

# Knox News

April 2022 Edition



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## Easter Services –

**Palm Sunday** – April 10 – 10:30 am

**Maundy Thursday Service** – April 14 –  
7:30 pm

**Good Friday Service** – April 15 - 10:30  
am

**Easter Sunday Service** – April 17 -  
Celebrating the Sacrament of  
Communion - 10:30 am

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## From the Minister's Desk

### 'HOPE'



*"For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant." (Job 14:7-9)*

I will be upfront to say that this is an article that I had previously shared with the Session of Knox, Woodstock. That said, it is a theme that I strongly believe in; I would like to share it with the wider audience at hand.

Many of you will know that I have previously ministered at a 90+ years old congregation out in the Prairies. Its best feature, like so many of our churches, was the congregation itself. Still, the landscape on which the building itself was located was riddled with old tree stumps, a remnant of majestic trees that once graced the landscape surrounding this magnificent church building.

I never paid much attention to the stumps, at least for the first while. Why? Thoughts of felling an aging tree were too evocative of loss of vitality in old age, of both people and institutions. Perhaps it was a direct reflection of my age and the subsequent changes in my perspective of things. Retrospect, it was more likely that I am inspired by Job's response to his friends at the most desolate of time in his life (Job 14:7-9). Referring to an old tree stump, Job essentially says, *there is hope for a tree*. For Job, hope is something he sees in the growth of new shoots from a cut-off trunk and in the green response of dry roots to water.

Job had endured unimaginable calamities in his life-loss of loved ones and all that he had worked for. Many of us know all too well that life's challenges can make us feel all alone, especially when so much of our lives are sometimes taken away from us. Yet for Job, just as water enables a seemingly dead tree stump to come back to life, the assurance of God's fellowship with him, most especially during the difficult times, creates and sustains hope for him.

I am inspired to say that our hope also lies in God. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus who was crucified enables us to have hope; not even the realm of death was cut off from the power and presence of God. No area of our life is isolated from God. As St. Paul says, "nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:35). This, I believe, is the source of our hope now and always. So, no matter what flashes by my eyes, I endeavor to see something 'hopeful' therein.

Respectfully shared,

*Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim*



## Session Notes



### Session Meeting on ZOOM

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

#### 13 Elders attended

**The meeting opened with a reflection from Job and a prayer.**

Steve McInnis was approved as acting session clerk on an interim basis while Josie Miller takes time off.

#### Ministry Reports:

**Christian Education Committee:** Mikayla has contacted Camp leaders from last year for this year's staffing. The program is well staffed with volunteers, but open to more.

**Leading With Care:** A fire drill will be planned during good weather, later this year.

**Covid-19:** No changes are planned. Knox will continue contact tracing, masking, and distancing.

**Mission:** Knox Kids' Camp will run 7 weeks this summer.

Session agreed to \$1000 mission-designated funds for foreign relief. The congregation will be asked to match this.

Session also agreed to send \$500 of trustee funds to St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Ancaster, an encouragement for this struggling congregation to continue to operate.

A motion will be made at the annual congregational meeting to donate \$2000 of mission-designated funds to Operation Sharing's Inn of Oxford County.

**Pastoral Care:** Dr. Kim is limited to visiting alone at the hospital because of COVID restrictions. He is looking forward to this restriction ending.

**Board of Stewards:** Received information about a provincial grant available to improve security. The stewards hope to improve lighting around the building, if the \$7500 grant is approved in March.

**Stained Glass Committee:** Recently some stained glass has been installed in the Friendship Centre, with some final details to be completed. More stained glass from Chalmers United is available to be installed. Former members of Chalmers are being kept informed about their stained glass. A formal commissioning will be planned.

**Worship:** Communion continues to be administered using the prepared wafer/juice kits. The service in February went well and we will continue to use the kits, at least for the next 2 communion Sundays.

**Trustees:** The PCC Consolidated fund reported results for 2021 on March 1, 2022. [The congregation was verbally given these figures at the annual meeting.]

**Presbytery/Synod Report:** Margaret Douglas will be a commissioner from Paris Presbytery to this year's general assembly. The dates are June 5-8 and it will be a virtual assembly.

**Roll Clerk:** Some elder districts areas are not covered and session will call more elders in the near future.

#### **New Business:**

Upon approval by the congregation at the annual meeting (AGM), the church will consider the disbursal of bequest funds i.e., Isabel Johnson estate *et al.* at a future date, May 15 2022.

The honorific title of 'Elder Emeritus' will be bestowed upon retired elders who are no longer able to actively serve in Session. Section 110.10 from the Book of Forms describes the use of the title. The names have not yet been listed.

**The meeting was closed with prayer**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7pm**

Submitted by Steve McInnis





## Music Moment

by Janet vanderSpek, Music Director



May you experience Easter blessings as the journey of Lent has brought us to a joyful time of hallelujahs. Here is some background on the well-known hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today", #243 in the Book of Praise.

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style. Charles Wesley (1707-1788), wrote the fourth verse and it is an inspiring doxology. Wesley was a dynamic preacher and it has been said that he still preaches today in much the same way through his ageless hymns which are sung around the world each Sunday.

"Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!

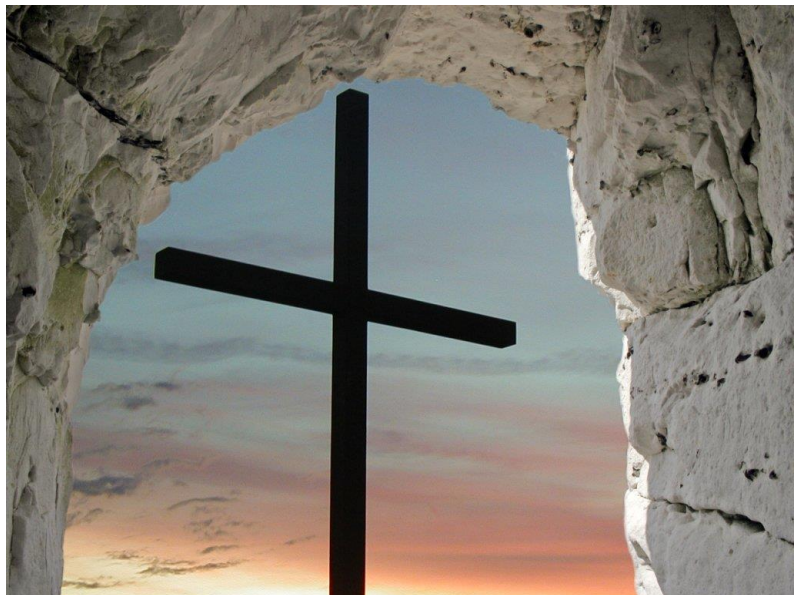
praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!

praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!"

An Easter prayer sourced from the book "Seeking God's Face": (written and compiled by Philip F. Reinders)

"Risen Jesus, no one saw it coming, but your march out of the tomb has changed everything. This day leaves me breathless in wonder--- death is conquered, hope lives, love wins, salvation is here! Give me profound delight as I enjoy your resurrection life and deep devotion as I follow your resurrection way. Christ is risen, hallelujah! Amen."



Blessings to you and yours.



## Campbell-Afternoon Auxiliary WMS

by Susan McLennan, secretary



The first in-person meeting of the WMS in 2022 will be held on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Cheyne Room. We are looking forward to seeing each other again.

The World Day of Prayer service led by Emmanuel Reformed Church was well attended, both in person and on Zoom.

Next year the World Day of Prayer service will be hosted at Knox. The service next year has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. Because of the strong connection to Taiwan both from Knox and Oxford County, it was felt an honour to be asked to host the 2023 service.

*As most residents of Oxford County know, **George Leslie Mackay** 偕瑞理 or 馬偕 Má-kai (21 March 1844 – 2 June 1901) was the first Presbyterian missionary to northern Taiwan (then Formosa). He served with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. George Leslie Mackay was born on March 21, 1844, the youngest of six children to a pioneering Scottish family in Embro, Zorra Township, Oxford County. He received his theological training at Knox College in Toronto (1865-1867), Princeton Theological Seminary in the United States (1870), and New College, Edinburgh in Scotland, all Presbyterian institutions. In Mackay's day Princeton and Edinburgh were important centres of advocacy and training for foreign missions. Mackay was designated as a Missionary from Knox Presbyterian Woodstock. He arrived at Tamsui, northern Formosa in 1872, which remained his home until his death in 1901. Starting with an itinerant dentistry practice amongst the lowland people, he later established churches, schools and a hospital*



*Jesus said: "How often I have desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings." (Luke 13:34)*

There is so much pain, so much sorrow, so much fear in the world today.

Our hearts overflow with prayers for Ukraine;  
our hearts weep tears alongside everyone who is grieving;  
our hearts are anxious about what Covid might hold as we move forward.

Jesus offers us an invitation to rest under those loving, protective, nurturing wings.

Jesus offers healing to our weary and tear-filled hearts.

As we move into this new season,  
may the love of God's sheltering wings embrace you;  
may the peace of Christ (who is the Prince of Peace) sustain you;  
and may the breath of the Holy Spirit both inspire you  
and float you towards where you are called to be. Amen.

*practicing Western biomedicine.*

This prayer was taken from CASA (Spanish for Home) online Church community and was written by the Rev Kate Jones:



## Kitchen Crew Recipe



### Cadbury Mini Egg Cookies

*Author: Jill from Kitchen Fun with My 3 Sons*

#### Ingredients

##### Cookie:

- 1/2 C Unsalted butter softened
- 1/2 C sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 C flour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt

##### Chocolate Frosting:

- 1 tbsp unsalted sweet cream butter
- 3 tbsp cocoa
- 1 C powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 - 3 tbsp hot water
- 24 Cadbury Mini Eggs

#### Instructions

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a standing mixer, beat together butter and sugar until creamy.
3. Mix in egg and vanilla.
4. In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder and salt.
5. Gradually mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients.
6. Using a small ice cream scoop, scoop out some dough and roll dough into small balls.
7. Place onto the cookie sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes
8. Remove from oven and quickly press thumb into the top of each cookie.
9. Remove cookies from cookie sheet and cool completely on a wire rack.

#### Chocolate Frosting:

1. Melt butter in small mixing bowl in microwave.
2. Mix in cocoa, powdered sugar, vanilla and hot water.
3. Mix until smooth and creamy.
4. Spoon the chocolate frosting into each thumbprint and top with a Cadbury Mini Egg.
5. Enjoy!

<https://kitchenfunwithmy3sons.com/easter-cadbury-cookies/>





## Stained Glass Panels

by Mark Benner



Many of you know that Knox was able to obtain a significant number of stained-glass panels from the former Chalmers United Church.

I am happy to let people know that we have almost completed Phase I of our work. If you go into the Friendship Room and look east at the second floor, centre balcony, you will see the results of many years planning and work. There are 5 installed sections of stained glass with back-lighting enclosed in a walnut case. Three of the panels were installed originally at Chalmers in

1929 when the building was erected. These panels include Isaiah, St. Paul and Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Two other panels, “The Easter Window” were originally installed in 1978 at Chalmers and were donated at that time by Carol Campbell Turner, deceased wife of our Knox member, Paul Turner. Detail trim work will finish off the project.

There will be a future “unveiling” celebration. A history of each panel and its original donor as well as a biblical description of each window will be available.

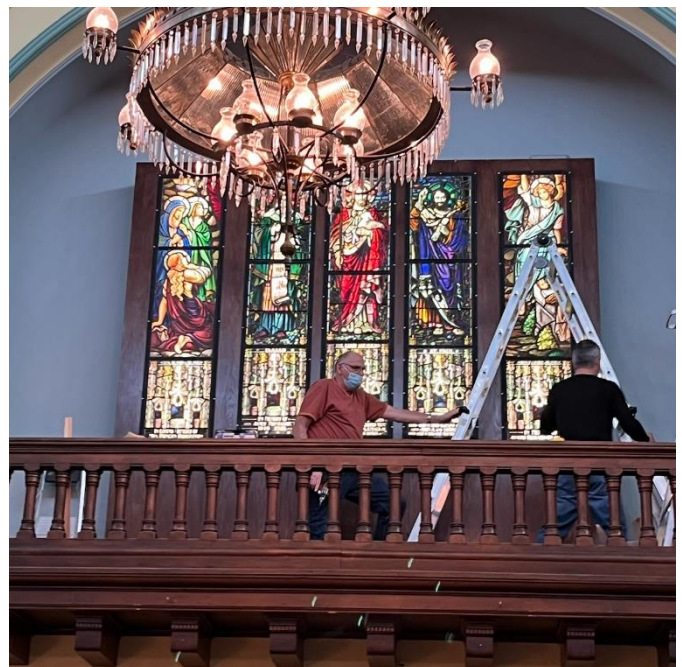
Thanks to Tony Hurley Construction for their carpentry in creating the wooden case and to Baird Machines for their metal work.

We are already planning for Phase II using additional panels in the sanctuary.

Unfortunately, some future pieces will need repair. If any Knox member is able to assist with the cost of this project, your help and support will certainly be appreciated. Sections can be re-dedicated in memory of friends or family members.

Thanks to the following Knox members who have been part of this project:

Brenda Currah, Nick Hardeman, David Langille, Bob Kern and George Seggewiss.





## A Retreat at Crieff Hills

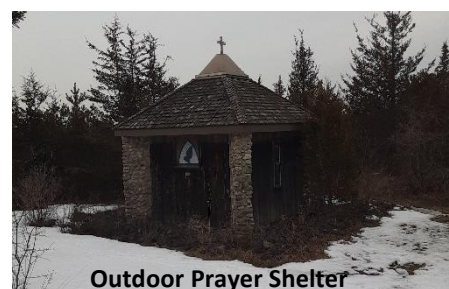
by Anne Miller



Indoor Prayer Shelter

I was blessed to spend the weekend of March 18th-20th at the national retreat and conference centre of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Thanks to all of you for the gift certificate towards this time of reflection, study and renewal when my time as worship leader ended last fall. It was also nice to welcome in the first day of spring at this wonderful place! Many of you will remember that the centre's Executive Director, the Rev. Dr. Kristine O'Brien, came to lead worship at Knox last October and spoke about the ministry and mission of Crieff.

I stayed in The Pines, the newest building, that has six suites with bedroom, bathroom and open concept kitchenette/living/dining area. The back of each has a large sliding glass door onto a patio and I could look out at trees and nature from the couch. Also in The Pines is a gathering area with kitchenette and washroom for small group events, sponsored by money we gave to Crieff out of Gert Currie's bequest to Knox. It is called the Currie Room. I couldn't get pictures because the space needed to be locked due to Covid, but I'm proud of the part Knox played in helping with this amazing space.



Outdoor Prayer Shelter



Prayer Labyrinth

Some of you have been to Crieff and know about the lodges, retreat houses, events, meals, hiking trails, outdoor labyrinth and prayer shelter. New additions in Rev. Kristine's time include upgrades to many buildings and the acquiring of chickens, quail and sheep. Crieff was originally a working farm and an original barn houses the sheep. I visited them and the chickens on my walks and bought eggs on my

way out. They also sell produce from their gardens in season as well as honey and maple syrup made on site, although the syrup wasn't quite ready yet.

Thank you again for this generous gift to me of retreat time! I hope that you get an opportunity to visit and maybe even stay for a workshop or other event. The food is fantastic and the hospitality wonderful.

You can find out more at <https://crieffhills.com/>





## Operation Sharing

### Coldest Night of the Year Walks Away with \$207,000



The Woodstock Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) was held in support of Operation Sharing's The Inn homeless shelter, which runs daily starting at 7:30 pm at Old St. Paul's Anglican church in Woodstock. They had a goal this year to raise \$100,000, which was more than doubled by the 401 walkers registered for the launch point on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Participants took part in two-kilometer and five-kilometer walks through the streets of Woodstock. 67 teams were registered and 43 volunteers, including our own Steve McInnis, Nora Martin and Lynda Whiteford. Woodstock ended up fourth overall in Canada for donations.

In total, Knox raised \$3,190, with \$955 from Lynda, \$945 from Nora, \$755 from Steve and a team donation of \$535. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

CNOY began in 2011 to raise funds and awareness surrounding homelessness. This year there were 165 events in Canada, and for the first time, there were seven in the US!

Shawn Shapton, Operation Sharing executive director, had this to say, "Woodstock's CNOY 2022 was an amazing success!" He also said, "This event has not only raised funds for The Inn, it has brought our community together on a very divisive issue. With so much stress and negativity, not just in our community, but across the world, we put Woodstock on the map in a positive light. We are so thankful to be the recipient of these funds as we work towards a 24/7 shelter in 2022." He also thanked Old St. Paul's for its 17 years of hosting The Inn.



## Ukraine Relief



PWS&D is working with ACT Alliance and the CFGB to provide help for the people of Ukraine.

If you wish to donate to the Ukraine relief effort, you can do so through your church offering envelope.

On the *OTHER* line, write “PWS&D – Ukraine Relief” and the \$ amount.

(Cheques should be payable to Knox Presbyterian Church).



## Canadian Bible Society

### Bibles for Ukraine

The Canadian Bible Society is hearing daily from their colleagues in the Ukraine Bible Society. They are all safe at this point and working tirelessly to bring humanitarian aid and spiritual support throughout the country.

Working in collaboration with the United Bible Societies, the CBS is supporting the plans to print thousands of New Testaments, Children’s Bibles, Scripture booklets and Trauma Healing materials in Ukrainian and Russian for use in Ukraine, as well as the surrounding countries of Romania, Poland, Moldova, and Hungary.

Please pray for the safety of the people of Ukraine, as well as the Bible Society leadership and staff, and their families.



If you wish to support this CBS project, you can donate in one of these three ways:

Call Toll Free: 1-800-465-2425

Donate Online: [www.biblesociety.ca](http://www.biblesociety.ca)

Mail to: Canadian Bible Society, 10 Carnforth Rd., Toronto, ON M4A 2S4

Submitted by Elaine Stevens



## Word Search



# Easter Word Search

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APOSTLES  
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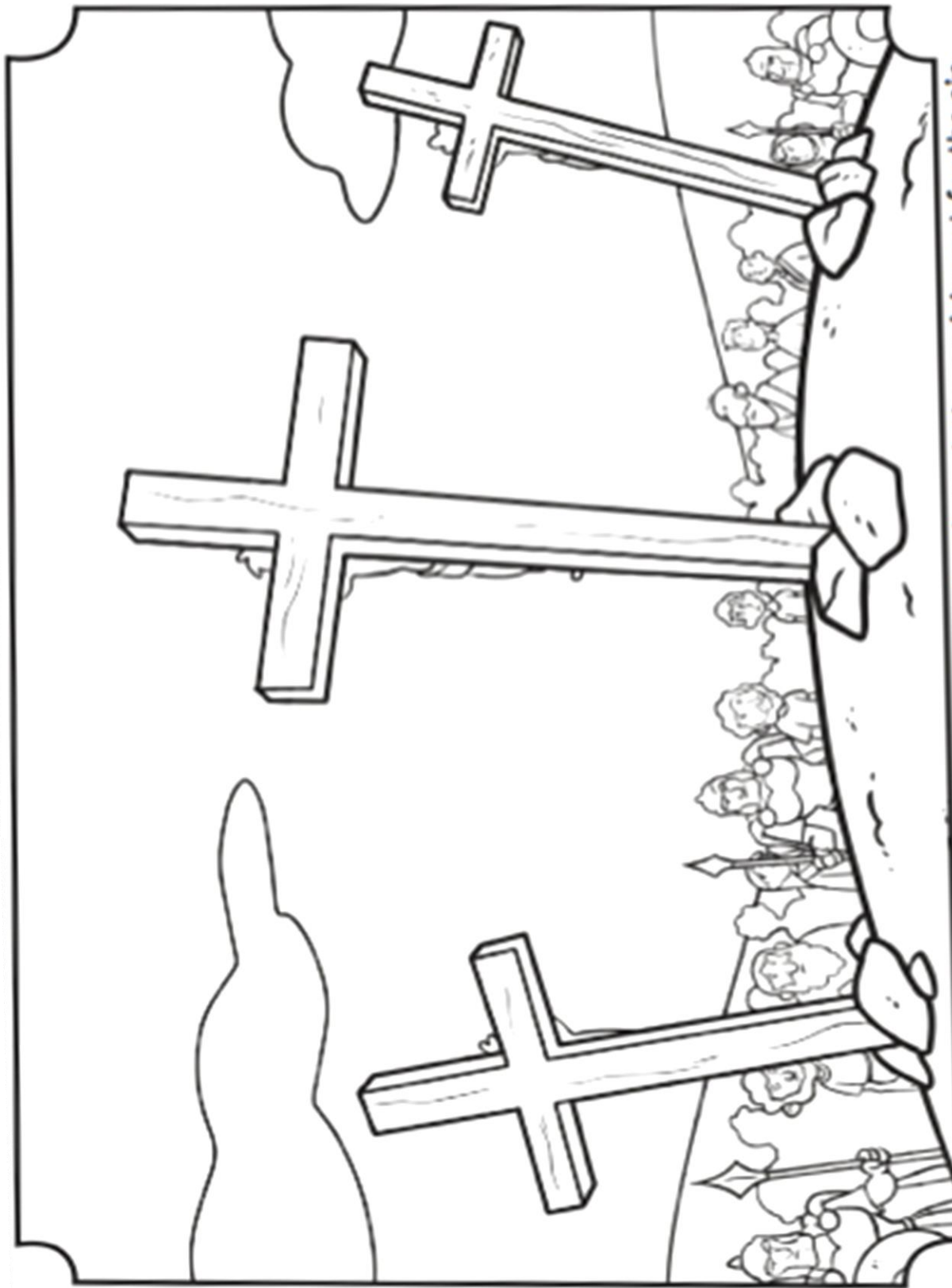
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JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOR  
TOMB







## Colouring Page



Jesus died to save a world that was covered in sin - He took the punishment for the sin of the world, so that we could all be a part of the Kingdom of God. Mark 15:33-39



## Funnies

### To do list-

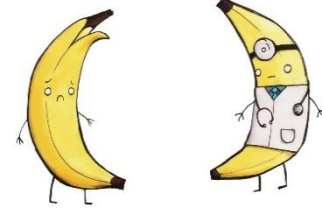
- 1- Go to pet store.
- 2- Buy bird seeds.
- 3- Ask how long it will take for the bird to grow.
- 4- wait for the reaction.



Some people eat snails...

They must not like fast food!

WHY DID THE BANANA GO TO THE DOCTOR?



IT WASN'T PEELING WELL



I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet....but the thyme is cumin.



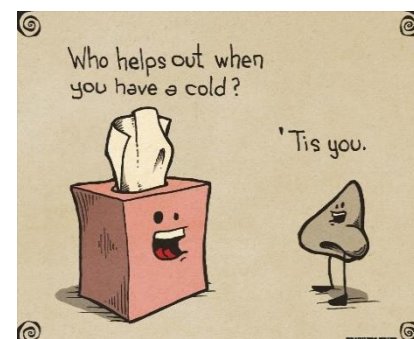
- If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a *laughing stock*. Now that's humerus!
- I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds!
- My wife said I never listen to her...or something like that.
- I checked into the Hokey Pokey clinic...and I turned myself around!
- My resolution was exercise...no wait...I meant extra fries!
- My nurse came in and said, "Doc, there's a man in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible. What should I tell him?"

The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him today."



A man just assaulted me with milk, cream and butter.

How dairy.





## Our Church Family



**Baby News!** Welcome to Theodore Kees, born March 16<sup>th</sup>, son of Corinna & Luke Puklicz and great-nephew to Janet vanderSpek.



Barbara Start	April 3rd
Hennie Yungblut	April 16 <sup>th</sup>
Josie Miller	April 30 <sup>th</sup>



Bob & Alice Kern	April 9 <sup>th</sup>
Tom & Hennie Yungblut	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Gord & Karen Taylor	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
Bill & Donna Moyer	April 28 <sup>th</sup>



### Please Let Us Know...

If you know of someone in our church family who is ill or in the hospital, please tell Rev. Kim or our administrator, Kim Kenny.

Also, if you have good news to share, please pass that along too!

### *Our Heartfelt Sympathy*

We were saddened to hear of the deaths of Joyce Pearson on February 14<sup>th</sup> and William Roberts on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Joyce and William.

*For the LORD has comforted his people,  
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.*

*Isaiah 49:13*

**THANK YOU!**



**Alex Voortman  
has taken on the  
position of our  
new sign guy!**







## Presbyterian Church in Canada

### Thank You for Your Gifts in 2021!

Despite the continuing uncertainty of 2021, congregations, individuals, foundations, estates, the Women's Missionary Society and Atlantic Mission Society generously gave over \$9.9 million to the mission and ministry we do together as The Presbyterian Church in Canada.



- \$5.7 million was given to support ministry in Canada and around the world through Presbyterians Sharing
- \$2.3 million was given to international development and relief programs led by PWS&D
- \$350,000 was given to PWS&D's account with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- \$148,000 was given for special mission and ministry in Canada and around the world, including with Indigenous peoples, international mission partners, justice work and more
- \$1.46 million was given in designated and undesignated bequests to The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Gifts to The Presbyterian Church in Canada continue to make a difference as we work together to put our faith into action. Together we are equipping congregations, starting new faith communities, supporting international partners, empowering youth, encouraging new ministers, equipping theological students, supporting Indigenous ministries, responding to emergencies, breaking cycles of poverty, pursuing justice—and so much more.



## Phone LiveStream



Did you know that in addition to watching our Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock 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.



## Youth Unlimited – Youth For Christ

### The Table



Youth Unlimited – Youth For Christ (YFC) sees the hope and potential in every young person.

YFC are committed to helping youth develop holistically by offering programs and developing relationships that nurture the whole person—physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

YFC are dedicated to seeing young people have the opportunity to make an informed decision to become a follower of Jesus Christ and become a part of a local church.

Kelly Wrigglesworth is part of the Ministry Staff of Youth Unlimited YFC in Woodstock and has organized this new ministry which she calls *The Table*.

*The Table* is a sit-down meal for teens and is held at First Baptist Church once a week. 30-40 students are coming each Tuesday for this free lunch. As the teens enjoy their hot meal and the warm, dry place to sit with their friends, they are beginning to open up to the staff and volunteers. Some teens have started to attend other programs offered by Youth Unlimited.

Future plans are for a supper club where the teens can come, help cook the dinner and share it together.

Kelly is seeking support from the local community.



#### Ways to help:

- 1) Support for Kelly personally. As a local missionary, she raises her own support for her salary and ministry.
- 2) Support the Table by –
  - a) sponsoring a lunch at \$100 to feed 50 teens.
  - b) Helping to prepare the lunch by joining Kelly on Monday afternoon at First Baptist Church to make the lunch for the next day.
  - c) Donate food.
  - d) Pray that the YFC staff will reach the youth that need them, that they will see the love of Christ through them, and that they will find hope for themselves and their future.

For more information you can contact Kelly Wrigglesworth by cell: 519-608-2664 or by email: [kelly.w@yfcwoodstock.com](mailto:kelly.w@yfcwoodstock.com).

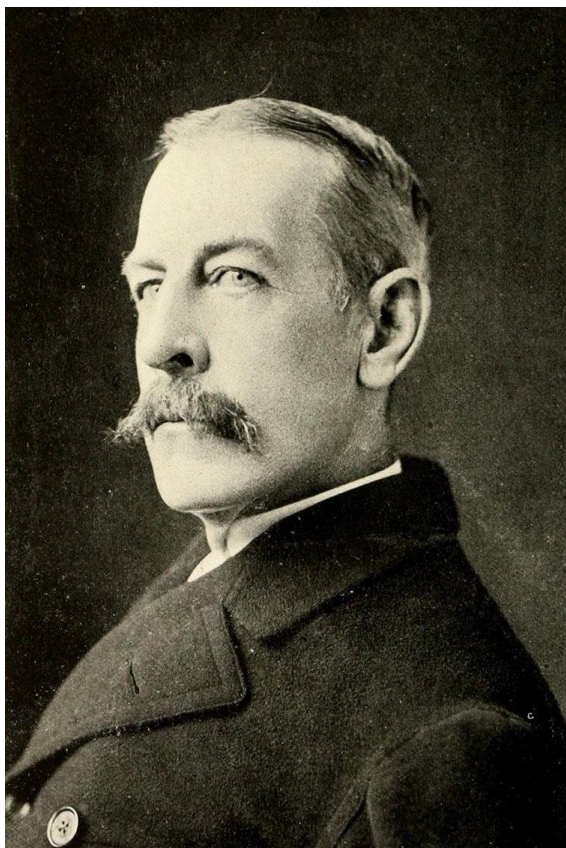
Submitted by Elaine Stevens



## Presbyterian History

### The Rev. James Gordon and the Island of Erromanga

by Peter Bush of Presbyterian History



James

On March 7, 1872, (150 years ago next Monday) the Rev. James D. Gordon was killed for unknown reasons while he was in his study translating the book of Acts into the language of the people of Erromanga. His translation work had reached Acts 7:60 and Stephen's words, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." James Gordon, born and raised in Prince Edward Island, was sent to Erromanga by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, to join the mission effort in Vanuatu.

Erromanga, an island in the southern region of Vanuatu (formerly the New Hebrides) in the South Pacific, is 40 kilometers long and 25 kilometers wide. The experiences of the people of Erromanga with white people were not positive; in the 1840's a number of European traders had arrived seeking to obtain the valuable and aromatic sandalwood that grew on the island. The Erromangans burnt this wood for cooking and heating and therefore traded it as though it were firewood, not a valuable commodity. Some traders were brutal in their treatment of the indigenous peoples, using guns and cannons to impose their wishes. By the mid-1850s the appearance of white people filled the people of Erromanga with fear and anger.

George N. Gordon, James' older brother by 10 years, had sailed for Erromanga in 1855 by way of England. In England George met and married his wife, Ellen. The couple arrived on Erromanga in 1857. As the result of a tragic misunderstanding George and Ellen were killed in May of 1861. When news of their deaths arrived on Prince Edward Island, James Gordon, immediately volunteered to take his brother's place so he might proclaim the gospel and bring a message of forgiveness to those who had killed his brother and sister-in-law. James, born in 1832, had worked as a journalist in Charlottetown, PEI, before studying theology at the Presbyterian College in Halifax. In 1864, James Gordon sailed from Halifax for Erromanga, after completing his theological training and taking a brief medical course.



George



## PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY continued...

When James Gordon arrived at Erromanga he found the situation had changed from three years earlier. Late in 1861, the Christian community had returned to Erromanga at their own request, therefore a small church community was present to partner with James Gordon in gospel work. Second, replacing the sandalwood trade, which had ended as the sandalwood trees were almost entirely taken from the island, was a growing slave trade. The traders "recruited" men from the island to sign on as indentured servants for three years to work in the plantations of New Caledonia, Fiji, and Queensland. Once the men were on the plantations it was relatively easy to get them to sign on for another three years. It was not unusual for these indentured men to be worked to death. The missionaries in the New Hebrides, including Gordon, strongly condemned the actions of the slave traders, demanding action from both British and Australian authorities.



Since James Gordon was unmarried, he was free to travel the island without being concerned about the safety of anyone but himself. This peripatetic lifestyle attracted a group of young Erromangans who joined him on the travels. Gordon was a brilliant linguist. Having studied his brother's biblical translations on the voyage, he was able to preach in one of the two predominant languages on the island almost as soon as he arrived. Within eighteen months he had learned these two languages well enough to begin Scripture translation. Gordon learned the other two languages spoken on the island, even though one of them was spoken by less than one hundred inhabitants. During his eight years on the island, Genesis and Matthew were translated into the most frequently spoken of the island's languages. Gordon uncovered the pattern of development and the linkages between the island's four languages. Using his reporter's eye and literary skills, Gordon's letters home contain detailed accounts of the cultural, sociological, and natural history of the island. His concern for the

people of the island and their future is evident in his writing.

During his travels James Gordon discipled a small group of young Erromangan converts, nurturing their understanding of and commitment to Christianity, with the hope they would become the future leaders of the church. By 1870, sixteen people had been baptized, only one of whom later turned their back on the faith. This was a higher retention rate of baptized believers than was experienced at most missions in the South Pacific. Most of the baptized Erromangans became proclaimers of the gospel to their own people. After Gordon's death, the Erromangan church was able to raise up its own leaders, moving more quickly to self-sufficiency in its leadership than most of the other island churches in the region. In his eight years of ministry, James Gordon laid the groundwork for an indigenous church led by indigenous leaders.

## April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Knox KAOS 7pm	2
3 Worship 10:30am Rangers/Pathfinders 3pm Guides 6:30pm	4 Meditation 10:30am Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm Discing 7:30pm	5 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm Session 7:30pm	6 Bible Study 7pm	7 Choir 7:15pm	8 Knox KAOS 7pm Rock Hounds 7:30pm	9
10 PALM SUNDAY – Worship 10:30am Rangers/Pathfinders 3pm Guides 6:30pm	11 Meditation 10:30am Campbell- Afternoon WMS 2pm (Cheyne) Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm Discing 7:30pm	12 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm	13 Worship Committee - 2pm Prayer Shawl 7pm	14 Mission Committee 10am Maundy Thursday – 7:30 pm	15 GOOD FRIDAY – Office Closed Good Friday Service – 10:30 am	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY - Worship & Communion 10:30am Rangers/Pathfinders 3pm Guides 6:30pm	18 EASTER MONDAY – Office Closed Meditation 10:30am Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm Foodgrains 7pm Discing 7:30pm	19 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm Pastoral Care 2:30pm	20 Covid Committee 1pm Bible Study 7pm	21 May Knox News Submissions Due  Choir 7:15pm	22 Knox KAOS 7pm	23
24 Worship 10:30am Rangers/Pathfinders 3pm Guides 6:30pm	25 Meditation 10:30am Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm Discing 7:30pm	26 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm	27 Board of Stewards 7pm	28 Christian Ed 3pm Choir 7:15pm	29 Knox KAOS 7pm	30

He is not here:  
for He is risen,  
as He said.

Matthew 28:6

