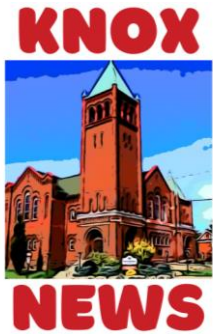


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## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



Back in September, following a bit of summer hiatus, the Session of Knox Presbyterian, Woodstock, met to share something of their summer experiences and to come together for a prayerful planning of the Fall months of ministry. Sharing pieces of pizza, as in the photo, would have been very nice; we certainly look forward to a time when we could do so as a group.

We spent a bit of time reflecting upon the landscape over which we have traversed in recent years. At times, COVID-19 has made it extremely difficult for us to chart our way through. 'Pivoting' had actually become a word that we've come to be familiar with; for behind each and every decision lay the possibility of having to 'pivot' at any given moment.

Regardless, we were united in declaring that Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, continues and will continue to play an important role in the spiritual and cultural life of this community. An interesting descriptor was coined for our congregation at this moment in time: *A Big Small Church!*

What we meant is this: Knox Presbyterian, Woodstock, is a 'big' church in the sense that we are blessed with a large, accommodating place of worship, fellowship, and mission/outreach. Perhaps more than the physicality of our existence, the congregation of Knox is known for its ability and willingness to be a generous community, wherever a need arises. We are disciples of Christ with a big heart!

But the 'bigness' does not have the final say in who we are. We are small enough of a community, one that functions like a small household, where everyone knows one another and the needs of one another. We are a 'big small church'!

And as a 'big small church,' let us continue to discover and undergird one another, for we all belong to God, God who knows each of us and wishes to bless us with the fullness of this life.

Respectfully shared,

*Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim*



# SESSION NOTES

By Steve McInnis

The Session held an in-person meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 @ 7pm. Twelve elders attended, including the moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim. The meeting opened with prayer and a reflection from 1 Peter 5:1-4. Discussion continued regarding those who are ill in the congregation.

**Correspondence:** We received information about Evangel Hall in Toronto.

## Ministry Reports:

**Christian Education Committee** – There has been a good response for nursery helpers and Sunday School teachers.

**Leading With Care** – The church will procure removable blackout curtains for the Youth Worker office, to be used when needed for private meetings. An anti-bullying seminar is being planned at Knox on October 1.

**Covid-19** - Following government guidelines, many restrictions have been lifted at the church.

**Board of Stewards** – The building was appraised for insurance purposes. For the next few months, we will occasionally waive the usual fees for building usage. Restoration work will soon be completed along Riddell Street and the parking lot sides of the building. The work on Hunter Street is rescheduled into the new year. Stained glass work continues. The doors at the Hunter Street entrance next to the church offices were fitted with new glass, using funds from the Turner Estate. We plan to upgrade exterior lighting.

**Worship** – We will have communion on October 2, with four elders serving. The doors at Hunter/Riddell will be opening soon, and more greeters and ushers will be needed.

**Trustees** – There is a financial report in September's Knox News showing the current financial situation.

**Presbytery/Synod Report** – There is an emergent meeting in Harrington to deal with resignation of its minister and a regularly-scheduled meeting in September.

**Ministers' Report** – Rev. Kim offered many observations about Knox and the challenges from the last 3 years. Knox will host the Reformation Sunday service on October 30.

## New Business:

- David Langille has agreed to be pulpit supply on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Rev. Dr. Kim will begin Bible studies in September.

- Knox Phlox Garden Group are proposing a plant sale in the spring. A red oak tree will be planted in memory of John Berst north of the church, near the post boxes.
- General Assembly – Marg Douglas reported as commissioner from Paris Presbytery.
- Congregational Photo Directory will be arranged in the near future.
- There was general support for a Community Christmas Carol Service, but no decision was made. It would be on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct 4, 2022 @ 7pm**

## MISSION COMMITTEE

By Elaine Stevens

The Canadian harvest season is a wonderful time of year for us as we enjoy the fresh fruit and vegetable produce. Most of us have never had a time when we were hungry and there was no food at all in the house. Sadly, that is not the case for many in our world. At this time 50 million people in 36 countries are facing emergency famine conditions.

The Knox Mission Committee would like to focus on this need in October. We are inviting donations for *PWS&D – Famine Relief* and have set a goal of \$1,000. A thermometer drawn on the Mission Board in the sanctuary shows that we have already achieved half of our goal with the July and August envelope givings.

In the church office we have placed a collection box where you can deposit your loose change. All the money collected in the box will be used in our community for those in need.

Pakistan has suffered devastating floods. PWS&D is planning an emergency response that would provide monthly cash assistance to over 2000 families for a three-month period. This cash can help families affected by the flooding to meet their immediate food needs. Donations to *PWS&D – Pakistan Floods* can also be made through your church envelope. Just use the “other” section on the envelope to record your information.

Thank you for your generous support for the Ukrainian Relief Effort. Our congregation’s donations are just \$3.25 short of \$12,000!

## HUNGER RELIEF

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**YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER!**

**Donate your loose change  
in the box outside the office**

All money collected goes to help those  
in our community who are in need



# MUSIC MOMENT

By Janet vanderSpek



"Give thanks, my soul, for harvest, for store of fruit and grain,  
but know the owner gives us that we may share again;  
where souls are lone and hungry, where needy children cry,  
with gifts from God's rich bounty may thankfulness reply."

These are the words of the first verse of the hymn "Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest", #805 in the Book of Praise. They were written by William Watkins Reid. The music was composed by Johann Crüger.

Johann Crüger (1598-1662), attended the Jesuit College at Olmutz and the Poets' School in Regensburg, and later studied theology at the University at Wittenberg. He moved to Berlin in 1615, where he published music for the rest of his life. In 1662 he became the Lutheran cantor at the St. Nicholas Church, ( which became a forty-year position), and a teacher for the Gray Cloister. Crüger wrote music instruction manuals and tirelessly promoted congregational singing.

The Book of Praise has six hymns composed by Crüger including # 457, "Now Thank We All Our God". This is a well-loved hymn especially during the time of Thanksgiving.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving celebration. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to work with the dedicated choristers as they are once again singing from the choir loft!

"The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us."

James E. Faust

# FOODGRAINS BANK PORK ROAST

By Steve McInnis



Roast a pig and they will come! The “annual” pork roast was a big success this year. Because of Covid, we decided to limit the event to 150 people and one pig. We're pleased to announce that every one of the 150 people went home happy, healthy, and well fed. Many laden with leftovers to help them through the cold winter.

Speaking of which, world hunger is a growing problem, with hundreds of millions in need around the world. The Woodstock growing project should make a tidy profit from the pork roast, as well as from our acreage of soybeans and we will send these proceeds to the Foodgrains Bank for its work before the end of the year. You can also donate to Canadian Foodgrains Bank through your Knox Church offerings (mark your envelopes) or use one of the many online giving portals such as [WeRespond.ca](https://www.werespond.ca) and [FoodGrainsBank.ca](https://www.foodgrainsbank.ca).

Thanks to all who came to the event, especially all who set up, cooked, and cleaned up.



# CAMPBELL AFTERNOON AUXILIARY - WMS

By Susan McLennan



Elaine Stevens welcomed everyone to the meeting. Elaine read the poem "September Praise" and led the prayer shared by the Presbyterian Church in Canada in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The hymns *This Is My Father's World* and *How Great Thou Art* were sung, led by Jay Schlotzhauer on the piano. Elaine then shared a short meditation from the book "In God's Garden".

For the program today Susan shared information and stories about the Crieff Hills Community in Puslinch. Knox has had a long association with Crieff Hills, with member Marie Gregor sharing memories of attending Session retreats. Other members had attended Women's retreats and other gatherings over the years. From the Crieff Hills website –

*"People of all faiths and traditions are welcome at Crieff Hills. We want everyone to find rest and renewal in God's creation and do our best to be respectful and accommodating."* [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com)



## **Business**

*Minutes* - The minutes of the May meeting were approved. Motion Susan/June.

*Roll Call* – 7 members were present.

*Treasurer* – Elaine Stevens presented her report. Bank balance May 31<sup>st</sup> was \$1,112.45. Receipts \$160 Disbursements \$260 leaving a balance of \$1,012.45. Report accepted on motion of Elaine/Marg.

*Friendship & Service* – Susan distributed cards during the summer months on behalf of Elizabeth Wicks.

*Correspondence* – A letter of thanks was received from Presbyterial President Shirley Miller for hosting the June 4<sup>th</sup> *Bursting Forth in Joy* gathering. It was a joyful day indeed!



### *Business Arising / New Business*

- Paris Presbyterial will be held at Knox Embro on Saturday October 22nd with the theme of the day relating to George Leslie MacKay and Taiwan. Four of our members are hoping to attend the event.
- There will be no meeting of the Campbell Auxiliary in October
- We will ask the Kitchen Crew to cater a light lunch for our Christmas meeting.

Elaine then read a letter shared by Rev. Sarah Kim that the Christian community in India is suffering persecution once again and needs our prayerful support.

With the business concluded a lovely social time was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted, Susan McLennan Secretary

## FALL RALLY



Paris Presbyterial  
Women's Missionary Society

# Fall Rally

Saturday, October 22, 2022 @  
10:00 am  
Knox Presbyterian Church,  
Embro

**SPEAKERS -**

**Anne & Al Matheson** - slides of their trip to Taiwan.

**Norma Howe** - introduction about George Leslie Mackay. This year is the 150th Anniversary celebration of Mackay's arrival in Taiwan as a Presbyterian missionary.

We will be in lower level dining hall.  
Lunch - \$10

WMS Offering for the Kenora Fellowship Centre

# STUFFED ACORN SQUASH

[www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a38124313/stuffed-acorn-squash-recipe/](http://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a38124313/stuffed-acorn-squash-recipe/)



**YIELDS:** 6 servings

**PREP TIME:** 0 hours 15 mins

**TOTAL TIME:** 1 hour 15 mins

## Ingredients

### FOR THE ROASTED SQUASH:

3 medium sized acorn squash

2 tbsp. olive oil

Salt and pepper

### FOR THE FILLING:

2 tbsp. olive oil

8 sage leaves, chopped

1 lb. ground Italian sausage

8 oz. baby bella mushrooms, sliced

1/2 red onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 tbsp. fresh thyme, chopped plus more for garnish

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. ground black pepper, plus more for garnish

1 1/2 c. cooked rice

1/3 c. heavy cream

1 c. grated Fontina or Monterrey Jack cheese

## Directions

1. For the squash: Preheat the oven to 400°F. Carefully cut the squash in half, through the stem. Scoop out the seeds and fibrous center. Place on a baking sheet cut-side up. Brush with olive oil and sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Roast for 30 minutes. Flip each half over, placing them cut side down, and continue to roast for 15 minutes or until very tender. Remove from the oven and reduce the oven temperature to 350°F.
2. For the filling: While the squash is roasting, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until very hot. Add the sage and cook for 30 seconds or until dark green. Add the sausage to the skillet. Cook until fully browned, breaking up the sausage with the back of a spoon as it cooks, about 10 minutes. Transfer the sausage-sage mixture to a bowl.
3. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil to the skillet. Add the mushrooms, onion, garlic, thyme, salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring frequently, until the mushrooms release their liquid and the onions are softened, about 7 minutes.
4. Stir in the cooked rice and heavy cream. Stir in 1/2 cup fontina cheese until well combined. Stir the sausage back into the mixture. Let simmer for a couple of minutes then remove from the heat.
5. Flip the squash cut-side up and divide the filling among each squash half. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup fontina. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the cheese is melted and everything is warm throughout. Garnish with more fresh thyme leaves and black pepper before serving.



## YULETIDE BAZAAR



**Yuletide Bazaar**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022**  
**10:30 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**Baking, Crafts, Quilts,  
Frozen Foods, Preserves**

**PRESBYTERIAN PLATE -**  
includes traditional scone, cookie,  
loaf slice & beverage

**LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE - \$5.00**  
Available from Rose Izzard 519-539-8720,  
Carol Langille 519-537-3545,  
the Church Office 519-537-2962 and at the door

**Knox Presbyterian Church,  
59 Riddell St., Woodstock  
Wheelchair Accessible**



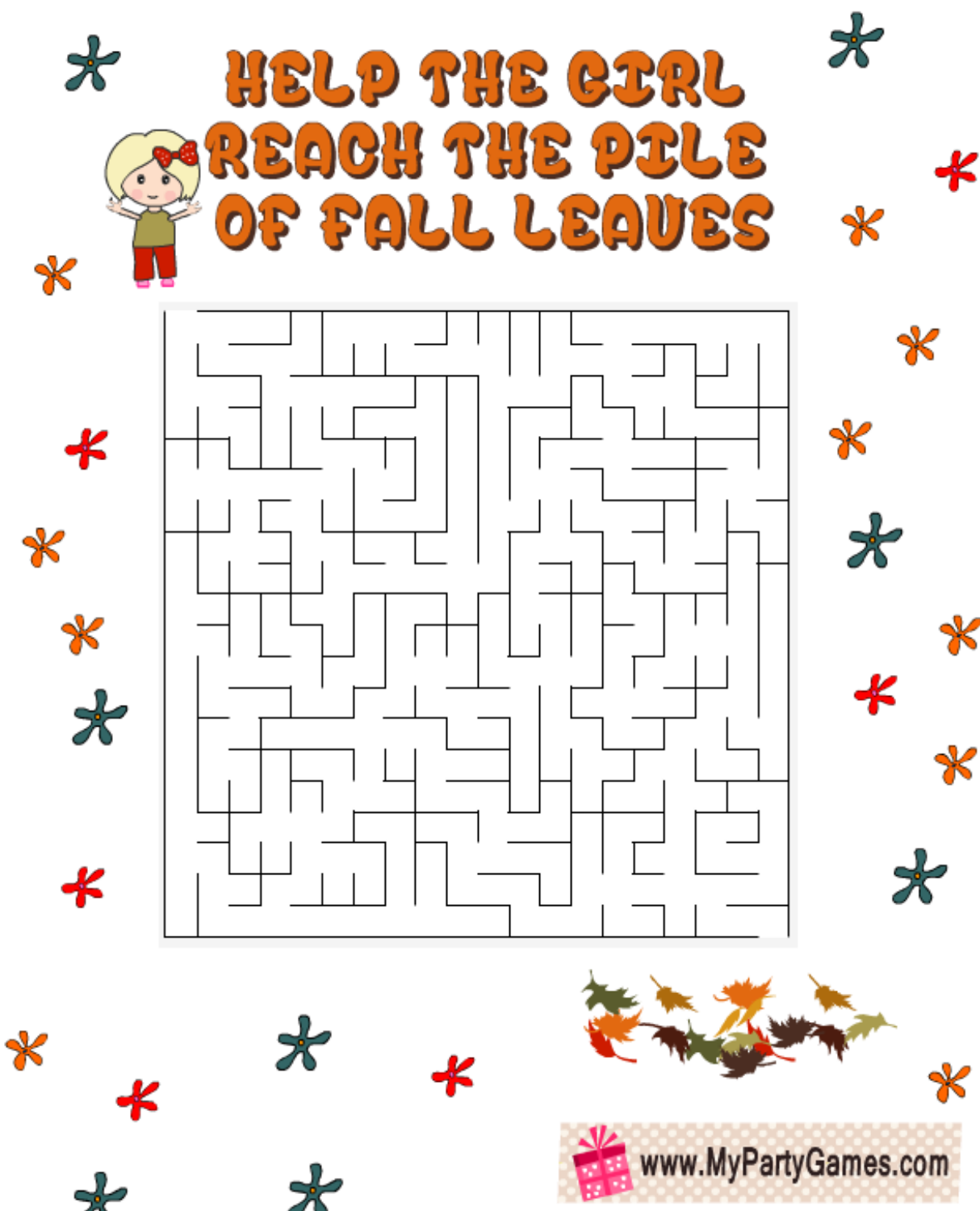
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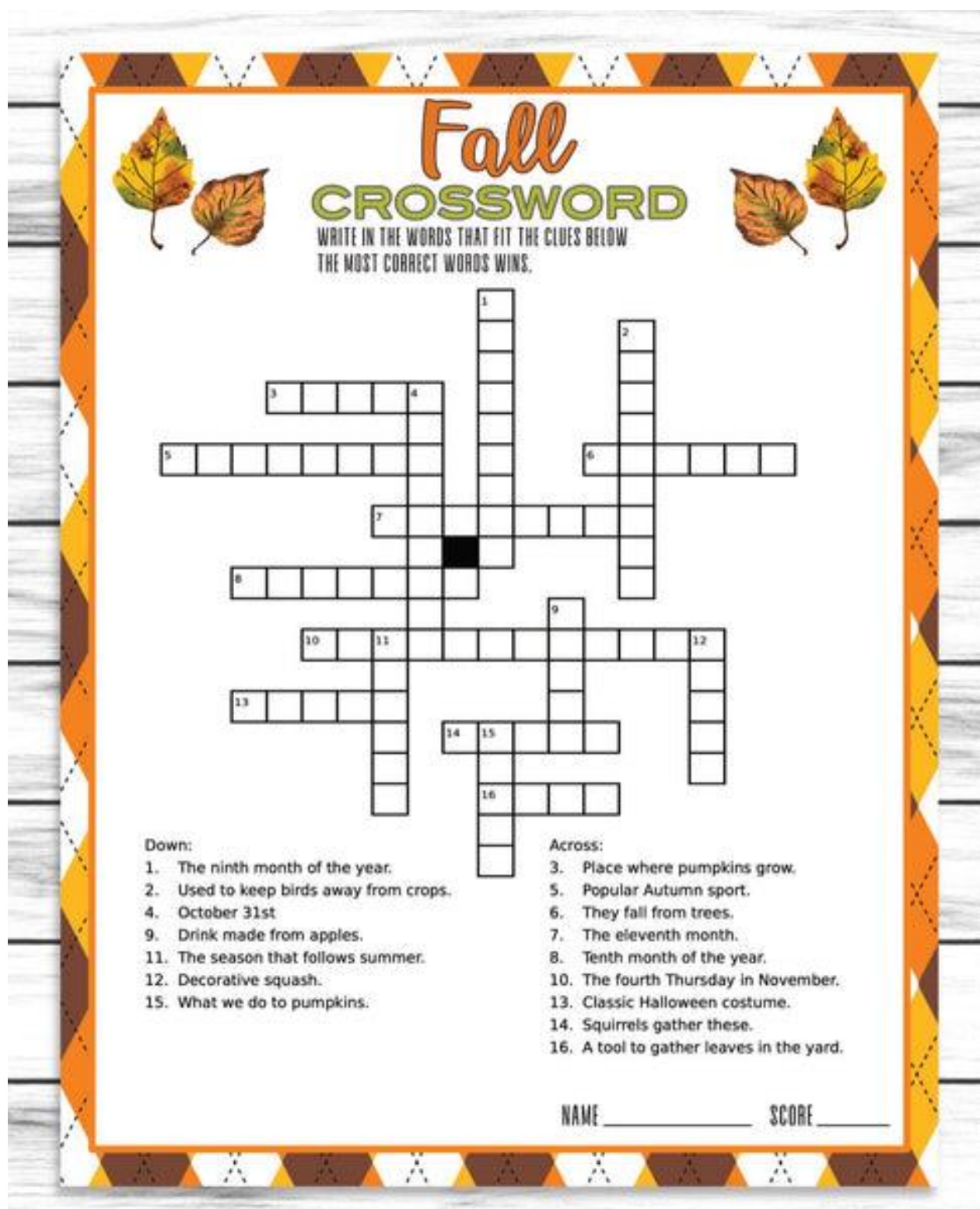


## A-MAZE-ING FUN





# CROSSWORD



# FUNNIES



**Q: What is James Bond's favourite fall drink?**

**A: Pumpkin Spy-ced latte!**



**Q: What is a monkey's favourite vegetable?**

**A: Zoo-chini!**



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?



**Q: What kind of vest should you wear in the fall?**

**A: A Har-vest!**



**Q: What type of vehicle should you use for a fall hayride?**

**A: An Autumn-mobile!**



**Q: Why did the apple pie cry?**

**A: Its peelings were hurt!**



**Humpty Dumpty had a great fall...we hope you do, too!**



If money really did grow on trees, in fall we'd be **raking it in!**



**Q: What is a scarecrow's favourite fruit?**

**A: Straw-berries!**



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Tony Boodhoo	October 1
Mikayla Voortman	October 6
Gord Brown	October 11
George Seggewiss	October 19
Sharon Bateman	October 20
Cliffe Jewlal	October 29
Mavis Armstrong	October 30

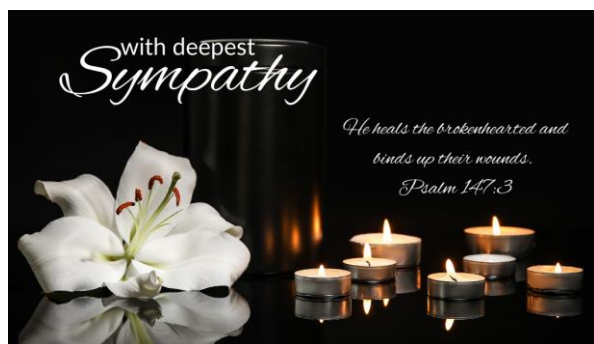
### Happy Anniversary



Mark & Cheryl Shulman	October 8
John & Lynn Dobbs	October 13
Ron & Marg Gregor	October 15
Larry & Laura Turvey	October 18
Alex & Mikayla Voortman	October 19



**Congratulations to Gwenlynn Little on the birth of her 9<sup>th</sup> great granddaughter, Eleanor Mai!**



*We wish to express our deepest sympathies to the family of Jeanne Linnell on the passing of her sister-in-law, Jennie Linnell; and to the Yungblut family on the passing of Jim Youngblut.*



## HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank You,  
Thank You,



To our friends at Knox,

Bob, Anne and I have been overwhelmed by all the support we have received from our Knox family over the past months while I went through my various treatments. There have been cards, messages, calls and many prayers.

A special thanks go to people who have given us rides, while none of us is driving. Thank you for all of the delicious meals and baking we have received. Your kindness touches us deeply.

The good news is that the cancer is considered to be in remission.

Now I can focus on walking properly.

Looking forward to seeing you in church.

May you be richly blessed,

Josie Miller

## MEN'S DISCING

# Men's Discing

**Mondays @ 7:00 pm**

**Starts  
Oct 17th**

**Newcomers  
Welcome!!**



**See Don  
Stevens  
for  
Details**

# I AM THANKFUL

Submitted by George Yungblut

## *I am thankful:*

For my wife who says it's hot dogs tonight...because she is home with me, and not out somewhere else.

For my husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato...because he is home with me and not out at the bars.

For my teenagers complaining about doing dishes...because it means they're home and not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay...because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party...because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug...because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work...because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutter that need fixing...because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government...because it means we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot...because it means I am capable of walking and I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill...because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church who sings off key...because it means I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing...because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day...because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours...because it means I am alive.

***Live well, laugh often and love with all of your heart!***





# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> <b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30am</b> Worship 10:30am Guides 6-8:30pm	Meditation 10:30am Rangers 7-9pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm	TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm Session 7:00pm	Women's Craft Morning 9am Cubs/Scouts 6pm Prayer Shawl (Cheyne Room) 7pm	Choir 7:15pm		1 Bullying Prevention Workshop 10am-12pm
9 Worship 10:30am Guides 6-8:30pm	10 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm	12 Women's Craft Morning 9am Worship Committee 2pm Cubs/Scouts 6pm ACTS Bible Study 7pm (Zoom)	13 Mission Committee 10am Choir 7:15pm	7 KAOS 7pm	8
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