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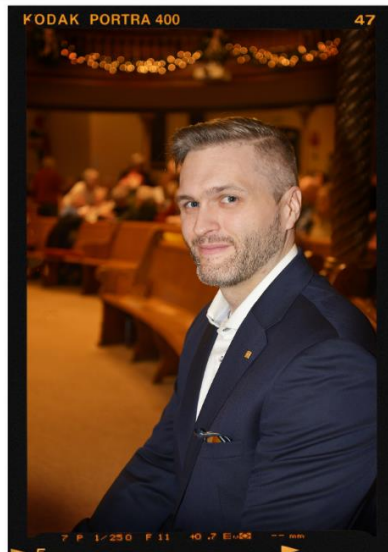
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*A publication highlighting events  
over the month of December, as  
well as a few upcoming events.  
Happy New Year!*

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## Community Carol Concert





## Community Carol Concert...



Our concert raised \$2,660.25 for Operation Sharing.

Thank you so much for your generosity!!



## Adelaide Soup Kitchen

Knox had the responsibility of preparing the noon meal for the Adelaide Soup Bowl (Soup Kitchen) at First Baptist Church on Friday, December 8th. We served 22 guests. The menu was vegetable-beef soup, egg salad and salmon sandwiches, coleslaw and apple crisp for dessert. Special thanks to those who helped prepare this meal -- Mary Marley, Nick and Carrie Hardeman, Lynda and Ken Whiteford, Lauren Reczuch, Rev. Dong-Ha Kim, Karen Spurgeon, Don and Elaine Stevens.





## WCI – Bye Bye Birdie

What a blessing to have been able to host WCI this fall. Their Bye Bye Birdie performance was very well done! Thousands of people came through Knox doors to see the show!





## WMS Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary

Thank you to the Kitchen Crew for the lovely Christmas dinner!





## Chorales



The Chorales performed here once again on December 9<sup>th</sup> to a full house! What a blessing to be able to share our church with such gifted musicians!

## Secret Helpers



We are so appreciative of all the people here at Knox that tirelessly work behind the scenes, from decorating, cleaning, cooking, security for events, working on the boiler, the hot water heater, the sump pump, lighting, painting, moving furniture, taking pictures, woodworking, etc.

Knox is truly blessed so have people who are so generous of their time!

Here is a picture of one of our 'Secret Helpers'. John Dobbs showed up one day to clean up the parking lot!



## The Lyca Story Update

Nora Martin



A year or so ago, I wrote an article introducing you to my friend Lyca Mhone, from Blantyre, Malawi. You may or may not remember that she's studying to become a qualified minister to increase her usefulness in her ministry with Friends of Prisons, which is a group of volunteers who visit inmates in different prisons in Malawi, meeting them individually or in groups, sometimes for counselling or Bible study, and sometimes preaching to them as a larger group. As well as visiting them the volunteers sometimes distribute health and hygiene supplies to the inmates. A year ago, the Session decided that it would be appropriate to support her with much needed funds out of our Bursary Fund which is for situations like this, where a person is studying theology with a view to becoming a minister.

At that point I suggested that people in the congregation might like to show their support for Lyca by contributing to the Fund through their offering or through a special donation to the Fund. A number of you responded very generously, for which the Session and Lyca thank you. In September of 2023 the Knox News included a short letter from Lyca expressing her profound appreciation for your support, both monetary and by praying for her. In November 2023 I visited Lyca in person while I was in Malawi on a Canadian Foodgrains Study Tour, and she reported that in spite of continued challenges, she is doing well with her studies. She thanks you from the bottom of her heart for the continued support, without which she would have to give up on answering God's call to be a qualified minister.

The biggest challenge continues to be a shortage of money, in view of the recent dramatic devaluation of the Malawi Kwacha, their monetary unit. This means that prices, especially of such things as fuel, are skyrocketing, causing transportation costs to rise likewise. As that is a fairly significant portion of the cost of incidentals that Lyca needs help with, you can imagine that she's having a problem, meaning that she



sometimes has to choose between eating and getting to the University for her classes (or back home for her other commitments). Our church is committed to helping Lyca as we can, and I'm reminding you now that while we have quite a bit of money in the Bursary Fund, it won't last forever without replenishment. Once again, I'm inviting you to show your support for Lyca in a material and practical way, by contributing to the Fund. Any amount is good, and you can simply mark your contribution for the Bursary Fund, using whatever method of payment you use habitually for your offerings. If it's easier to write a cheque, it should be payable to Knox Presbyterian Church, and Bursary Fund on the Memo line.

Thank you once again for your interest in our friend Lyca, a woman whose dedication to God's call inspires me and, I hope, inspires you as well.

## Our Church Family



Joan Willsie	January 3
Sean McCoy	January 5
Marjorie Gunn	January 18
Kim Kenny	January 18
John Szasz	January 18
Nancy Sieber	January 26
Marg McCurdy	January 26



Cliffe and Anne Jewlal January 30



Remembering Margaret Gregor (February 9, 2023), Bill Moyer (May 12, 2023), Ken Miller (August 17, 2023), Chad Waugh (October 17, 2023), & Bryan Lemanski (December 12, 2023)

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these dear loved ones.

## Knox Walks: Walking for Coldest Night of the Year

Nora Martin



I'm trying to get ahead of the game this year, having signed up a while ago as Team Captain of the Knox Walks team for Coldest Night of the Year. Likewise, I'm putting this article in the January edition of the Knox News to give us a head start of fundraising this year. This year, so far, the team consists of Steve McInnis, Nora Martin, and Kim Kenny, but we welcome anyone else to join us. The official date for the Walk is February 24, 2024, but if that date doesn't suit us, we can shift to any date in February, since I've signed us up as independent walkers.

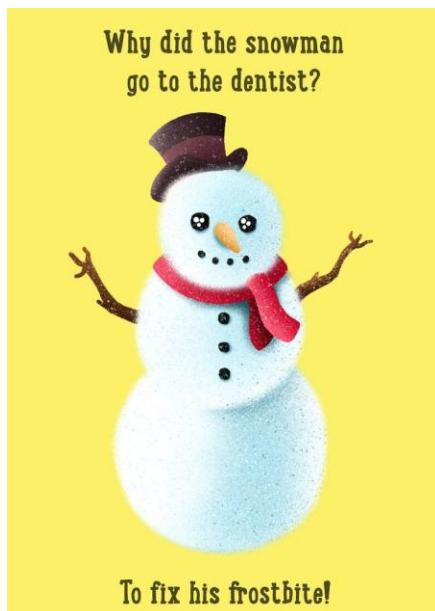
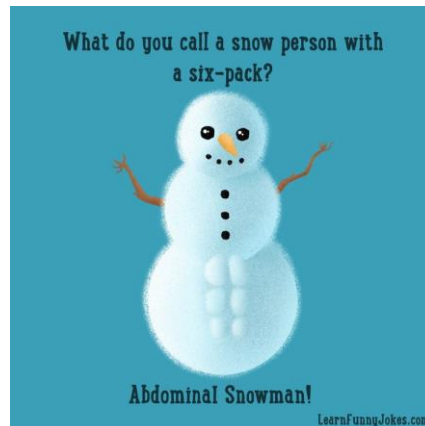
We hope that even if you can't or don't want to walk with us, you will be interested in supporting the cause monetarily. If you wish to donate to one of us, or to the team as a whole, we welcome your support which goes to Operation Sharing. Cheques can be made payable to Coldest Night of the Year and given to one of us, and we will make sure they get to the right place. Or they can be payable to one of the team members, and we can enter the amount online for you, putting it in your name so you get the receipt. Cash can be given to any team member, who will then enter the amount online and have the receipt sent to you.

To find us and support us online, or to sign up to join our team, click on the following link: [Woodstock \(Operation Sharing of Woodstock\) - CNOY 2024 Canada](#) - From there you can follow the links to find our team, Knox Walks. You can also talk with Steve or Nora about how to sign up, if you are having difficulties. Please let us know how we can help you.

We've set the bar very high for ourselves again this year, hoping to raise three thousand dollars in total. With a little help from our friends (that means you!), we should be able to do it. Even if we don't achieve our goal, we know that every little bit counts, when it comes to being homeless and destitute. Thank you for the support you've given us in the past and any support you can give us this year. Our friends who are in financial difficulties thank you.

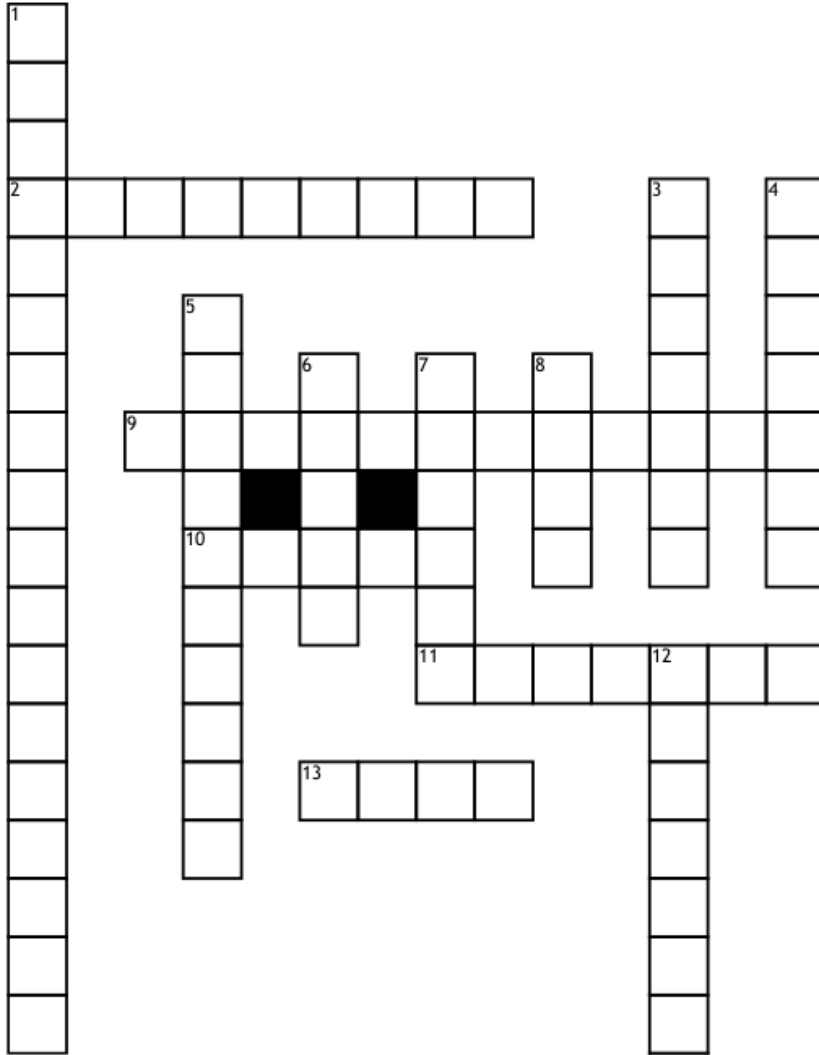


## Funnies



## Crossword

# January Crossword Puzzle



### Across

2. How many days are in January?  
 9. What do you drink when it is cold outside?  
 10. Day of the month New Years is on  
 11. Something you build when it snows  
 13. How the weather feels during the winter

### Down

1. I have a drea  
 3. Month New years is in  
 4. Used to keep your hands warm in the cold  
 5. Soft pieces of frozen water that fall from the sky  
 6. Something that keeps your neck warm

7. There are 12 of these in a year  
 8. What do you eat when its cold?  
 12. What you are waiting for on New Years Eve



## Colouring Page



Everyone teased the snowman  
about his pointy nose, but  
fortunately, he didn't carrot all.



## Word Search

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# WINTER WORD SEARCH



How do snowmen greet each other?



"Ice to meet you!"

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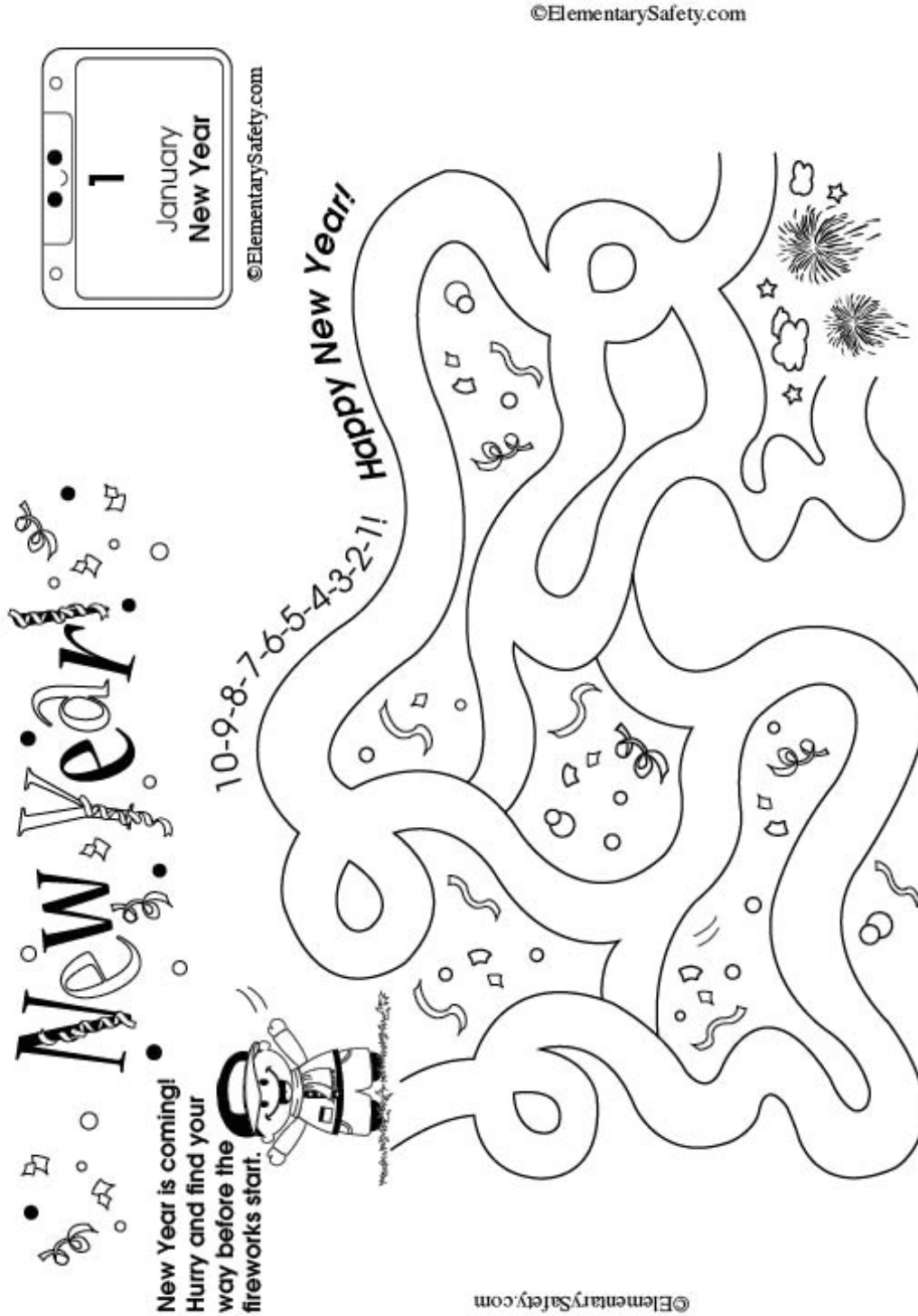
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FEBRUARY  
JANUARY



## A-MAZE-ing Fun!



New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1 of every year. It is a time of new beginnings and new ideas. Many children start the celebration with their families on the evening of December 31st. There is often a countdown to midnight.

## Session Notes

Steve McInnis

The Session met on Tuesday, December 5. Fourteen elders attended, including the moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim. The moderator led us in opening prayer and a reflection about diversity and unity (Galatians 3:26-28).

**Updates:** Thanks were expressed to the organisers of the Community Carol Concert and to those who worked with WCI's drama program through the fall.

**Visioning and Caring:** We discussed children at Knox and how we can make the church more inviting to them and their parents/guardians.

### Ministry Reports:

**Christian Education** – There is a need for more Sunday School and Nursery volunteers.

**Children's Choir Ministry** – We anticipate their participation at a worship service.

**Mission** – A large number of youth are participating in the KAOS program. The committee is preparing a list of Woodstock organisations offering free meals.

**Pastoral Care** – The list of shut-ins associated with Knox continues to grow.

**Board of Stewards** – Stained glass continues to be installed at Knox. Some boiler maintenance has been done. The snow plow contract is set up for this winter. Surge protection will be added to protect us from electrical spikes. We will be increasing the number of cameras around the church.

**Worship** – Phone Live streaming will continue to be available in 2024.

**Presbytery/Synod Report** – The Paris Presbytery met by Zoom. The education and caring committee responded to an overture from assembly council regarding nominations from presbyteries. There are many congregations without full time ministers. Innerkip Presbyterian continues to pursue leaving the Presbyterian Church. Central Brantford Presbyterian's building will be sold by June of 2024 and the congregation will worship at an as yet undecided location on Sundays.



**Ministers' Report** – We pray for peace in our community and world. We need to make Knox welcoming to children and their parents.

### **New Business**

- Nora Martin reported about her experience with the food security learning tour to Malawi (Canadian Foodgrains Bank)
- More Knox members or adherents will be asked to join a committee to investigate an electronic sign on Hunter St. lawn.
- Annual General Meeting Date will be April 7, 2023.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2023 @ 7:00pm**



## January 2024 Calendar

# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 12 pm Vocal Lessons	3 6 pm Cubs/Scouts 7 pm Stewards	4 7:15 pm Choir	5 NO KAOS	6
7 8:30 am Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Coffee Hour after service 6:30pm Guides	8 10:30 am Meditation 4:30 pm Fitness 7 pm Discing 7 pm Pathfinders & Rangers 7:30 pm Meditation (Zoom)	9 9:30 am TOPS 12 pm Vocal Lessons 7 pm Knox Kids Music 7 pm Session	10 9:30 am Craft & Fellowship 2 pm Worship Committee 6 pm Cubs/Scouts 7 pm Zoom Bible Study	11 10 am Mission Committee 7:15 pm Choir	12 7 pm KAOS	13
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