



KNOX NEWS

November 2023



Musings from the Minister



I am reminded of a time when I once took refuge at the *Crieff Retreat* near Guelph. Admittedly, it was for a conference of some sort in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. As if the serene surrounding was not enough, there hung in the entrance way to the dining hall a framed poster of one of the writings of *Saint Francis of Assisi*.

Saint Francis of Assisi is a venerable Christian figure of antiquity; he was an Italian mystic and Catholic friar who founded the *Franciscans*. Long story short, *Saint Francis of Assisi* was inspired to lead a life of poverty as a respected preacher.

I will share a sampling of the writing in musings for this month. The writing begins with the following:

***“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...
Where there is hatred let me sow love...
Where there is injury, pardon...
...where there is doubt, faith...
Where there is despair, hope...
Where there is darkness, light...
And where there is sadness, joy...”***

I am not well versed in the world that *Saint Francis of Assisi* ministered, but I suspect it was much like ours in many ways, ‘not enough of key resources of life, like food and shelter,’ more than enough opinions and judgments thrown around, and of course, the brutal reality of war in their midst.

Peace in our world seems a scarce commodity, as we speak. Tuning out the news of violent outbreaks throughout the world is really not an option these days; many of us are reminded of the brutal nature of ‘wars’ and other forms of violence through relentless coverage of the wars and inhumane acts of violence through our media, and even demonstrations in our streets.

Throughout all of this, and seemingly, Christians have remained reticent. This reticence, however, does not equate to ambivalence on our part. Rather, Christians are striving to ‘*help more, and judge less,*’ I believe. We are all too aware as to how spur of the moment comments

can be hurtful to individuals, or even destructive to the collective endeavor in seeking peace. Such comments are better left unsaid.

Our hearts are burning, however, as we pray to God, *that we may become instruments of His peace on earth, sowing love through our endeavor to understand, fostering communities of acceptance, and witnessing to 'hope' that undergirds all of His teachings in Jesus Christ.* My personal assurance, as a Christian and a minister of a congregation, comes from the fact that I am not alone in my pursuit of addressing and fostering an ethos of an accepting and supportive community in the Oxford County and beyond, to start.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Kim

Session Notes

By Steve McInnis

The Session met on Tuesday, October 3. Eleven elders attended, including the moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim. The moderator led us in opening prayer and a reflection about presenting Jesus. **(Matthew 8:18-22)**

Updates: David Langille will be presented to the congregation for re-election as elder. The election will take place on November 5.

Visioning and Caring: We noted that there are children at church on Sunday, at the children's choir ministry on Tuesday evenings, and a growing number at Kaos on Fridays.

Ministry Reports:

Christian Education Committee – More volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings to help with nursery and Sunday school.

Mission – A basket will be placed at the after-church coffee hour to encourage donations to the Kids' Camp ministry. Bibles were purchased for the youth attending Kaos. The Raw Carrot group will be invited to do a presentation at a Sunday service. Knox will serve meals at the Adelaide Soup Bowl on December 8 and 11 and April 12 and 15.

Board of Stewards – After receiving funds from trustees, our bank balance is close to even. We plan to use a new Ontario grant to add more security cameras to the church exterior. Exterior lighting should be installed in the spring.

Pastoral Care – The Kitchen Crew will be taking care of the poinsettias for shut-ins. Communion will be provided to shut-ins at their homes.

Worship – Session discussed the arrangements for communion. Dedications will be moved from damaged hymnals to newer ones. The inter-generational anniversary service plans continue. The committee discussed the need to acknowledge that Knox was built on indigenous lands, how it would be done, and how often.

Presbytery/Synod Report – Following the recommendation of our session, the Rev. In Kee Kim was nominated by our Presbytery as a candidate for Moderator of General Assembly 2024. A nomination from a second Presbytery is necessary for his candidacy to be accepted.

Other Business – We accepted the membership transfer of Anna Fohkens. We also decided to restore the many plaques to the sanctuary walls.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Music Moment

By Janet vanderSpek

Remembrance Day

We wear a poppy
On Remembrance Day,
And at eleven
We stand and pray.
Wreaths are put
Upon a grave.
As we remember
Our soldiers brave.

(source: www.CanTeach.ca)



Please pray for peace as many conflicts are taking place around the world.

In the Book of Praise there are many hymns under the banner of 'Peace'. #727 through #752, including #735, and it uses the Latin text "Dona nobis pacem".

This text is a short prayer for peace, and it's usually in the form of a three-part round, and is part of many hymnals and songbooks.

The melody has traditionally been attributed to Mozart but without evidence.

The English translation is "give us peace". May that be our fervent prayer.

Knox Kids Music

By now, five rehearsals with the Knox Kids Music children's choir ministry have taken place. I am grateful to Lorelee Benner and all of the volunteers who have been assisting. Recently, a new singer was welcomed and that was the result of reading the Knox Church outdoor sign!

We are hoping for more singers. Tuesday evening at 7 - 7:45 is the rehearsal time.

Thank you to Rev. Kim, the Session, and Board of Stewards for their support of this new ministry. Most of all, a heartfelt thank you is extended to Paul Turner. A bequest, in memory of his wife Sondra was given to Knox Presbyterian Church and this exciting new ministry is funded through that.

" The one who sings, prays twice. "

- St Augustine (354-430)

WMS Paris Presbyterial



The WMS Paris Presbyterial was held here at Knox on Thursday, October 26th.

The theme was "Fall Back in Love with Jesus".

The ladies created a banner, pictured to the left with Marie Gregor and Elaine Stevens.

WMS Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary

Respectfully submitted, Susan McLennan Secretary



October 2, 2023

Elaine and Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Elaine led in a meditation on Thanksgiving, based on the healing of Dorcas, Acts 9. The scripture reading was read by Marie Gregor. Hymns *Can a Little Child Like Me* and *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* were sung. The meditation was very engaging and raised an interesting discussion.

Business

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were approved. Motion Susan/Marg McCurdy.

Roll Call – 7 members were present.

Treasurer – Elaine Stevens presented her report. Bank balance May 31st was \$848.45. Receipts \$125 Disbursements Presbyterial dues \$380 (April & May) and \$125 (June), and \$40 Knox Ladies Aid for June Strawberry Shortcake, leaving a balance of \$428.45. Report accepted on motion of Elaine/Marie Gregor.

Friendship & Service – Elisabeth Wicks continues to telephone members regularly, as well as sending birthday cards.

Correspondence – None received. Elaine was speaking with Margaret VanderZwerde from Tillsonburg who asked to be remembered to the group. Many members remembered Margaret as she used to join us on occasion.

New Business – The Fall Presbyterial Rally will be held at Knox on Thursday October 26th from 10:00 to 2:00. As Susan will be away, Elaine asked for help from members of the group.

Our next meeting will be Monday November 13th at 2:00 pm in the Cheyne Room.

A lovely time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Community Christmas Carol Concert

2023 ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT

Sunday, December 3rd - 7:00 pm

Local Performers
Church Choir

Guest Organist: Angus Sinclair

 **Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock**
Corner of Hunter & Riddell Streets

Freewill
Offering
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Sunday School



SUNDAY **SCHOOL**

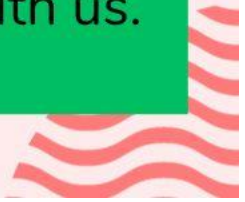
Advent and Christmas

Nov. 26 - We will learn that God surprised the world with the gift of Jesus! (Games)

Dec. 3 - We will learn that we need to celebrate God's love for us! (Art)

Dec. 10 - We will learn that we can tell the Christmas story to others in many ways! (Cooking)

Dec. 17 - We will learn that God is always with us. (Video)



Advent Afternoon



Leading with Care



TIPS FROM THE CANADIAN RED CROSS

Tip #2

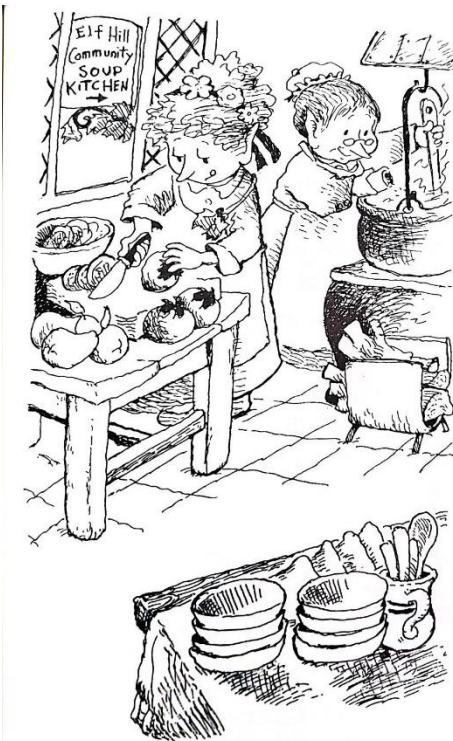
Know the location of the AED kit needed for CPR.



The AED at Knox is located in the hallway running between the office and the parking lot door.

Have a look the next time you are at church!

“Grieving at Christmastime”



“For those who have lost loved ones, the holidays can be a difficult time when your heart is grieving. The signs of rejoicing are everywhere. People smiling, people laughing – but not you. In the midst of joy, you feel sad. Your heart is heavy. You are grieving.

Volunteering is a good way to connect with others. You don’t have to do much – a little can go a long way toward making you feel better.” *(adapted from the book, “Grieving at Christmastime”, written by Dwight Daniels, Illustrated by R.W. Alley)*

If you’re looking for a way to volunteer, Knox has signed up to help at the Adelaide Soup Kitchen at First Baptist Church for Friday, December 8th and Monday, December 11th.

If you would like to help with the meal preparations, please contact Lauren Reczuch or Elaine Stevens.

Mission Committee



It's soup time again. This chilly fall weather is the perfect opportunity to cozy up with a nice hot bowl of soup. The Raw Carrot will be making a presentation on Sunday, November 19th. Now is your chance to order some delicious soups and support a worthy cause.

Order forms can be found at the entranceways. Completed forms can be dropped off at the church office. Deadline for orders is Friday, November 10th.



Knox is supporting the Christmas Place one again. New children's toys, as well as teen, mom, and dad gifts, will be accepted until Sunday, December 10th and can be placed in the sanctuary, under the missions' board. Cash, cheques or gift card donations will also be accepted.



Volunteers are needed for the Adelaide Soup Kitchen on Friday, December 8th. If you can help out in any way, please let me know.

Presbyterian Cemetery



We would like to extend a special "Thank You!" to Brad Markle, Don Stevens, and John Dobbs. Your hard work and dedication in looking after the Presbyterian Cemetery is very much appreciated!

L: Don Stevens

R: John Dobbs



Maple-Apple Upside-Down Cake

Recipe by Joanne Chang

<https://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/maple-apple-upside-down-cake>

Maple syrup infuses both the apples and the cake, making the dessert taste like a stack of apple pancakes.

Yield: 12



Ingredients

1 cup pure maple syrup
 3 Granny Smith apples—peeled, cored and cut into eighths
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 3 large eggs
 3/4 cup buttermilk
 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
 1 1/3 cups sugar
 Crème fraîche, for serving

Directions

Step 1 - Preheat the oven to 350°. Butter and flour a 10-inch round cake pan. In a large saucepan, bring the maple syrup to a boil over high heat, then simmer over low heat until very thick and reduced to 3/4 cup, about 20 minutes. Pour the thickened syrup into the cake pan. Arrange the apples in the pan in 2 concentric circles, overlapping them slightly.

Step 2 - In a bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a glass measuring cup, whisk the eggs with the buttermilk and vanilla. In the bowl of a standing electric mixer fitted with the paddle, beat the butter and sugar at medium speed until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the dry and wet ingredients in 3 alternating batches until the batter is smooth; scrape down the side of the bowl.

Step 3 - Scrape the batter over the apples and spread it in an even layer. Bake the cake for 1 hour, until golden on top and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let the cake cool on a rack for 45 minutes.

Step 4 - Place a plate on top of the cake and invert the cake onto the plate; tap lightly to release the cake. Remove the pan. Let the cake cool slightly, then cut into wedges and serve with crème fraîche.

Our Church Family



Dan Molinaro	4-Nov
Anne Jewlal	21-Nov
Cheryl Shulman	23-Nov
Emily Hewitt	30-Nov



David & Carol Langille	5-Nov
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Welcome to our world, Henry Carman Day! Henry was born October 22nd. Proud parents are Darren and Emily Day; grandson to Susan Masters, and great-grandson to June Masters. Congratulations!

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.

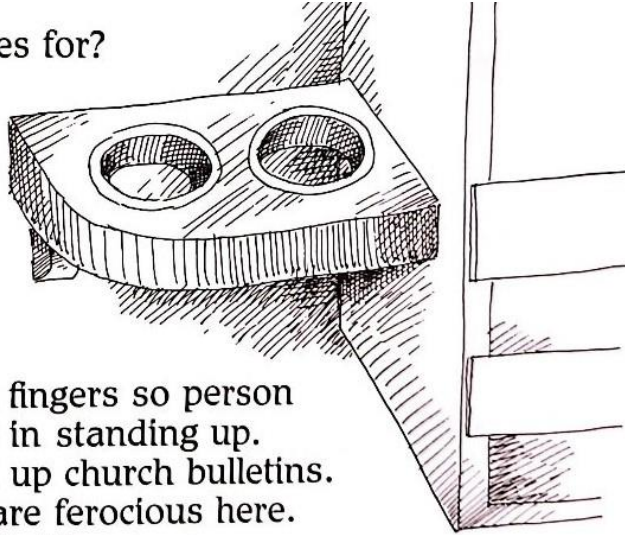
CANADA HELPS – Secure, online donations at <https://www.canadahelps.org> and search for Knox Church Woodstock



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!

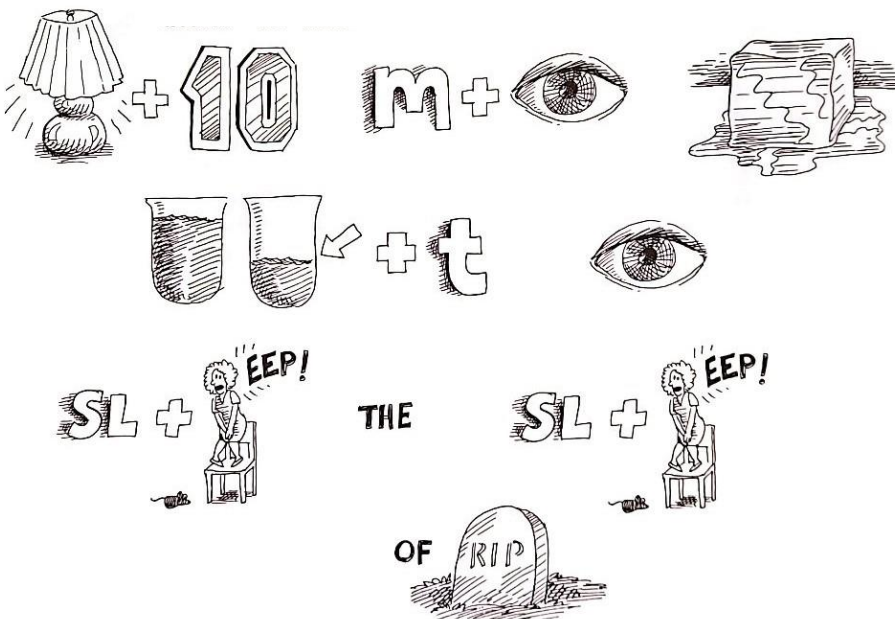
What are these holes for?
Check the correct
answer below:



- A. Place to hook fingers so person can have help in standing up.
- B. Slot for rolled up church bulletins.
- C. The termites are ferocious here.
- D. Glass eyeball holder.
- E. Special clamping device for tubular aluminum frame to prop up the old man in front of you.
- F. Holder for communion glasses.
- G. All of the above.

Answer: All of the above.

Create a "REBUS" using the sermon text for the day, such as the example below, from Psalm 13:3.



How Observant Are You?

Look all around you for exactly ten seconds. Now, close your eyes and then 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 is the colour of the walls?
5. What colour hair does the person in front of you have?
6. How many people are in the choir?
7. What colour shoes is the person beside you wearing?
8. How are you reading these questions with your eyes closed?

Funnies

NO!

Q: What is the most negative month of the year?

A: **NO-vember!**



Q: Why did the pie crust go to the dentist?

A: **Because it needed a filling!**



YES!

Q: What is the opposite of November?

A: **YES-vember!**

Q: What do you call an apple that plays the trumpet?

A: **Tooty Fruity!.**



Q: What is a potato's favourite TV show?

A: **M.A.S.H.!**



Q: What kind of apples throw the best parties?

A: **Gala apples!**



Q: What month is the smartest?

A: **KNOW-vember!**

HAHAHA

Q: What happened when Apple tried to design a car?

A: **They had trouble installing windows!**



Q: What month is furry and lives in the woods?

A: **Novem-BEAR!**



Q: What did the monster tell the kid who ate his pie too fast?

A: **Stop goblin your dessert!**



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Q: What do you call November 1st?

A: **Oct-OVER!**



Q: What do you get when you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?

A: **A PINE-Apple!.**



Q: Why are the trees wearing sweater?

A: **Because it's Novem-brrr!**



Q: How do you make an apple turnover?

A: **Roll it down a hill!**



Q: If you eat too many salted pretzels on Halloween, what happens the next day?

A: **November thirst!**

Q: What do you get when you cross a train engine with an apple pie?

A: **Puff Pastry!**



Q: Why did the farmer enter the cider making contest?

A: **He liked the apple-ause!**



Q: What did the gym instructor say to the apple?

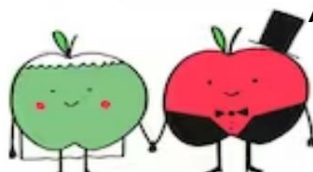
A: **You need to strengthen your CORE!**



WHAT DO YOU CALL THE END OF ALL APPLES? THE APPLE-CALYPSE.



Appley ever after



NOVEMBER

Word Search



FALL WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

BIRDS
BRISK
CHANGING
CLOUDS
COAT
COLD
COLORS
CORN
CROPS
FOOTBALL
FROST
GOURD
HARVEST
HEATER
JACKET
LEAVES
MIGRATE
NOVEMBER
OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
RAKE
SCARECROW
SEASON
SWEATER
TREES
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



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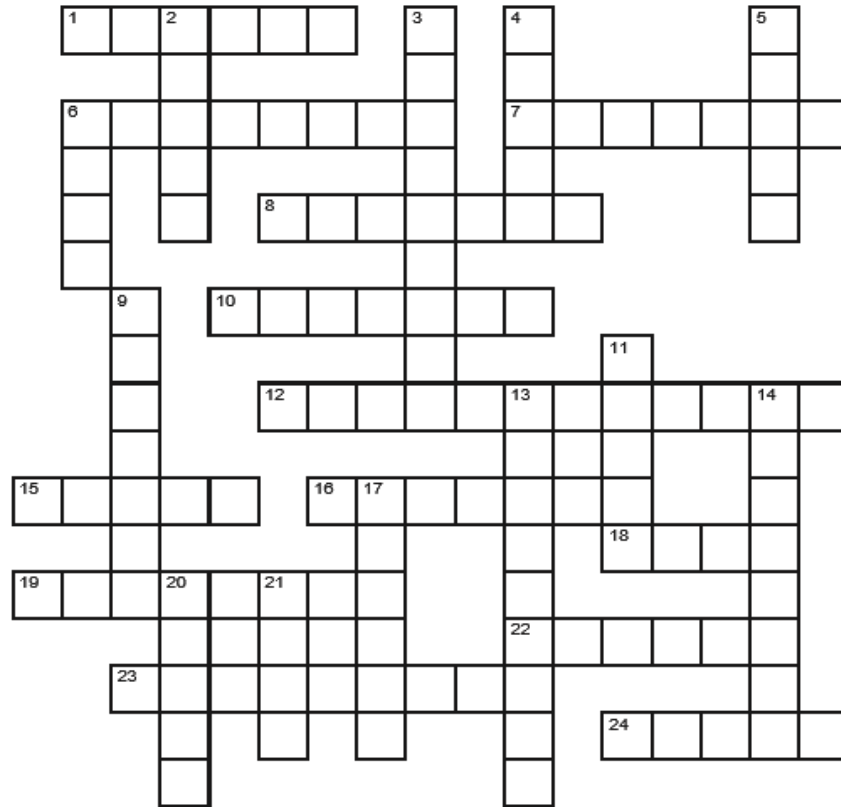
A-MAZE-ing Fun!



Crossword

I LOVE FALL

Acorn
Apple
Autumn
Chestnut
Cider
Cobweb
Fall
Football
Gourd
Halloween
Harvest
Hay Bale
Hayride
Leaves
Maize
November
Nuts
October
Pumpkin
Quilt
Rake
Scarecrow
September
Sleet
Thanksgiving



ACROSS

1. They fall from trees.
6. Popular autumn sport.
7. Jack-o-lantern gourd.
8. The 10th month of the year.
10. The gathering of crops.
12. The fourth Thursday in November.
15. Might be patchwork.
16. Seat at a square dance (two words).
18. Leaf gathering yard tool.
19. They are roasted on an open fire.
22. Halloween decoration made by a spider.
23. The 9th month of the year.
24. Decorative squash.

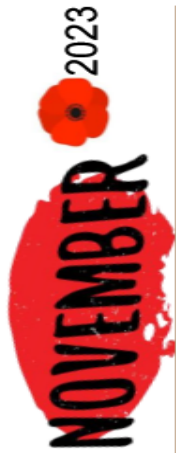
DOWN

2. Oak tree's fruit.
3. October 31st.
4. Honeycrisp.
5. Also known as corn.
6. The season that follows summer.
9. Fun activity on a farm.
11. Drink made from apples.
13. Used to keep birds off of crops.
14. The 11th month of the year.
17. Another word for the fall season.
20. Semi-frozen rain.
21. What squirrels often gather.



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November Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Breakfast 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Guides – 6:30 pm	6 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am Meditation 10:30 am WCI Rehearsal 2:45 pm Fitness 4:30 pm Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm Discing 7 pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30 pm	7 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am TOPS 10 am Gwenlynn 12 pm Knox Kids Music 7 pm Session 7 pm	8 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am Worship Committee 2 pm Cubs & Scouts 5-9 pm	9 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am Mission Committee 10 am Choir 7:15 pm	10 RAW CARROT ORDERS DUE WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am KAOS – 7-9 pm	11 Yuletide Bazaar 10:30 am to 2 pm
12 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY Worship 10:30 am Guides – 6:30 pm	13 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am WMS Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary 2 pm WCI Rehearsal 2:45 pm Fitness 4:30 pm Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm Discing 7 pm	14 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am TOPS 10 am Gwenlynn 12 pm Knox Kids Music 7 pm	15 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am Cubs & Scouts 5-9 pm Zoom Bible Study 7 pm	16 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am Choir 7:15 pm	17 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am KAOS – 7-9 pm	18
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26 Worship 10:30 am Advent Afternoon 11:30 am Guides – 6:30 pm	27 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am WCI Rehearsal 2:30 pm Fitness 4:30 pm Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm Discing 7 pm	28 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am TOPS 10 am Gwenlynn 12 pm WCI Rehearsal 2:30-9 pm Board of Stewards 7 pm Knox Kids Music 7 pm	29 WCI Rehearsal 9:30 am Fellowship & Craft Morning 9:30 am Cubs & Scouts 6-9 pm Zoom Bible Study 7 pm	30 WCI Rehearsal 8 am to 2:30 pm Christian Ed 2 pm Choir 7:15 pm		