

# Knox News

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## From the Minister's Desk

### "A VIEW FROM GOD'S SHOULDERS"

(1 Corinthians 3:6-9)



An unknown author penned and shared the following words of reflection on the 'journey of life':

*In youth, because I could not be a singer, I did not even try to write a song.*

*I set no little trees along the roadside, because I knew their growth would take so long.*

*But now from wisdom that the years have brought me, I know that it may be a blessed thing to plant a tree for someone else to water, or make a song for someone else to sing.*

(Source, William, Barclay's Study Bible)

The first thing that came to my mind when reading this bit of wisdom was Apostle Paul's exhortations to the church in the City of Corinth. There, Paul writes,

*"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. **For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building**"*

For me personally, I am reminded of this wisdom, especially in the words of Paul, each and every time we as a congregation achieve a milestone and/or have carried out an event of celebration and/or a project.

Moreover, as we gaze upon the current horizon of possibilities and challenges, my prayer is that we could look upon our work in the context of Paul's wisdom, that we are "God's field and God's building."

More often than not, the results of our current labor are not immediately apparent, and in some cases, beyond our lifetime. We should know; in some cases, we are reaping the benefits today, of the works and decisions made by our forebears in faith and blessed to fruition by God!

Plans of building restoration, ministry programs to execute, and even plans to grow, these are all wrought with uncertainties. What is important, however, is our mandate to do our part today, trusting in the goodness of our Lord to water the seeds of hope that we sow.

On that note, I wish to thank the members and adherents of Knox Presbyterian Church for your uncompromising generosity and spirit as you do your part today for the glory of God.

Respectfully shared, *Rev. Kim*

## Session Notes

Steve McInnis

The Session met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7pm. Twelve elders attended, including the moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim. The meeting opened with prayer and a reflection about overcoming adversaries, from Acts 18:6.

**Updates:** Plans continue to elect one elder in the near term. Several names were discussed.

- John Dobbs will start taking photographs in September for the new photo-directory. The goal is to distribute the final product by January 2024.

### **Visioning and Caring:**

The Session discussed attendance and membership. We want to consider other projects such as the coffee fellowship, to encourage church involvement.

### **Ministry Reports:**

**Christian Education Committee** – The committee is considering plans for Christian Family Sunday, May 14th.

**Children's Choir ministry** – Someone with first aid certification will be required at the choir practices, in addition to the staffing already identified.

**Mission** – The director has been hired for Kids' Camp. Fewer staff will be hired this year in order to reduce expenses. Elaine Stevens has submitted her resignation from committee chair, after many years of dedicated service. A new convener will be needed in September.

**Board of Stewards** – New doors were installed at the parking lot entrance and from the dining hall. A new thermostat was installed on the boiler, which should reduce energy use. We will be ready to replace sanctuary light bulbs in June. Eugena Riehl will have a fundraiser event at Knox for Operation Sharing in June. Annual reports are still available for people who haven't picked them up yet.

**Restoration Committee** - Restoration work had been planned for 2023, but the contractor may not be able to fit us into his schedule until next year.

**Worship** – More usage of the Phone Live Streaming service was noted. Although the gluten-free communion bread was a new taste for many, we will continue to use it. The committee will look for other bread sources which may have a better product.

### **New Business -**

- We will start making plans for the celebration of our 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October of 2024. A committee will be formed.
- Minister's Holiday Schedule - A motion to allow Rev. Kim time off in July and August. Pulpit supply will be by Knox members.
- Rev. Kim may take holidays in October.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 7:00pm**



## Music Moment

Janet vanderSpek

One of my favourite hymns in the Book of Praise is " May the Mind of Christ My Saviour", #644.

In the first four stanzas of this hymn the believer asks "May the mind of Christ ", the "word of God", the "peace of God", and the "love of Jesus" live in my heart throughout each day, in "all I do and say." Stanza 5 invokes the race-running imagery of Hebrews 12:1,2.

This text is attributed to Kate Barclay Wilkinson (1859- 1928). She wrote this text in 1912, inspired by Philippians 2:5. Little is known about Wilkinson's life: a member of the Church of England, she was involved in a ministry to girls in London and a participant in the Keswick Convention Movement. She was married to Frederick Barclay Wilkinson.

May there always be a song in your heart and wishing you the best for the up-coming summer season. God Bless.

## May The Mind of Christ My Saviour

### Verse 1

May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
Live in me from day to day  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say

### Verse 2

May the word of God enrich me  
With His truth from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power

### Verse 3

May the peace of God my Father  
In my life for ever reign  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Those in grief and pain

### Verse 4

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea  
Him exalting self abasing  
This is victory

### Verse 5

May I run the race before me  
Strong and brave to face the foe  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go

### Verse 6

May His beauty rest upon me  
As I seek to make Him known  
So that all may look to Jesus  
Seeing Him alone

## Children's Choir

Janet vanderSpek



A new part of the music ministry will begin in the Fall of 2023! A Children's Choir is being formed and Lorelee Benner will be the accompanist. It will be an honour to work with her.

The target age group is SK to Grade 6 children. The program will extend from September to early December and January to mid-April, with rehearsals taking place on Tuesday evenings.

Rev. Kim, along with volunteers Joyce Hunter, Lynda Whiteford, and Marg Douglas have been working hard on the planning of this exciting project.

## Canadian Bible Society



The Canadian Bible Society receives used stamps and sells them to stamp collectors. 10 lbs of stamps = approximately 6 Bibles for distribution. The CBS uses the revenue for their Christian Prison ministry.

Knox has two collection boxes. One is at the Hunter Street entry and the other is in the vestibule by the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

If saving stamps, leave a 1/4" border around the stamp. It is important that the stamp not be nicked.

The CBS will also be happy to receive unwanted, personal stamp collections.

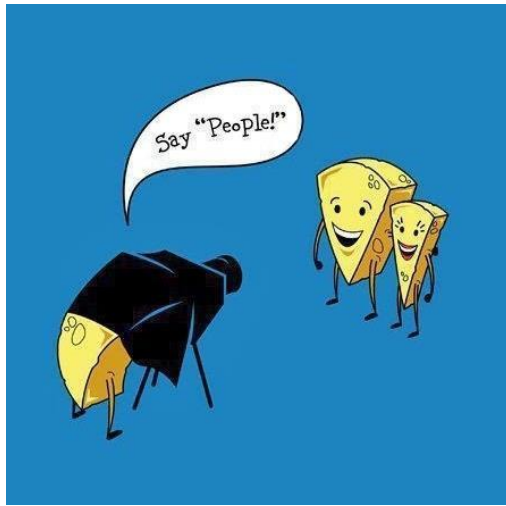
The stamps can be mailed to the Canadian Bible Society, 10 Carnforth Rd., Toronto, ON M4A 2S4.

Toll-free number is 1-800-465-2425.

Used stamps can also be dropped off at the Open Door Christian Fellowship, 920 Dundas St., London, ON N5W 3A1.

## Say CHEESE!

Nora Martin



It's been a long time in coming, but we are finally putting plans in place to do a new photo directory for our church family. As you know, there have been many changes since our last directory was produced in 2016, so it's time!

John Dobbs has graciously consented to take the pictures. The plan is to take as many of the photos as possible during coffee hour after church on September 17 and 24. People whose last names begin with A-M, please be ready for September 17, and N-Z on September 24. That should

give us a chance to get a good start on the pictures, which is the biggest part of the job.

We will make other arrangements to get pictures of our shut-ins. If you prefer to be an early bird and get the job done and over with, there will be an opportunity on September 10 after church during coffee hour as well.

At the end of September, we will make plans to get pictures of those people still missing. If you prefer not to have your picture in the directory, please let Nora Martin know, so we don't chase you for a picture.

We welcome more people to help with this project. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Nora Martin know. Thank you for all cooperating in this endeavour. The hope is that it will foster our already vibrant sense of being a family.

## Oxford Winds



The Oxford Winds are seeking a dynamic conductor for our novice band, beginning September 2023. The successful candidate will run weekly evening rehearsals, select music, and conduct performances. Please see [www.oxfordwinds.ca](http://www.oxfordwinds.ca) for details.

## A Night of Live Music from Classics to Broadway



On Saturday, June 3rd, at 7 pm, a fundraising concert is being held at Knox Church. Eugena Riehl & Friends will present this concert, and the performers are Eugena Riehl (flute), Liam Murphy (clarinet), Gavin Nguyen (piano), Laurinda Beimers (piano), Janet vanderSpek (piano), and Brass Quintet.

The members of the Quintet are Eugena Riehl (trumpet), Colin Crouse (trumpet), Nathan Pole (french horn), Henry Breitkopf (tuba), and Tiffany Breitkopf (euphonium).

There will be a Free Will Offering with proceeds going to Food for Friends Program (Operation Sharing).



## Sunday School Picnic



## Kids' Camp 2023



JULY 3RD TO AUGUST 18TH, 2023  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
9AM TO 3:30 PM

\$175 a week for children ages 4-12  
Sponsorship and financial aid available

Knox Presbyterian Church  
59 Riddell Street Woodstock ON

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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EMAIL: [KNOXKIDSCAMP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KNOXKIDSCAMP@GMAIL.COM)  
PHONE: 519-537-3927

## WMS Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary

May 8, 2023

Susan welcomed everyone to the special meeting held at Oxford Gardens. We were very excited to be hosted by June Masters and Hilda Nichols today.

After a short time of visiting, the meeting opened with singing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”, accompanied by Rev. Mark on the guitar. Elaine led us in a meditation based on a short poem by Helen Steiner Rice and “For the beauty of the earth” written by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Atkinson from his book, “Spirit Songs”. Dr. Atkinson was a minister in Ingersoll for many years and is now retired in Prince Edward Island. We then sang “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”, again accompanied by the guitar.

### **Business**

*Minutes:* The minutes of the April meeting were approved. Motion Susan/Elisabeth Wicks.

*Roll Call* – 8 members and one guest were present.

*Treasurer* – Elaine Stevens presented her report. Bank balance March 31st was \$498.45. Receipts - \$195; Disbursements - \$30; plus Presbyterial dues - \$195; leaving a balance of \$468.45. Report accepted on motion of Elaine/Marie Gregor.

*Friendship & Service* – Elisabeth Wicks continues to phone members regularly.

*Correspondence* – None received

### *Business Arising / New Business*

- Synodical was held in Simcoe, April 20-21. Elaine reported on the meeting.
- *The June meeting will be held one week later, Monday June 19th at 2:00 pm.*

As we enjoyed our social time all the members shared memories of their mothers. We enjoyed hearing the different memories. It was noted that in England it is called “Mothering Sunday” which is a lovely idea – mother as a verb rather than a noun.

Poem by Helen Steiner Rice  
**“A Loving Mother”**

*God knew in His great wisdom,  
that He couldn’t be everywhere,  
so He put His little children  
in a loving Mother’s care.*

The June meeting, June 19<sup>th</sup>, will be catered by our Kitchen Crew and we will have strawberry shortcake! Karen Kivell will be attending as our guest with some of her special hats.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McLennan, Secretary

## World Day of Prayer



Rotating churches for upcoming World Day of Prayer services will be interested in the themes assigned by the World Day of Prayer International Committee. Thank you to the Christian women writing committees in the wide-ranging geographical areas listed below.

2024 - Palestine – I Beg You....Bear One Another in Love

2025 – Cook Islands – I Made You Wonderful

2026 – Nigeria – I Will Give You Rest: Come

2027 - WDPIC (World Day of Prayer International Committee) - United in Prayer for Justice and Peace

2028 - Costa Rica - Leading the Way in Grace

2029 - Italy - Compassion Brings Healing

2030 - Nepal - As the Earth Rests, People Can Eat

2031 - Jamaica - A Sign of Faith

#worlddayofprayer #Christianwomen #socialjustice #Palestine

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2018.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Invitation





## Canning Wanted for Bazaar



When you are doing your canning this year, please remember to do a few extra jars for the bazaar. Everyone enjoys them!

## Alzheimer's Society

The Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners hosted a 3-day workshop here at Knox on "Reducing Your Risk of Developing Dementia" on May 10, 17, & 24. Kim Timleck was our workshop leader (pictured below).

What a blessing to have been able to host this very informative event.





## Mother's Day

A special Mother's Day Coffee Hour was put on by Gwen Wilson and Carol Langille to celebrate all the women at Knox. They went over and above to have a lovely luncheon for everyone. Gwen handmade some beautiful cards as a gift to all the ladies.





## Yard Sale

On May 27<sup>th</sup> Joyce Hunter, Carol Langille, Susan McLennan and Alice Kern (pictured right) hosted a yard/plant sale here at Knox. It was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered countless hours. Also, a special thank you to everyone who donated items! We couldn't have done it without you.





## Strawberry Social



## 2023 Pork BBQ



## Our Church Family



Louis Yungblut	2-Jun	Kim Stere	18-Jun
Bob Kern	8-Jun	Evelyn O'Leary	18-Jun
Bruce Neill	11-Jun	June Masters	21-Jun
Esther Johnston	11-Jun	Janet vanderSpek	23-Jun
Lynn Dobbs	13-Jun	Edna Fohkens	24-Jun



Kevin & Mary Ellen Rumble	4-Jun
Rev. Mark & Susan McLennan	5-Jun
Murray & Melita Rollinson	7-Jun
Robin & Marg McCurdy	19-Jun



Bruce Neill (left) and Bob Kern (right) are celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> birthdays this month, on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively!

Happy Birthday!

## Ways to Give

Did you know we have a variety of ways to submit offerings?

### Ways to Give

**E-TRANSFER** to [office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com](mailto:office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com)

**CASH** – use one of the envelopes provided in the pews

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – ask for a box of envelopes from the church office.

**CHEQUE** payable to Knox Church Woodstock

**Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** – Contact the church office to sign up for automatic monthly offerings directly from your bank account.

**CANADA HELPS** – Secure, online donations at <https://www.canadahelps.org> and search for Knox Church Woodstock





## Funnies



Q: What do you call a wet baby owl?  
A: A moist-owlette!



Q: Why did the tree take a nap?  
A: For rest!



Q: What do you call a bee that's having a bad hair day?  
A: A Frisbee!



Q: How do birds become rich?  
A: They invest in the Stork Market!



Q: How much do dumplings weigh?  
A: Wonton!

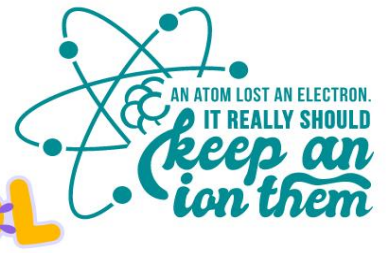


Q: What's the best way to watch a fly fishing tournament?  
A: Live stream

### Dad Law

A dad is entitled to collect a fast food "dad tax" of:

1. One chicken nugget from the kid's meal
2. A few fries from the kid's meal
3. All of the extra fries that fell into the bag (also known as "bonus fries")



I went to a seafood club last week.



Pulled a mussel.



Q: Why did the cookie go to the doctor?  
A: It was feeling crumby!



Q: What do you call a pig with three eyes?  
A: Piiig!



Q: What's brown and sticky?  
A: A Stick!



Dad Jokes  
@Dadsaysjokes

I hate it when my wife says "Are you listening to me?!"

Such a random way to start a conversation.

You did a grape job



raisin me

"Dad, did you get a haircut?"

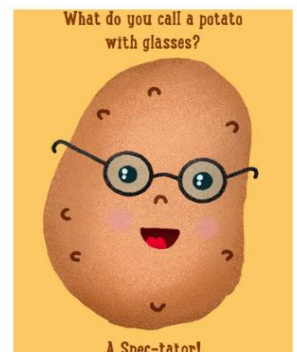
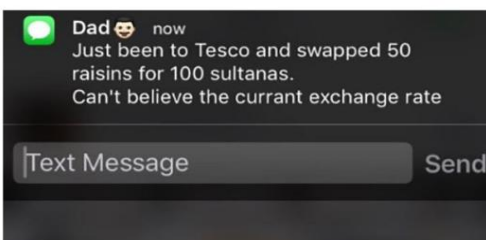


"No, I got them all cut."

I KEEP ALL MY  
DAD JOKES  
★★ IN A ★★  
DAD A BASE



Q: What did the drummer call his twin daughters?  
A: Anna one, Anna two!



Have you heard the new joke about a piece of paper? Never mind, it's tear-able.

## Word Search



**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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ALEXANDRITE

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FATHER'S DAY

FLAG DAY

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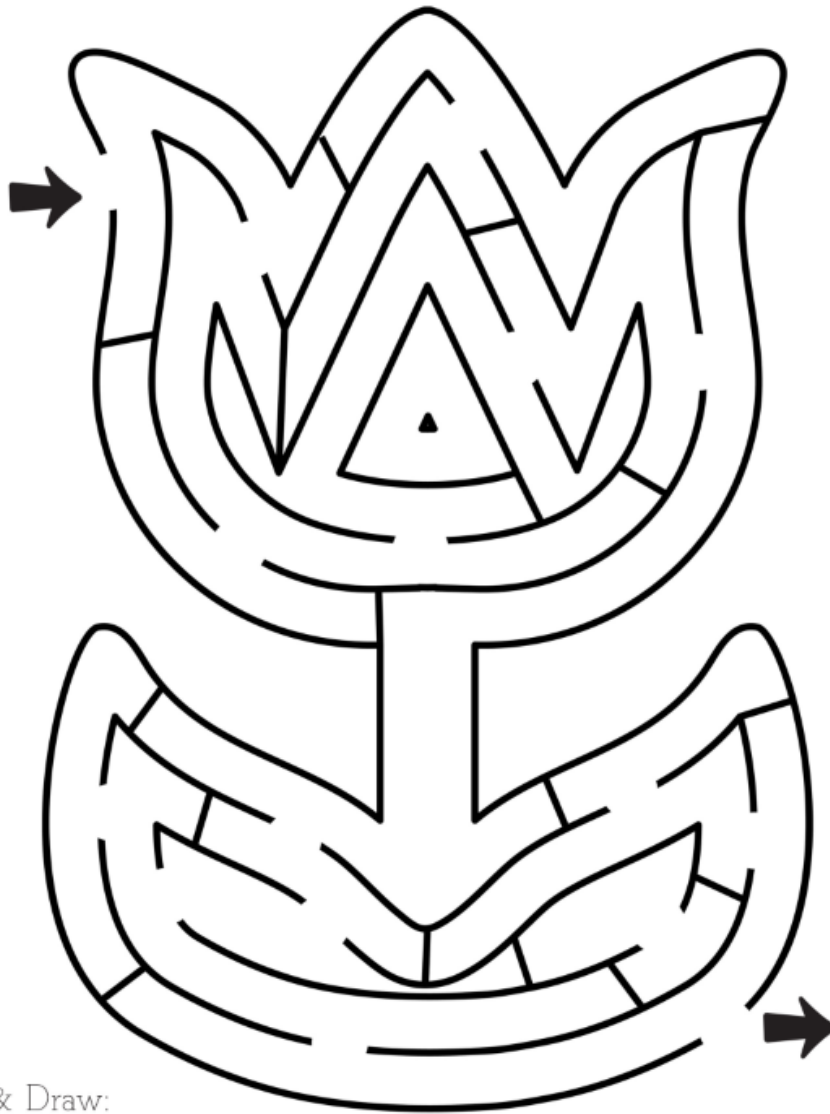
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## A-MAZE-ing Fun!

### Tulip Maze



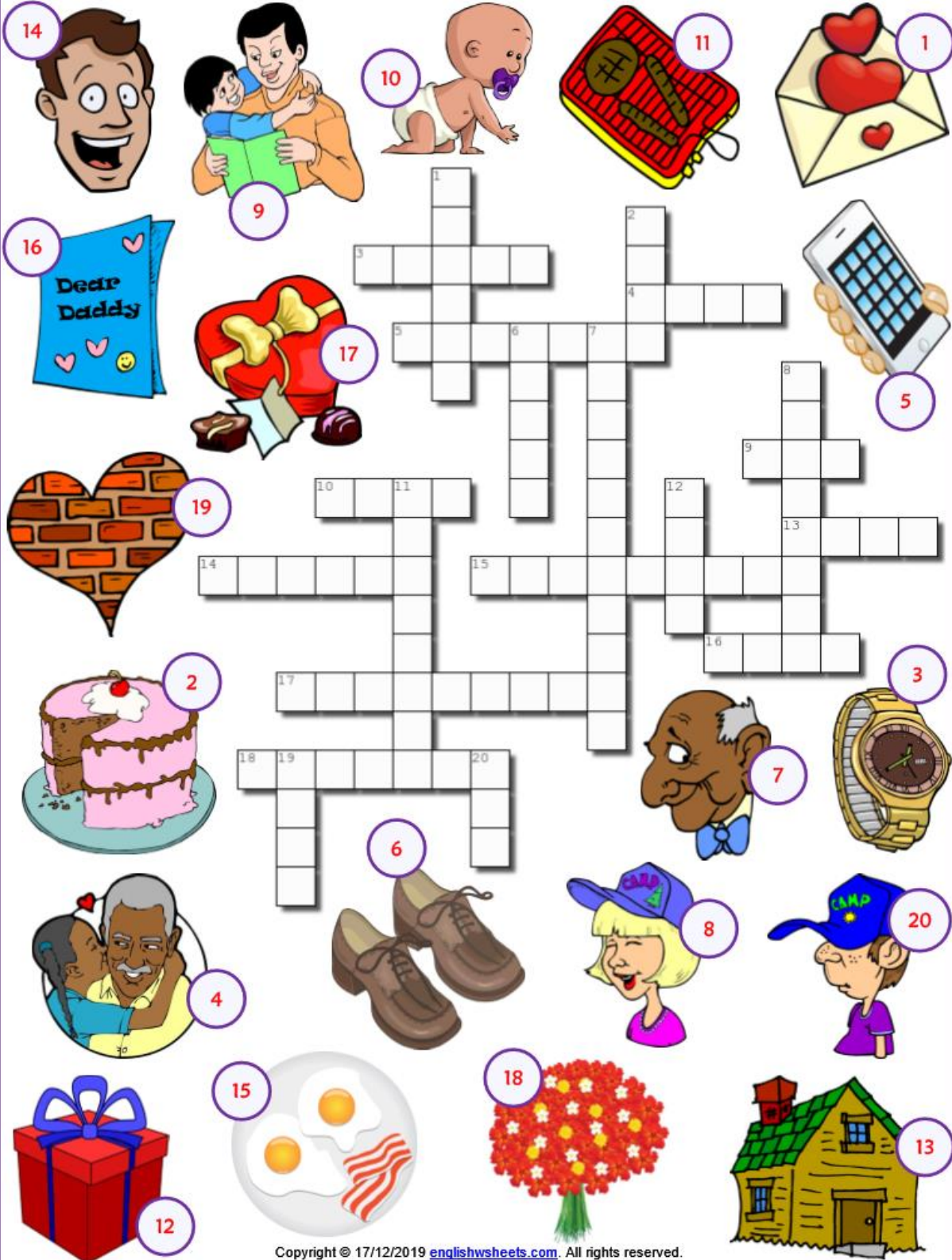
Trace & Draw:



# Crossword

## FATHER'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Look at the numbers on the pictures and write the Father's Day vocabulary in the crossword puzzle





# June 2023 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Breakfast 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am - COMMUNION Coffee Hour (after service) Girl Guides 6:30 pm	5 Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm	6 TOPS 9 am Stewards 7 pm	7 Cubs/Scouts 6 pm Matthew Bible Study 7 pm	1 Choir 7:15 pm	2 Women's Fitness 5-6 pm KAOS 7 pm	3 Eugena & Friends Benefit Concert - 6 pm
11 Worship 10:30 am Coffee Hour/Strawberry Social (after service) Girl Guides 6:30 pm	12 Meditation 10:30 am Campbell Afternoon 2 pm Women's Fitness 5-6 pm Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30 pm	13 TOPS 9 am Session 7 pm	14 Cubs/Scouts 6 pm	15 Choir 7:15 pm	16 Women's Fitness 5-6 pm KAOS 7 pm	17 Libertas Male Choir
18 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Worship 10:30 am Coffee Hour (after service) Girl Guides 6:30 pm	19 Meditation 10:30 am WMS Campbell Afternoon 2pm Women's Fitness 5-6 pm Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30 pm	20 TOPS 9 am Pastoral Care 2:30 pm	21 Cubs/Scouts 6 pm Matthew Bible Study 7 pm	22 <b>KNOX NEWS SUBMISSIONS DUE</b> Choir 7:15 pm	23 Women's Fitness 5-6 pm KAOS 7 pm	24
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