

Knox News

September 2023



From the Minister's Desk

"BEYOND THE HORIZON"



Peace be with you.

Once again, we stand at the door front of the Fall Season and a busy church year.

As a pastor, one of the things that I do is constantly scour the media for any 'Op-Ed's concerning the state of the 'church.' Sure enough, in August of this summer, I came across a rather poignant and helpful article penned by *Clare Ansberry* in the *Wall Street Journal*. It was an article entitled, "*Why Middle-Aged Americans Aren't Going Back to Church.*" Normally, I'd be inclined to say that there are enough differences between the Canadian and

American culture that such articles are like comparing 'oranges' to our 'apples.' Not so here. *Ansberry* concludes, following extensive research, that "[Americans] in their 40s and 50s often identify with a religion, but they're also in the thick of raising kids, caring for aging parents and juggling demanding jobs." Where I have square brackets, I believe one can substitute in 'Canadians' quite readily.

I happen to fall within the age range being described here. I am also aware that many Christians in my age category are in fact absent from congregational worship, let alone congregational life. In the past, several generations prior, this age group would be in the prime of stepping into congregational leadership. As to why they're not present at church, and how we may bring them back, well, and collectively, such is the \$million question for all of us to try and address.

And the recent COVID-19 lockdown has not helped one bit! I believe we have all heard of comments that people simply *got into the habit of not coming out to church*. As a matter of fact, we have spent a fair bit of energy this past year trying to reach out to those who might be categorized as such. Thankfully, many have graciously responded in slowly making their way out to church once more. And we will continue to address this matter as the new Fall Season unfolds.

For me, the following set of observations summarized by *Ansberry* are crucial for the church to prayerfully discern and to work towards its future, our collective future:

- *People in their 40s and 50s often grew up in one church and never questioned going until the pandemic; that gave them time to examine their beliefs and practices*
- *Some are disenchanted by polarization within churches and positions over many issues*
- *Church was an **anchor** for their parents' generation; today, that may not necessarily be the case.*

Where we are today, post-pandemic era, is crucial and ripe for the current Christians, not only to look back upon their past, but to also look forward to our future. Like the photograph of a mountaineer trying to look beyond mountaintops immersed in cloud, our future often looks as daunting, unclear, and dare I say it, hopeful. We simply cannot remain where we are; rather, we need to move forward, in prayer, and in trust, that God who is faithful will lead us. Our trust, however, is not in God helping us maintain the current form of the church, but towards a form of the church that will enable His people to 'anchor' their lives in God. That, I believe, is the work of the current church membership.

If there is any hesitation towards this daunting challenge, I just want to point out that of all the churches that Apostle Paul once founded, with exception of the Church in Thessalonica (modern day Greece), most of the other churches have faded away – at least in the 'form' as originally founded. But the Church of Jesus, as we know, has flourished in other forms and other areas across the world!

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the Church – the body of Christ – will not fade away. And I believe that we are on our way towards finding a meaningful form, a new form, for the upcoming era. That is Scripture's promise to the faithful of God.

In any case, much work remains for us, and ahead of us. My hope is to share with you my passion and commitment to living out our faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, so that others – most especially those in their 40s and 50s – may wish to 'anchor' their lives once more in faith, in Jesus Christ, through the Church.

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
(Jeremiah 29:11)*

Respectfully shared,

Rev. Kim

Music Moment

Musical greetings to you as we look forward to the Fall season at Knox Church. I trust that the summer has been good for you. At the beginning of August, I travelled to Winnipeg and enjoyed seeing the sights of this beautiful and diverse city. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is an amazing place to visit.

Once again, the happy sounds of Knox Kids' Camp filled the church. Rev. Mark, Susan, and I assisted with the singing. Thank you to Mikayla, Amber, and all of the capable staff for their dedicated work!

During the summer worship services, singers of the chancel choir assisted with the music. As the recording of the weekly services continues, singing support is a good thing. I am thankful to the choristers.

Regular choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 7th, at 7:15. New members are welcome.

The new ministry of Knox Kids Music (Children's Choir) will begin on Tuesday, September 26th, at 7 p.m. Details are being finalized. The age range is SK(age 5) and up. Please spread the word and be in touch with me if you have questions.

Here is the text of an inspiring hymn from "Glory to God", the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) hymn book, published in 2018:



"We All Are One in Mission"

Words written by Rusty Edwards

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Knox Kids Music



COMING FALL OF 2023!
GRADES SK AND UP
TUESDAY EVENINGS

Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St. Woodstock
Email office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com
for more information



WMS Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary

The national Women's Missionary Society holds monthly Zoom events, entitled "Come Together". The next event will be on September 13th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm EST.

The Rev. Bob Faris, former Moderator of the General Assembly, will speak about his trip to Taiwan. He will also lead in worship.

All are welcome to join for a time of learning about our partner church, the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan, as well as hearing about the moderato rial trip.

If you would like the Zoom link for this event, please contact Rev. Sarah Kim at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 321.

The Campbell Afternoon auxiliary will meet on **Monday October 2nd at 2:00 pm** in the Cheyne Room. Please note the change of date due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

An excerpt from an evening prayer by Anne Hoganson, CASA (church on-line):

*Day after day I walk in a little park near my house.
Day after day, the same walk,
And yet... day after day, a different walk.
Day after day,
I walk a path to deeper connection with divine presence.
I pray gratitude for this path that is the same,
that is ever changing,
day after day.
I pray that you too, have a path,
a pattern, a practice,
that leads you daily to wonder and awe,
and into sacred relationship with creation and Spirit.*



Crieff Hills Amphitheatre

Yuletide Bazaar



Yuletide Bazaar

Saturday, November 4, 2023

We are looking for
new & creative
ideas, so share
yours with us!

Also, when you're
doing your canning
this year please
don't forget to do a
few extra jars for the
bazaar. Everyone
enjoys them.



Canning *Frozen* *Foods* *Knitting*
Sewing *Baking*

Donations to these tables are greatly appreciated!

Sewers Wanted



The Craft Group would like to know if there are any people in our congregation who would like to help with sewing for the bazaar! Perhaps it is you, or perhaps a friend or neighbour (they don't have to be part of the Knox family).

Don't "hide your light under a bushel"!

Call Carol Langille 519-537-3545 or Alice Kern 519-537-8723 for more information.

Get Ready!



September is here and so is the time for getting your pictures taken for the new church picture directory. John Dobbs, who has kindly consented to take the pictures, will be in church ready to take pictures after church on September 17 and 24 during the coffee hour.

- If your last name starts with A-M, please be ready on September 17.
- Those whose last names start with N-Z, please be ready on September 24.

John will also be ready on September 10, so if you want to get ahead of the crowd, feel free to get your picture taken that day.

At the end of September, we'll see what arrangements are necessary to catch those who missed these dates. We will, of course, make special arrangements for those who are unable to get out to get their pictures taken. ***If you don't want your picture in the directory, please let Nora know so we don't chase you for it.*** We are hoping to have the directory ready for next January, so your cooperation is very much appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact Nora or John or Rev. Kim.

Kids' Camp

Mikayla Voortman – Camp Director

We have wrapped up yet another successful year of Knox Kids' Camp. This year the whole team has been saying they feel like this summer flew by faster than others. The end of camp season is always a bittersweet time for the team as we are so extremely sad it's over, but we also all have such precious memories that we have made together, and we are all more than ready to take a break and catch up on some much-needed rest!

This year our theme was "The Strength of God", where each week we would learn about a different person in the Bible and discuss their strength that God gave them. We would then reflect on how God gives everyone a different strength and how we can all use ours to help spread the word and love of Christ.

Although our numbers were lower this year, we had a fantastic group of campers who were such a joy to work with. Our team worked tirelessly to make sure that each camper felt welcomed, loved, and included no matter how many campers we had or what we were doing. We owe a huge thanks to our team as they put everything they had into camp and were excited to make this summer unforgettable for our campers. This year we had Amber Morton as Program Director and Dominique Pasma as a Team Member and Director in Training. Our Team Members were Austin Jackson, Carlton Endersby, Jada McEown, Megan Schaafsma, and Zachary Pasma.

We also want to say thank you to several others that made camp possible. Thank you to our Design team for helping in the planning process of camp, to Michael for keeping the church safe and clean for our team and campers, and to Kim for being welcoming to all our families. A huge thank you to Mark and Suan McLennan and Janet vanderSpek as they helped with Music every morning of camp. Without their musical talents and energy, music time would not have been anywhere near as fun as it was! Of course, thank you to all of Knox for continuing to support this program. Over my years at camp, I have seen the direct impact this program has on its campers and staff. Every year we see kids who have never heard of Jesus not only learn about him and his love, but they feel safe and loved in this program and say they want to come back next year. I've seen friendships form, that last years, that otherwise wouldn't have started, and I've seen youth grow in their leadership skills and spiritually by being on our staff. This program is a true outreach program to our community and without your support, this couldn't happen. Thank you to everyone who donated snack or supported us financially through offering, and to those who have been praying for us. It truly takes everyone to make this fantastic mission program possible.

Amber Morton – Program Director

Hello everyone! My name is Amber Morton and I served as the program director for Knox Kids Camp during the summer of 2023! Working as the program director here at Knox was a wonderful learning experience in which I learned about being a director at a summer camp after many summers of counselling at numerous camps.

As the program director my job was to plan the afternoon programming for our campers, including visitors, trips, and theme afternoons! We had lots of opportunities for fun and excitement in our afternoon program this summer, with some fan favourite afternoon activities being pyjama day, an amazing race-themed afternoon, and visitors such as a magician and the Woodstock police service.

I thoroughly enjoyed getting to plan lots of fun games, crafts, and activities for our campers! I enjoyed working at Knox this summer because of the wonderful community! Everyone here at Knox has been very welcoming, and it has been a pleasure to work amongst such wonderful people! It has also been amazing to be back serving the Lord in my local community of Woodstock, and I have been blessed to work with our amazing campers.

Although our registration numbers were lower this summer, we had the opportunity to serve many families in our community and were able to provide an unforgettable camp experience! Having grown up going to summer camp, I can say that camps such as those at Knox made me into the person I am today, and it was such an honour and privilege to be able to provide an amazing camp experience to our campers this summer!

I would like to thank the community of Knox for your continued support of Knox Kids Camp and all of our staff, campers, and families for an amazing summer! Without you, our summer could not have been such a success, so thank you!



Knox Kids' Camp 2023







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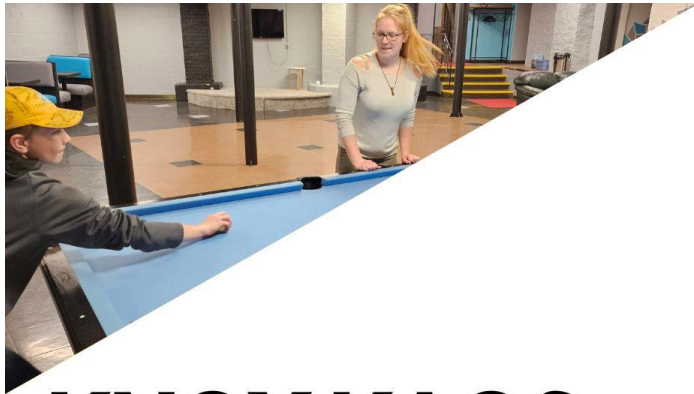






Knox Kids' Camp 2023

KAOS



KNOX KAOS
STARTING BACK UP SEPT. 15, 2023
7-9:30PM EVERY FRIDAY
AGES 11-17
BIBLE STUDY, GAMES, CRAFTS,
SNACKS, TRIPS & MORE!



Sundaes on Sunday



SEPTEMBER 10

SUNDAES ON SUNDAY

**COME HELP US OPEN A NEW YEAR
OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
NURSERY AND HAVE A SUNDAE
PROVIDED BY THE CE COMMITTEE**

**FOLLOWING SERVICE IN THE
FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2023-2024
YEAR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO FILL OUT SO
COME GET REGISTERED FOR THIS YEAR!**

**LACTOSE-FREE
OPTION IS
AVAILABLE!**

Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE



UNIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SEPT.
17**

**ART - WE WILL LEARN THAT WE CAN PRAY
ABOUT ANYTHING, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME
BY MAKING EMBOSSED FOIL PRINTS**

**SEPT.
24**

**COOKING - WE WILL LEARN THAT ANYONE
CAN TALK TO GOD AS WE MAKE A SNACK
THAT REMINDS US OF THE LORD'S
PRAYER**

**OCT.
1**

**SCIENCE - WE WILL LEARN THAT GOD
ALWAYS HEARS US WHEN WE PRAY AS WE
GO ON A SOUND SCAVENGER HUNT**

**OCT.
8**

**VIDEO - WE WILL WATCH A CLIP ABOUT
SOMEONE LEARNING TO FOLLOW GOD'S
WILL INSTEAD OF THEIR OWN AND WE WILL
LEARN THAT WE CAN RELY ON GOD TOO.**

Woodstock Wonders

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On September 23, we're biking about 30 km around the community in the Journey for Hope in support of PWS&D's food security projects.

With climate issues, conflict and inflation continuing to impact people around the world, food insecurity is at alarmingly high levels, and PWS&D is working to address that.

By taking part in the Journey, we're supporting a charity that is bringing hope to those in need.

Will you join us?

Donations can be made at <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/woodstock-wonders/> or see Steve and Nora

Doors Open

During Doors Open, visit Woodstock's heritage and cultural sites, with FREE entrance to all the locations. Be part of the activities and the fun!

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Locations: Brickhouse Brewpub (11am-4pm), Habitual Chocolate, Knox Presbyterian Church, Oxford EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Red Barn Berries & Veggies, Reel Treats, Southside Park, Whitelaw Machinery Company Limited, Woodstock Masonic Lodge, Woodstock Museum, Woodstock Public Library.

Our building is the only church participating! We are looking for volunteers who would like to enthusiastically talk about and promote our church, to provide tours, to be counters at the doors, and to tidy up afterwards. You can come for the entire day, or come for a 2-hour shift.

Please see Brenda Currah for more information or to volunteer.

How Many Presbyterians Does It Take to Change a Lightbulb?

The answer? 8!

Thank you to Mark Benner, John Dobbs, Nick & Carrie Hardeman, Steve McInnis, George Seggewiss, Lynda Whiteford, & Tom Yungblut for all your help. Also, thank you to A.P. Hurley Construction for supplying the scaffolding.



Our Church Family



Corrin Reczuch	Sept 6
Brad Markle	Sept 15
Gwen Brown	Sept 15
Robin McCurdy	Sept 15
Kevin Rumble	Sept 18
Alex Voortman	Sept 20
Judy Boodhoo	Sept 26
Mark Shulman	Sept 26
Hilda Nichols	Sept 27
Donna Moyer	Sept 30



Uwe & Diane Saggau	Sept 1
Chris & Barb Brown	Sept 7
Terry & Brenda Weatherbee	Sept 12

Happy 90th Birthday!



Happy 90th Birthday to Luella (Lou) Campbell!

Lou turned 90 on August 7th, and was surprised by her family with a party at the Southgate Centre on August 6th.

May the Lord bless you in the coming year!

Happy
Birthday

LEADING WITH CARE REPORT

Doors! Doors! Doors!



The Board of Stewards have completed the task of placing numbers on the exterior doors of the church. There will soon be matching numbers on the interior of the exit doors as well. You may ask why?

In numbering the doors, we hope to reduce confusion in the event of an emergency. The doors being identified by number will assist in helping us to exit the building and also in directing any emergency assistance quickly to where help is needed.

There are 7 doors with the “parking lot” door as number “1”. The numbering continues clockwise around the church with the “office door” as number 7. Have a look around the church and find the numbers!

The Leading With Care team will continue to work to make our church an even safer place for our church family and our friends.

Greeting Cards



Greeting Cards

3 for \$5

Available for purchase on the table outside the office.

Update on Lyca



Lyca Mhone: Update on our Theological Student in Malawi

Earlier this year we had an article in Knox News introducing Lyca Mhone, a woman whom Steve and I met in Malawi and with whom we've stayed in close touch. She has recently completed her first year of studies at Zomba Theological University in Malawi, having written the exams in June. Our church has agreed to support her efforts to become a qualified minister in Malawi through a specific donation each semester. We recently sent the second installment, and Lyca sent a note of thanks.

In her note of thanks in June, she writes the following:

Vote of thanks to the Knox Presbyterian Church

Your generosity amazes me. I and my family thank you so much for the financial support that is helping me to focus and work hard on my studies at Zomba Theological University. At this moment, I would like to inform that I am attending Synodical Instruction Classes at the university every Friday.

Lyca informs me that her studies and her volunteer work in the prisons (as part of Friends of Prisons, an organization started and run by Rev. Joel Sherbino from Paris, Ontario) are both going well.

I know it means a lot to Lyca that we are supporting her, not only financially, which is important, but also with our prayers, which she would consider equally important. If you would like to show your support for Lyca in a tangible way, feel free to contribute to the Bursary Fund through which we are supporting her theological studies. Although the Bursary Fund has some money in it, it won't last unless it gets topped up with new donations. You can contribute to the Fund through your offering, by writing "Bursary Fund" on the "Other" line on your envelope. We will continue to send Lyca money at the beginning of each semester until she graduates in June of 2025.

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

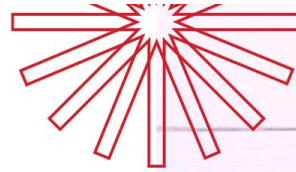
CASH – use one of the envelopes provided in the pews

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



Supplies 4 Students

United Way Oxford is inviting your support of their *Supplies 4 Students* program again this year. Last year your monetary donations helped 1,325 Oxford children and youth from 652 families prepare for the school year. Gift cards for the shopping of school supplies will be given to families in need.

You can donate on line at www.unitedwayoxford.ca or by cheque, payable to United Way Oxford with *Supplies 4 Students* noted on the memo line, and mailed to 447 Hunter St., Woodstock, N4S 4G7 or dropped off at their office which is next to Knox Church.

Funnies



Q: What does corn say when it gets a compliment?

A: Aw, shucks!



Q: What has more lives than a cat?

A: A frog, because it croaks every day.



Q: What would bears be without bees?

A: Ears.



Q: What do you call a well-balanced horse?

A: Stable.



Q: What do you call a sad strawberry?

A: A blue berry!



Q: Why are pirates called pirates?

A: They just **ARRRR!**



Q: I ordered a chicken and an egg online.

A: I'll let you know what comes first.



Q: What do cows read the most?

A: Cattle-logs.



Q: Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer?

A: She kept running away from the ball!



Q: Why do cows wear bells?

A: Because their horns don't work.



Q: What do sprinters eat before they race?

A: Nothing. They fast.



Q: How did the farmer fix his overalls?

A: A cabbage patch!



RIP, boiling water.
You will be mist.



Q: Why were the fish's grades bad?

A: They were below sea level.



Q: What do sea monsters eat?

A: Fish and ships.



Q: What do you call an angry carrot?

A: A steamed veggie.



Q: What's the difference between a poorly-dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?

A: Attire.



Q: What's the scariest plant?

A: Bam-boo!



Word Search

Name: _____ Date: _____

Back to School

Word Search

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

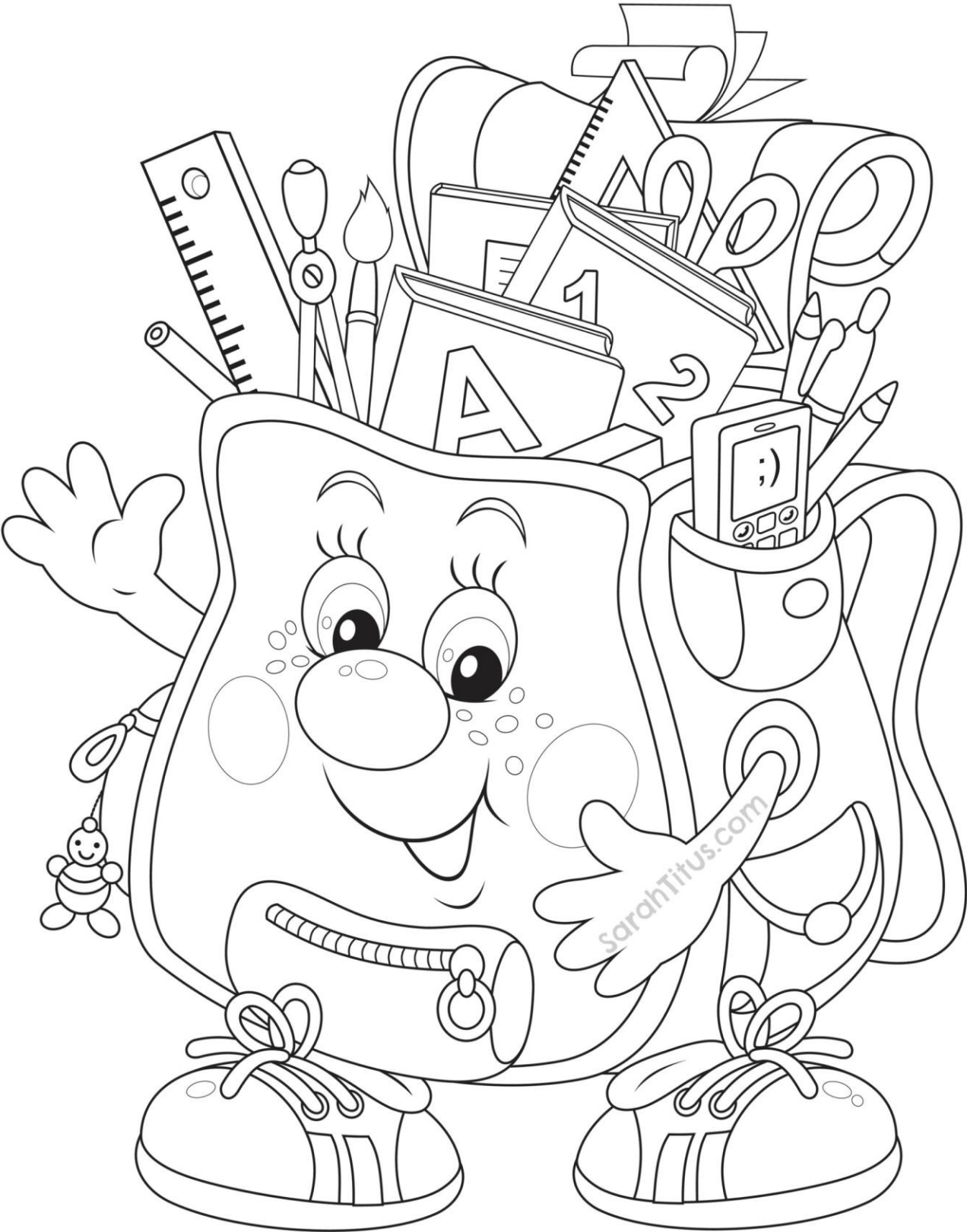
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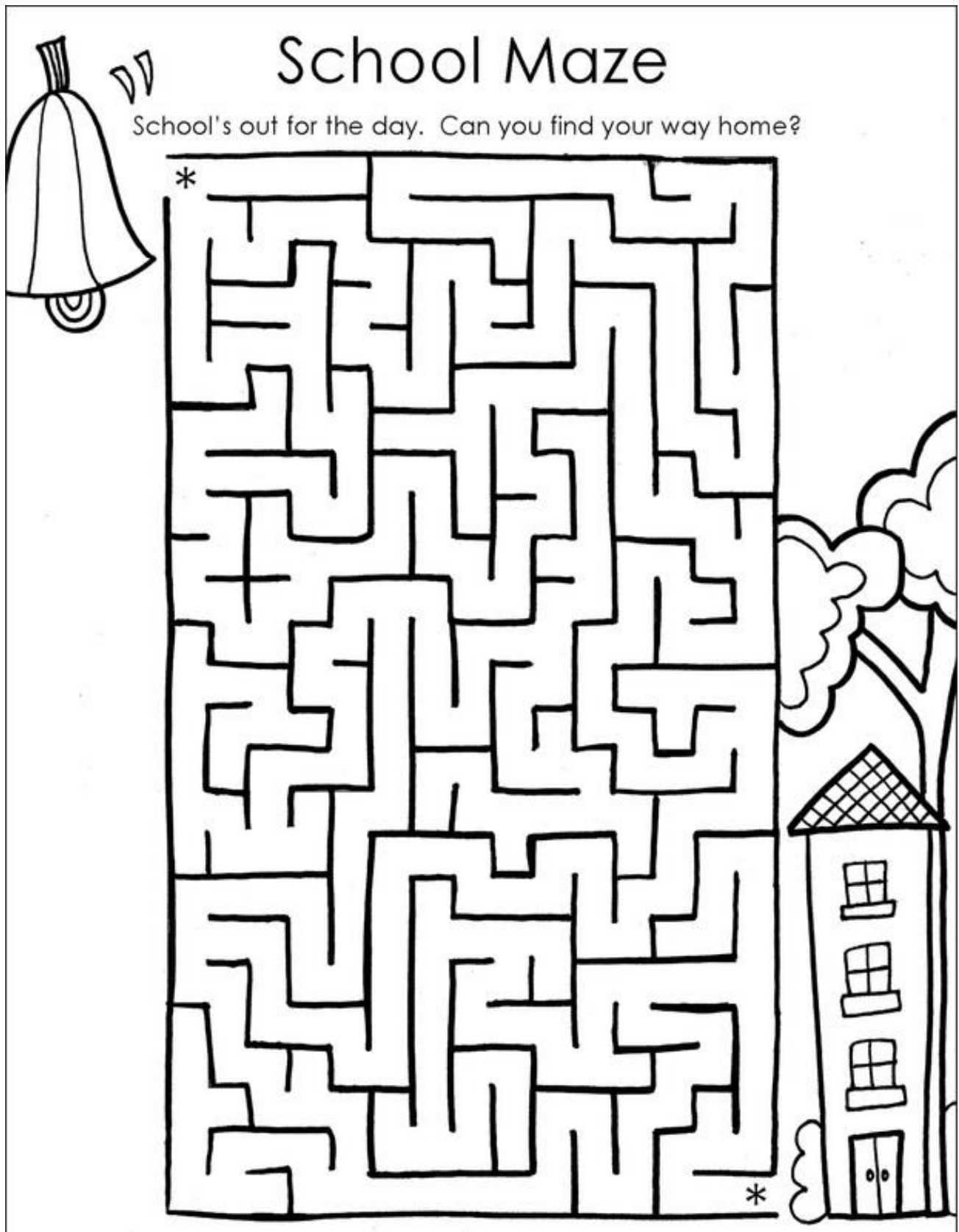
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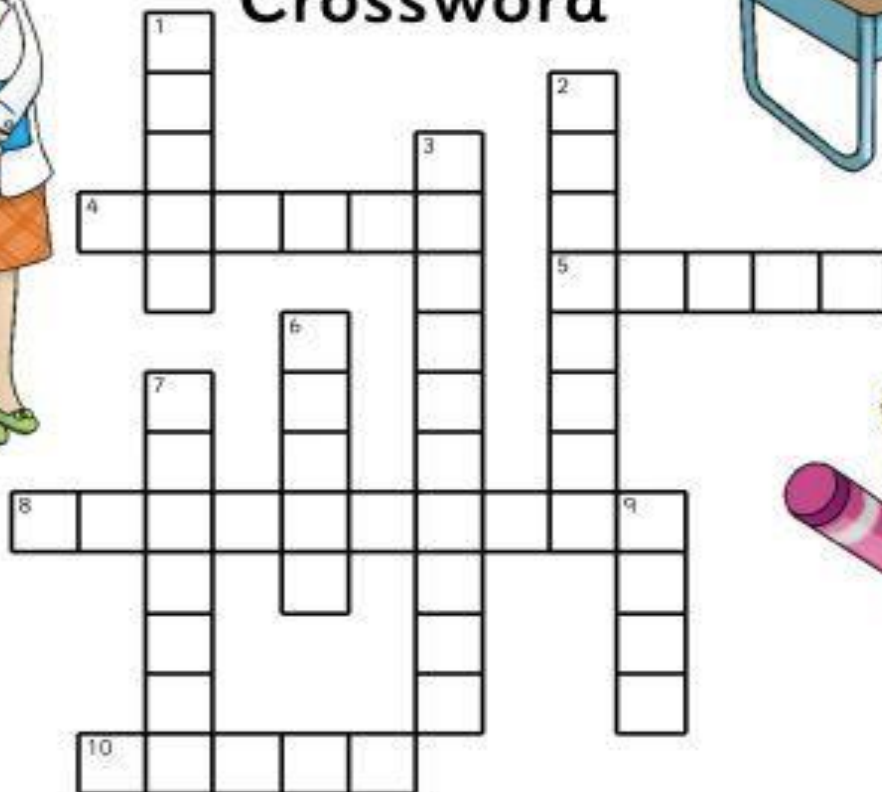
A-MAZE-ing Fun!



Crossword



Back to School Crossword



Across

4. Do you need to sharpen yours?
5. Write or draw on this.
8. You write on this with chalk.
10. Please _____ your name on your work.

Down

1. Draw straight lines with this.
2. It has a keyboard and a screen.
3. Where you go to play at break (recess)
6. Read these at home or school.
7. They help you learn new things.
9. The teacher sits here.

Sudoku

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September Calendar



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Worship 10:30 am No Sunday School	4 LABOUR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 TOPS 10 am	6 Fellowship & Craft Morning 9:30 am Leading with Care Training 6 pm Knox Philox Garden Clean-up 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study 7 pm	7 Christian-Ed 2 pm Leading with Care Training 6 pm	8 Pork BBQ 5-6 pm KAOS - 7-9 pm	9
10 Worship 10:30 am Sundays on Sunday after service - Sunday School registration - everyone welcome - A Lactose-free option will be available Guides - 6:30-8 pm	11 Meditation 10:30 am Pathfinders 7-9 pm Rangers 7-9 pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30 pm	12 TOPS 10 am Knox Kids Music Session 7 pm	13 Craft Crew 9 am Worship Committee 2 pm Cubs & Scouts 6-9 pm	14 Mission Committee 2 pm	15	16
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