in a Preauthorization Form (available at the office) and attach a cheque from your account marked "void"
3. Return the Preauthorization Form and void cheque to the church office





Today we are sending you a recipe for some yummy Tea Biscuits –

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

4 cups Flour  
6 teaspoons baking powder  
2 teaspoons salt  
2 tbsp sugar  
Mix well with a whisk

ADD 1/2 cup shortening  
Mix with hands until mealy

Make a well and add  
2 cups milk

Incorporate the milk and dry ingredients with a fork until you have a nice dough. Place on floured surface and bring dough together with your hands - knead just a tiny bit until you have a smooth surface. With a rolling pin, roll out to about 1 inch. Cut with a round cookie cutter, (I use a glass plate)

Put on parchment covered cookie sheet and place in oven for 15-18 minutes depending on your oven.

ENJOY

🙏 The Kitchen Crew

# SPRING WORD SEARCH

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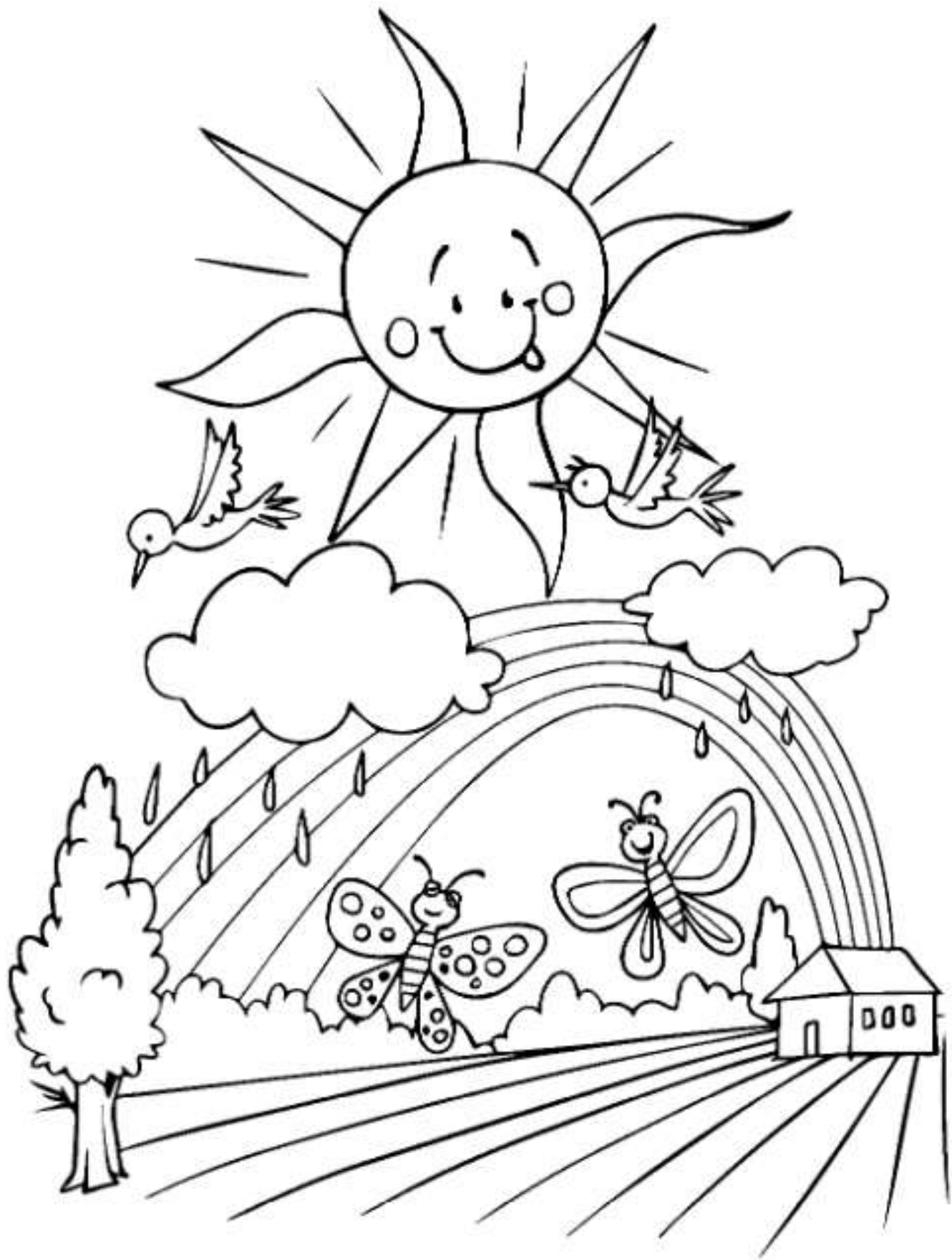


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 NEST

RAIN  
 SEEDS  
 TULIPS  
 UMBRELLA  
 WARM





# KNOX Family News

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Marie Gregor    March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Marg Douglas    March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Carol Masters    March 28<sup>th</sup>



Don & Elaine Stevens    March 4<sup>th</sup>

## THANK YOU!

Thank You



for your Kindness

Thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers on the passing of Walter Langille. Please know that they were of great comfort in our time of sadness.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all as it is with us.

Alice, Dave and Carol Langille

## BIRTHS



Cees Devere  
Born February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Son to Marlene VanderSpek and Any Fuest  
Great Nephew to Janet vanderSpek

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

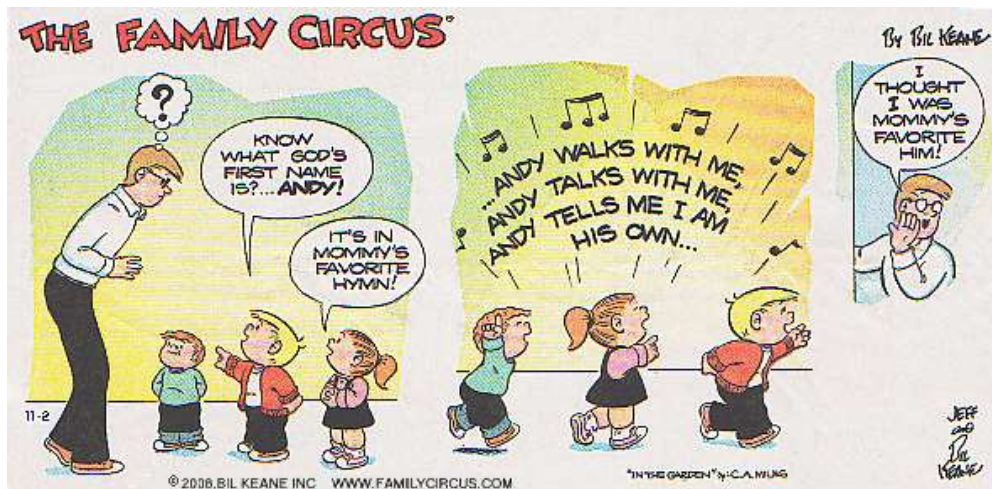
**Joyce Pearson – February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to the Pearson family. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

## VOLUNTEER WANTED

We are looking for a volunteer to look after changing the Knox sign out front. It would be once or twice a month and takes about 30 to 45 minutes to change it. Please contact Kim at the office if you're interested.

# Funnies



Q: What kind of person was Boaz before he got married?

A: Ruth-less!



Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A: Because Noah was always standing on the deck!

i hope our paths  
croissant again

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples!"



# Free Tax Clinics

Get your benefits and credits



If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers can do your tax return for you!

**The Oxford County Administration Building**  
21 Reeve Street, Room 129, Woodstock, ON (All dates)  
9:30 - 11:00 AM and 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**Tuesday** March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29,  
April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, **May 3**

**Wednesday** March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30,  
April 6, April 13, April 20, April 27, **May 4**

**Thursday** March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31,  
April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, **May 5**

**Note: dates in red are for pickup only!!!!**

Covid-19 screening will be done at the door!! Face-masks are required!!

T5505(E) Rev. 16

Go to [canada.ca/taxes-help](https://canada.ca/taxes-help) or  
call **1-800-959-8281** for more information.

Volunteers are not employees of the Canada Revenue Agency



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# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Prayer Shawl (Zoom) 7:00 pm	2 Prayer Shawl (Zoom) 7:00 pm	3	4 Knox KAOS 7:00 pm	5
6 Worship 10:30 am Annual Meeting Rangers/Pathfinders 3:00 pm Guides 6:30 pm	7 Meditation 10:30 am Meditation (Zoom) 7:00 pm	8 TOPS 9:00 am Beginnings 1:00 pm	9 Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 pm	10 Mission Committee 10:00 am	11 Knox KAOS 7:00 pm Rock Hounds 7:30 pm	12
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## NOTES

### Bible Study – Book of Acts

It's not too late to join the Zoom Bible Study with Rev. Kim, studying the Book of Acts. If you have registered, please email Kim at [office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com](mailto:office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

### April Knox News

If you would like to make a submission for the April newsletter, please email your article to Kim in the office by March 17<sup>th</sup> at [office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com](mailto:office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com)

### Weekly Devotionals/Service Links

Please watch your emails for Dr. Kim's weekly devotional and an email with the link to watch the pre-recorded worship service.