

From the Minister's Desk

Thanksgiving 2023



Peace be with you, my sisters and brothers in Christ.

It is truly a sight to behold at this time of the year, the artistic side of our heavenly Creator showing through the fall colors of the flora.

Yet it signals for us a change in season, the beginning of the harvest.

Jesus once spoke of harvest as such,

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

In response to our Lord's calling, I must say that we are a congregation that strives to become more faithful, permission-giving, servant-empowering, and constantly innovating the means to share the liberating power and anchor of the Gospel.

The Session and all of its constituent committees, and the ministerial staff, with your support, are constantly engaged in prayerful discernment of ministries to strengthen and pursue.

I believe all of this and more are testimonies to the deep conviction that lies deep in all of us:

'As God's children, we are free from the power and influence of money to live life generously and openly, and with passion.'

Thanks be to God for this treasure!

And thank you for your most generous and enabling commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ that unfolds at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kím

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Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7pm. Twelve elders attended, including the moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim. The meeting opened with prayer and a reflection about confidence in a word from God (Hebrews10:24-25).

Updates: A name was proposed to be presented to the congregation for election to session.

- Pulpit supply is planned for October 15, 2023 (David Langille) & October 22, 2023 (Mark Benner)
- We will instead plan an inter-generational service to celebrate our 189th anniversary on November 12.
- 'Doors Open Woodstock' Event is planned for September 23, 2023.

Visioning and Caring: Although there is concern at Knox and generally in the Christian church, we are continuing to show the love of Jesus in our community.

Correspondence: Referrals from General Assembly.

- 1. We need to continue digitizing records and maintain secure records in-house.
- 2. We were encouraged to consider Social Justice issues.
- 3. We are encouraged to strengthen relationships with Han-Ca Presbyteries.

Visioning and Caring:

Discussion of state of Knox Presbyterian Church: Dr. Kim discussed the Knox News article he wrote about declining attendance in church. We were encouraged to continue our journey of faith as faithful stewards.

Ministry Reports:

Christian Education Committee – The library committee and CE committee will reorganise the library. Emmanuel Christian Reformed church will host the Reformation Day Sunday at Knox.

*Children's Choir Ministry to begin on September 26.

Leading With Care – Training is complete for nursery, the Sunday School, and the children's choir leaders. Police Checks are up to date among elders, staff and leaders. First Aid, CPR, and AED training completed by 4 people. Exterior doors have been numbered for identification during an emergency.

Mission – Lauren Reczuch is the new convener. Someone will be needed to continue our participation in the soup kitchen, one week a year.

Board of Stewards – We replaced light bulbs in the Sanctuary and Friendship Centre. WCI has been using the church for their drama classes. Kim's office was painted. Stained Glass work will continue in September.

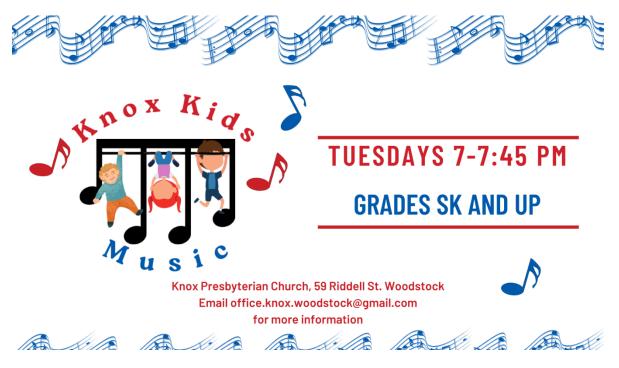
Worship – We will send Ratho Presbyterian Church some of our hymnals.

Presbytery/Synod Report – Rev. Al Brouwer was appointed moderator for 2023/24. The two charges of Norwich Presbyterian Church have sold their manse and are working on future plans. IPC continues the process of leaving the denomination. Harrington Presbyterian was granted permission to call their current interim minister, Rev. Joyce DeGier VanderSpek, as their half time minister. Central Brantford Presbyterian Church continues the process of selling their building.

New Business – We decided to nominate Rev. Inkee Kim as moderator of general assembly in 2024

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Knox Kids Music



Music Moment

By Janet vanderSpek

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving! May you enjoy fine fellowship and also the changing landscape of Autumn as the coloured leaves begin their display.

One of the Harvest/Thanksgiving hymns in the Book of Praise is "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" (#807).

Matthias Claudius (1740- 1815), wrote the text and here is some interesting background information:

Matthias grew up in the home of a Lutheran pastor and studied briefly for the ministry at the University of Jena. During his twenties and thirties, he seems to have forsaken the faith, influenced by the rationalistic thought of the time. He became seriously ill in 1777, and this crisis was instrumental in returning him to his childhood faith.

The inspiring text affirms that, while we need to plow the land and sow the seed, it is God who provides the increase; he sends the rain and the sunshine to produce a harvest. God also sustains his creation, for "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above." Thus, praise bursts from our "humble, thankful hearts."

May there always be a song in your grateful heart.

We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Verse 1

We plough the fields and scatter The good seed on the land. But it is fed and watered By God's almighty hand: You send the snow in winter, The warmth to swell the grain, The breezes and the sunshine, And soft refreshing rain.

Verse 2

You only are the Maker
Of all things near and far;
You paint the wayside flower,
You light the evening star;
The winds and waves obey you;
By you the birds are fed;
Much more to us, your children,
You give our daily bread.

Verse 3

We thank you, our provider,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life our health our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all your love imparts,
But that which you most welcome:
Our humble thankful hearts.

Chorus

All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above We thank you, Lord, We thank you, Lord For all your love.

Sunday School

SUNDAY

UNIT

HOUSE ON THE ROCK

Oct. 15

ART - WE WILL LEARN THAT GOD'S WORD IS OUR ROCK AND SAFE PLACE

Oct. 22

COOKING - WE WILL LEARN THAT
OUR FAITH IS BUILT FROM THE
GROUND UP, STARTING WITH
GOD'S WORD AS OUR FOUNDATION

Oct. 29

REFORMATION SUDNAY

Nov. 5

GAMES - WE WILL LEARN THAT WE CAN HEAR GOD'S WORD IN MANY WAYS

Nov. 12

MUSIC - WE WILL LEARN THAT WE CAN FOLLOW GOD EVEN WHEN WE ARE AFRAID

Nov. 19

VIDEO - WE WILL LEARN THAT WITH JESUS AS OUR ROCK, HE CAN HELP US MAKE WIDE CHOICES

WMS Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary

By Susan McLennan, Secretary

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. We will be celebrating all the things we are grateful for.

A prayer by Maren Tirabassi, CASA (church on-line):



For the tree that has become a stump, the hour that is now a memory, even the memory that will be forgotten, I am grateful.

For the friend who died five years ago, the pies she baked, quilts she stitched, every friend tenderly held in mind, and some I promise to call tomorrow, and some I will meet tomorrow, I am grateful.

For sheets I will wrinkle,
a glass of water for nighttime waking,
the mish-mash in my mind of
'hallowed be thy name,'
'lie down in green pastures,'
and "now I lay me down,'
what has changed me today
and what I have let go into your hand
I am grateful. amen

WMS Presbyterial Fall Rally



WMS Southwestern Ontario Presbyterial Fall Rally

Thursday, October 26, 2023 **Knox Presbyterian Church** 59 Riddell Street, Woodstock 10:15 am to 2:00 pm

Fall Back in Love with Jesus

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136). 10:15 am-Coffee and Registration 10:30-Worship 10:45-Sharing, Workshop and Hymns 12:00-Lunch (bring your own brown bag lunch coffee, tea and cold drinks provided)

Yuletide Bazaar





Women's Conference



Ladies, join us for a day of refreshment and renewal. Special guest, Shannon Leibold, will encourage us in our pursuit of God.

- Navigate your way around the Bible
- Develop a hunger for Scripture
- Know Jesus more intimately
- Discover how God's story transforms yours
 - \$20 includes lunch

Space is limited. RSVP to hpbcladies@gmail.com by October 13 to reserve your spot.

This event is being co-hosted by Oxford Baptist and Huron Park

Woodstock Wonders Ride Again

By Nora Martin



Remember what a beautiful day September 23 was? Sunny and bright, warm but not hot, and most important of all, dry and not raining! We (Steve and Nora) will certainly remember it for a long time! That was the day that we were joined by John and Laurie Bannerman for our 30 km bike ride for Journey for Hope from here to Ingersoll and back. We took our time, enjoying the weather and the scenery (see picture), and then had lunch out together afterward to celebrate our success.

And thanks to many people, like yourselves, who dug deep into their pockets, the team raised \$2250 (and counting!) for the support of food security programs of Presbyterian World Service and Development in places like Malawi and around the world. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting this important cause. Food insecurity is an increasingly serious issue around the world, making programs like those of PWS&D more important than we can say, and you have done your bit towards helping.

Annual Foodgrains Bank Pork BBQ



Leading With Care

By Lynda Whiteford



TIPS FROM THE CANADIAN RED CROSS



Know the location of First Aid kits at Knox. We have 5.

You will find them in the 3 kitchens, the youth room in the basement and in the Sunday School classroom.

Look for them!

Lay Preaching Workshop



This is a day for leaders in local congregations to learn more about preaching. You don't need to be an ordained minister to preach! God speaks through all of us, and this is a day to learn how to study scripture, craft your message, and deliver a sermon. The Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis of Knox College will be teaching this workshop.

Call 519-529-7317 or email admin@campkintail.ca to book!

Adelaide Soup Bowl at First Baptist Church



The Soup Kitchen began in January 1988, 36 years ago. It is a cooperative ministry of Woodstock and area churches. The space is provided by First Baptist Church and noon meals continue to be served on Mondays and Fridays from mid-October until the end of May. (Operation Sharing provides meals to those in need on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.)

Lauren Reczuch and Elaine Stevens attended a planning meeting on September 20th. There are fewer churches able to help with the Soup Kitchen meals. Our Knox members have always been generous with helping at the soup kitchen so we decided to sign up twice.

Knox has signed up for Friday, Dec. 8th and Monday, December 11th, 2023, and for Friday, April 12th and Monday, April 15th, 2024.

If you want to help with the meal preparations, please mark these dates on your calendar.

Beginnings Family Services, Woodstock



Beginnings Family Services would like to thank Knox Church for their donations to the 2023 Beginning Baby Bottle Campaign. Knox raised \$190.62, which contributed to the campaign total of \$24,052.92.

Donations help Beginnings to continue to make a difference in young families' lives by providing the important work of pregnancy, parenting support, adoption counselling, and bringing the message of God's Hope, healing and a better life to the families and children they serve.

From Joyce Schultz, Care Centre Director, "Please extend our utmost gratefulness to your congregation for their participation and generosity. Thank you for supporting this vital work."

Recipe

Caramel Apple Slices (paleo + vegan)

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These Caramel Apple Slices are such an easy sweet snack for Halloween! Apples on a stick, coated in chocolate,

caramel and any toppings you want!

Prep Time: 5 mins Cook Time: 60 mins Total Time: 65 mins

Yield: Makes 8 apples sticks [1x]

Ingredients

2 large apples
1/2 cup melted chocolate (dark or milk chocolate!)
1/2 cup melted caramel
Any toppings you want: I used coconut flakes, crushed up cookies, pean



Instructions

- Slice apples into 3/4" thick slices and remove the stem and any seeds (you should get about 4 per apple)
- 2 Carefully insert a lollipop stick into the bottom of the apple slices
- 3 Place the apples on a sheet tray lined with parchment paper
- 4 Dip the apple slices in the chocolate and place on the sheet tray lined with parchment paper
- 5 Drizzle caramel on top and sprinkle on desired toppings
- 6 Add apples to fridge to set for about 30-60 minutes then enjoy!

Notes

*Store leftovers in fridge for 5 days!

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https://rachlmansfield.com/caramel-apple-slices-paleo-vegan/

Our Church Family



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



Mark & Cheryl Shulman	8-Oct
John & Lynn Dobbs	10-Oct
Larry & Laura Turvey	18-Oct
Alex & Mikayla Voortman	19-Oct

Ways to Give

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



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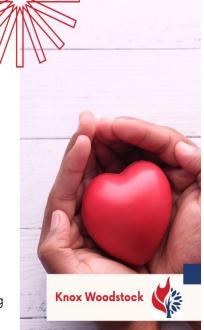
CASH - use one of the envelopes provided in the pews

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



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.

A Blast from the Past - The Beadle

Here is a fun article that was found by Rev. Jan, researched and written by Linda Lomax. Obviously, some of the "duties" no longer apply!

"The Symbolism of the beadle probably has its origin in ancient times when Moses pitched the Tabernacle in the wilderness as a visible symbol of the Divine Presence. In pitching the Tabernacle, the shelter for the holy books, Moses acted as what we now know as a "beadle". In the early church "the doorkeeper" had many non-sacramental duties required of him. The official Title was "Ostiarius" and as a paid member of the ecclesiastical staff his duties were:

- 1. To be in regular attendance at church
- 2. To open the doors at certain hours to the faithful
- 3. To close the doors at all hours to the unfaithful
- 4. To expel all heretics and beggars as well as the dogs
- 5. To see that no buying or selling was carried on in the church
- 6. To awaken the sleepers
- 7. To maintain due order in time of public worship

After the Reformation in Scotland, the Ostiarius was no longer part of the ecclesiastical staff. He was chosen from the lay element of the church as a servant to the minister. He was no known as Bedellus, the latinized form of beadle – a word used in the common language of the time to designate any person whose duty it was to summon parties before a public court. The title Bedellus soon fell into disuse as the Scots found it too pretentious a name for the position and it was shortened back to beadle.

The beadle was "a man o'wecht" both morally and physically; strong and active, sound in wind and limb, so as to be able to face and discharge the duties. During the mid-1600's these duties included:

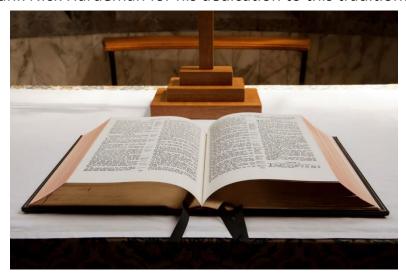
- 1. Ringing the bell to announce the hour of worship
- 2. Taking the books to the pulpit
- 3. Ushering the minister to the pulpit
- Serving citations to absentees from church so that they report before the session for punishment
- 5. Awakening the sleepers, ejecting the dogs and noisy children during the service.

Upon the relaxation of the stern and rigid discipline of the Church, the beadle's role on Sundays lessened so he became "the Minister's Man" and assisted him in all areas during the week including farm labour, grave digging and weddings. He was paid a token wage and expected to conduct himself as "an example to the flock".

It is interesting to note that the first woman beadle held this responsible position in the Church as early as the 1870s. In more recent years, the role of the beadle in many churches has been declining due to the reconstruction of Church life as well as for economic reasons. Most of the beadle's responsibilities have been divided amongst the members of the church."

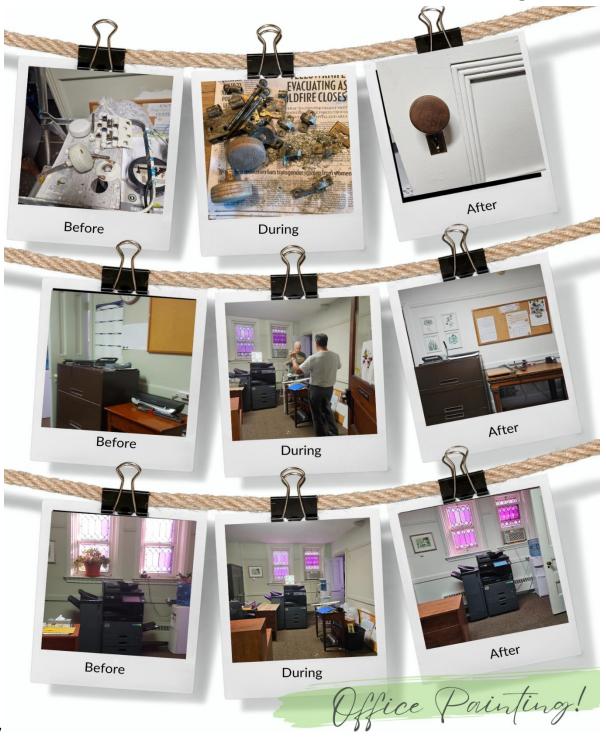
Here at Knox, we have preserved the tradition of the beadle, maintaining the presentation of "the symbol of preparation to worship". This involves the Beadle carrying in the Bible after the prelude, with the minister following right behind. Church members stand in respect as the Bible is laid to rest on the stand on the Communion table. Following the service, the Beadle returns the Bible to its designated place.

We would like to thank Nick Hardeman for his dedication to this tradition!



Office Reno

A special thank you to everyone who worked hard helping to paint my office – Michael Conte (for the many hours of cleaning the walls and painting, and moving furniture), Mark Benner (for refinishing the hardware, removing old paint from the windows, taping off, and moving furniture), George Seggewiss (for looking after the wiring, repositioning the intercom, putting in the new light, and moving furniture), and Nick Hardeman (for helping to move furniture). It looks so bright and fresh! I am truly blessed to work here — Kim Kenny



Things To Do When You're Bored in Church

While I know that boredom in church is never an issue here at Knox, these "Things to Do When You're Bored in Church" are fun to read!

Can you find the the mistake?

Locate all of the typing misteaks mistakes in the church bulletin or the Knox News!



Whenever you hear a word you are unfamiliar with during the sermon, write it down (guess the spelling) and guess at a definition. Check your guesses with an online dictionary.



Memorize the lyrics to some of the verses of hymns – you know, those ones that you mumble while trying to keep up with the tempo!



See how many words you can make out of the word "Methuselah"

1-9 words – Pretty Good!

10-20 words - Wow!

21 or more - You're a Word Master!



Compose a love letter to your spouse using The Song of Solomon as your guide!



With the freckles on your arm, make up some new constellations and name them. Advanced suggestion: See if you can find someone else with freckles on their arm and do the same. Also try it with your face using the camera on your phone!



Listen for the minister to use a word beginning with "A", then "B", and so on through the alphabet.



Open your Bible at random and point to a verse. Write it down. Repeat the process until you've written a personal letter. Give it to the person sitting next to you.



Look around for 10 seconds. Now, close your eyes and answer these questions:

- 1. How many people are sitting in the pew with you?
- 2. What row are you sitting in?
- 3. What is the minister wearing?
- 4. What colour outfit does the music director have on?

Funnies



Word Search

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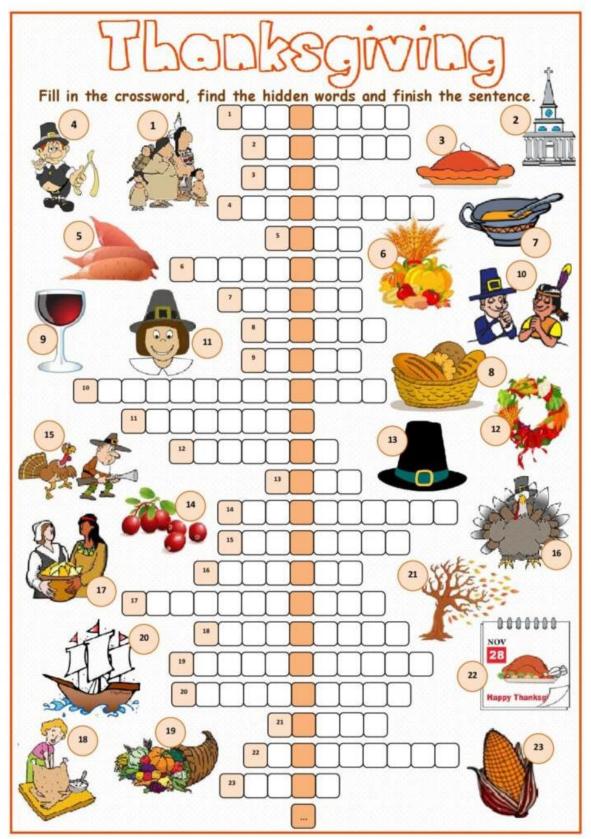
SAVE THE TURKEY MAZE



Help Tom Turkey escape to freedom!



Crossword



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