# Knox News

Knox Church Woodstock

## **Minister's Musings**

#### Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim



## "Faith Thrives in Adversity"

Portrayed here is one of my favorite words, Hope.

Those of you who have been following me on Sunday worship services will know that I use this vocabulary quite frequently. Suffice to say, my messages tend to be guided by the principles of this word. And this stems from my conviction that Scripture as a whole is intended to be a message of *hope* for the people of God. No matter how bleak the Scripture passage may seem, the intention is to convey *hope* in some sense, however big or small.

One of the most inspiring Scripture passages comes from the *Book of Psalms*. At one point, the Psalmist writes, "*But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more….Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.*" (Psalms 71: 14-18). For me, this is none other than the Psalmist's witnessing of God's righteousness and faithfulness to us through the myriad of life-giving activities, **all the days** of his/her life! No, this is not an ideal portrayal of what 'life' typically entails. Rather, it is the Psalmist's unfiltered orientation to God throughout his/her life, no matter what obstacles lay ahead! It is the Psalmist's witness of God and God's works amid life in all that it entails, the good and the bad.

One could say that the Psalmist echoes Jesus' message on the sustaining care of God:

"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).

That is, persons who strive for the kingdom of God will face adversity, as surely the Psalmist did, but he/she trusts and teaches others to trust that God's grace is sufficient.

The Psalmist, our Lord Jesus, and countless other faithful throughout time, lived in constant trust and *hope*. The resulting life, therefore, was and is one of 'praise to God'! No, we are not praising God for the ailments/challenges that any one of us is facing today. We do so, because we do not believe words like 'praise,' 'celebration,' and 'hope' are limited to those who are prosperous and advantaged; rather, such vocabulary belongs to those who know at all times that in 'every circumstance' of life - including those times when we are struggling - that our lives belong to God, and our futures depend on God.

Friends, I never cease to be amazed and surprised how, time after time, Scripture conveys to us a message of *hope*. And I pray this bit of sharing was able to do just that, if only in the smallest of ways.

Blessings in Christ,

Rev. Kím

## **Session Notes**

Submitted by Steve McInnis



#### **Session Notes**

The Session met on Tuesday, February 27. Ten elders were present. The moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim, led a devotion from 1 Corinthians 6:17: God sees us through the prism of Jesus' sacrifice and we are accepted and unconditionally loved.

#### **Updates:**

- The church sign committee is established and will research options together.
- The photo directory project is continuing and a first draft will be made available in April for proofreading.

**Visioning and Caring:** Committees will write descriptions of their work for the Knox News, through the year, culminating with Session in December.

## Ministry Reports:

**Mission** – KAOS attendance averages 12, with 17 registered. Kids' Camp is being organised for seven weeks in the summer. Many changes will be implemented to reduce costs. Knox will prepare lunch at the Adelaide Soup bowl on Monday and Friday, April 12 and 15.

**Christian Education Committee** – A picnic will be held after church, one Sunday in June.

**Children's Choir Ministry** – The program is continuing with high-energy children.

**Pastoral Care** – The committee continues to make visits and contacts to the growing list of shut-ins (currently 20). The prayer-link, prayer shawl group, and meditation groups continue to function with support from the congregation.

**Board of Stewards** – The committee presented the general budget in preparation for Session Page | 3

to review and for the 2024 annual meeting. The kitchen crew is in the process of remodelling the Cheyne Room. In conjunction with this, the two basement pianos (not repairable) and many hymn books from 1972 (with mold) will be disposed of.

**Worship** – Phone-live-streaming has been prepaid for the next 1-2 years. We will be purchasing two new Christmas trees. Communion will be provided at Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. We will plan to dedicate the new stained glass at our 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the fall.

**Presbytery Report** – Many churches are operating without ministers and many changes are in process.

**Ministers' Report** – The Good Friday service will be held at Knox this year. As a missional church, our activities are informed by a desire to make our community a better place.

**New Business** – We will be establishing a hymnal library in the board room, using donated hymn books from Bob Miller's collection.

## Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 7:00pm

## **Pastoral Care Committee**

Submitted by Nora Martin

Introducing the Pastoral Care Committee



For the next few months, you will see each of the committees of Session introduced one by one in the Knox News. If you are curious, read on!

The Pastoral Care Committee has the responsibility to aid the Minister (or Pastor) in caring for the members and adherents of the church. "Pastoral", meaning "like a shepherd", refers to the idea from the New Testament that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and he commands Peter (and the other disciples) to feed his sheep—that is the followers of Jesus. The members of this committee have the privilege of visiting people, either in person or by phone, email, or letter, especially when there is a particular need. We try to keep in regular touch with shut-ins, especially our elderly members of whom there is an increasing number. The committee recognizes that there are many of you who also provide informal pastoral care as you stay connected with other people in our congregation, whether regular attenders or not.

The committee also oversees the activities of the Prayer Link, the Prayer Shawl Group, and the Meditation Groups. The Prayer Link is a group of members who are called upon particularly to pray for special needs in the congregation. They hold all information given in strictest confidence, of course. (If you have a concern you'd like prayer for, feel free to contact Rev. Kim, the church office, or any member of the committee.) The Prayer Shawl Group meets approximately once a month to make prayer shawls and pray together, but we work individually also, to keep up our stash of prayer shawls and afghans (which go to high school graduates). The meditation groups meet on Mondays in the Cheyne Room at 10:30 a.m. or on Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

The Pastoral Care Committee is responsible for the assignment of the end-of-the-month coffee hours, and we are actually going to be serving you at coffee hour on Easter Sunday, March 31! So come out and see who we are.

We always welcome people who are interested in getting involved, either by joining the committee itself or with the visiting aspect, the Prayer Link, the Prayer Shawl group, or a Meditation group. For more information, contact either the church office or one of the following committee members: Marie Yungblut (convenor), Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim, Carol Yungblut, Karen Spurgeon, Nora Martin.

# **Leading With Care**

Submitted by Lynda Whiteford



## TIPS FROM THE CANADIAN RED CROSS Tip #5

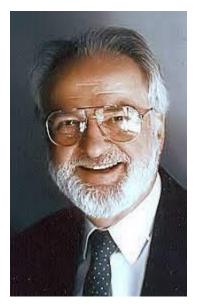
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## **Music Moment**

#### Submitted by Janet vanderSpek

Our Lenten journey continues. Here are some inspiring words by Ann Ker:

"Six weeks of Lent before Easter. Six weeks of preparation: We follow the footsteps of Jesus right up to the Cross and Resurrection!"



Here is the some of the text of an Easter hymn written by Herbert F. Brokering:

 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! Trumpets responding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Walking the way, Christ in the center, telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise.



Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Herbert Brokering (1926-2009), was a Lutheran pastor with German roots, an author of more than forty books, and a poet and hymn writer. He was born in Nebraska, USA, the son of a German Lutheran pastor; earned three undergraduate degrees, and pursued graduate studies in Germany. He served as a pastor of three Lutheran congregations and also taught at the Navy Chaplain's Career School, Rhode Island. (- background information written by Emily Brink)

I am grateful for beautiful Easter hymns enabling our praises to the Risen Lord.

Have a Blessed Easter Season.



# **Library News**

Hello everyone, from the Library Crew!

After the Covid hiatus and very busy personal lives, we have been back at it in the library since last September.

We are continuing to ensure that the whole collection is up to date on our digital catalogue, the shelves are clean and tidy, and old materials that no longer serve us well are withdrawn to make more space. We are preparing to catalogue and make available the boxes of beautiful donations that have come in. More changes are coming as we better use the space and new materials we have. We want our library to be a hub of inspiration and fun for the whole congregation.

Thank you to everyone who uses our library and especially to those who have given us donations. If they aren't the right fit for our collection, we will pass them along to someone they can bless. Please speak to one of the team if you have any questions about what materials are in need. We would also love to hear your ideas.

For those newer to Knox, our books and other resources are available to be signed out. The borrower card is usually in the back cover. Simply fill in your name and phone number and place the card in the sparkly silver box on the small table. Next to it is the cardboard box to return your materials in when you are finished. Please make sure that we get them back so that others can enjoy them as well. The library team will replace the borrower cards and put them back on the shelves. There are a few items that do not have borrower cards because they are not loaned out but stay in the library to be available to be used at any time. This includes our Bibles and past Knox directories and photo albums.

Starting soon, materials that we have removed from the library to make space for new items will be available in the Friendship Centre for free to anyone who wants them. Enjoy!

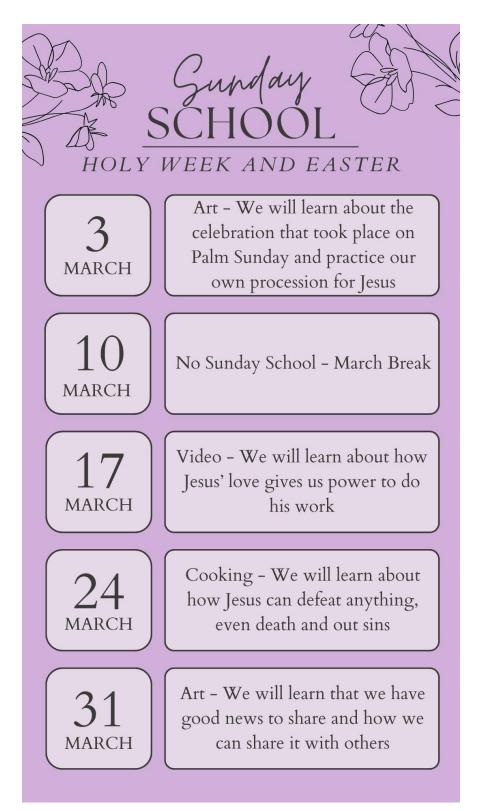
Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for your patience as we catch up!

Anne and Josie Miller, Marg McCurdy, and Janet Smith

Peace, Anne



# **Sunday School**



Knox Kids' Camp



Program running 9am-3:30pm Monday to Friday July 8th to August 23rd Doors open 8:30am-4pm Ages 4-11 \$125 per child, per week

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE VISI kNOXWOODSTOCK.CA 519-537-2962 kNOXKIDSCAMPD@GMAIL.COM

## Lent Event 2024



# Kitchen & Craft Crew



Happy Easter from the Kitchen Crew, Carol, Alice & Rose



**Please note** – The Cheyne Room will be out of use from March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, due to renovations generously provided by the Kitchen Crew. Look forward to regular updates on the progress.



**PIES** – If you pre-ordered pies, please remember that pick-up is Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am.

**Craft & Fellowship -** Come and join us March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for Craft & Fellowship at 9:30 am. If you don't do crafts, just come and have some fun & fellowship.

# **FREE STUFF!**



## FREE Pianos –

If anyone is interested in the piano(s) in the Cheyne room and/or the one in the dining hall, please call the church. Both sound boards are cracked, so they are not repairable, but there may be someone who would like it for a project. We will need them gone by March 8<sup>th</sup>.



**FREE Cabinet –** 17.25" D x 75.5" H x 91.5" W

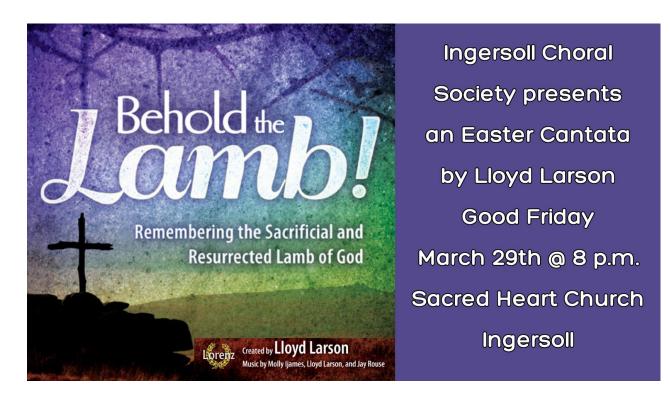
If you're interested in this cabinet, contact the church office or one of the stewards to arrange pick-up. This is the cabinet upstairs, so you'll need to have people who can help carry it down the stairs.

# Call a Cab – We'll Pick Up the Tab!



If you need a *ride to church*, please call **Kendall Cab** at **519-537-2345**, show them a cab card (available at the doors), and Knox Church will pick up the tab!

# **Behold the Lamb!**



## **Paris Presbyterial**

#### Paris Presbyterial WMS Annual Meeting

The WMS (Women's Missionary Society) in Paris Presbyterial celebrated their 139<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, February 3, 2024. The annual meeting was held at the Paris Community Church with WMS members attending from Woodstock, Embro, Simcoe and Paris.

Greetings were given by Shirley Miller, presbyterial president, Deb Kallendar Stimphil from Council executive, Judy MacIntosh, Synodical president and from Michelle Benjamin from the Paris church.

Marybel Brennenaman led a thoughtful worship and memorial service. The offering of \$249.00 goes to the Action Refugies Montreal project. The money is used to buy telephone cards for refugees arriving in Montreal. Our guest speaker, Deb Kalendar Stimphil, shared PWS&D news about mission work and told us about her trip to Malawi. After lunch, the Rev. Mark McLennan and Susan McLennan led us in sing-song.

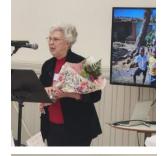
Following lunch and business there were some special presentations. Mark and Susan McLennan are retiring to Nova Scotia in June. They will both be missed for their presence and their musical gifts at our presbyterials. Rev. Mark had served three years as presbyterial president and Susan had been on Council. Mark and Susan were presented with a monetary gift that we asked to be used for landscaping their new home in Nova Scotia.

Presentations were also made to Shirley Miller, as outgoing president and Elaine Stevens as outgoing secretary. Shirley has served as presbyterial president three different times over the many years. Elaine Stevens served as presbyterial secretary for 19 years.

Susan McLennan inducted the new 2024-2025 officers – Deb Melnyk (Simcoe) as president, Marybel Brennenman (Embro) as first vice-president, Jane Ashenden (Simcoe) as secretary, and Lisa McLaughlin-Kent (Paris) as treasurer.



Presentation to Susan and Rev. Mark McLennan for their years of support to the Women's Missionary Society. Rev. Mark served as President of Presbyterial for two years, the first (and as far as we know, only) man to do so! Susan served on the National Council Executive for many years and was National President of the WMS from 2015-2017. Both Susan and Mark continue to be involved with the Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary in Woodstock.



Elaine Stevens has served as Secretary of the Paris Presbyterial for the past nineteen years! Elaine has also served as Treasurer of the Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary, Woodstock, for many years. Elaine was honoured as she retires from the Presbyterial role.



Shirley Miller, from Paris, was honoured as she retires – for the third time! – from her role as Presbyterial President. Shirley has been a committed and enthusiastic member of the WMS since she was a young girl. Shirley is seen here with incoming President, Deb Melnyk from Simcoe.

**Don't Forget!** 



# Recipe

# **Easter Bunny Treats**

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep/Total Time: 15 min. **YIELD:** 1 dozen



#### Ingredients

- 1/3 cup vanilla frosting
- 36 miniature marshmallows
- 36 large marshmallows
- Red and pink heart-shaped decorating sprinkles
- Small black nonpareils
- White jimmies
- Pink colored sugar

#### Directions

- 1. Place frosting in piping bag. For each bunny, cut 2 miniature marshmallows in half and use frosting to attach them to 1 large marshmallow to form arms and legs.
- 2. For the face, attach 2 miniature marshmallow halves for cheeks. Use the heart-shaped sprinkles, black nonpareils and white jimmies to form nose, whiskers and eyes.
- 3. For the ears, cut 1 large marshmallow in half diagonally. Dip each sticky side in colored sugar and use frosting to attach the ears to the top of the large marshmallow. Use frosting to connect the 2 large marshmallows; let stand until dry.

https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/easter-bunny-treats/print/

# **Our Church Family**



Marie Gregor	March 3
Mary Ellen Rumble	March 5
Eugenia Culp	March 12
Marg Douglas	March 24
Carol Masters	March 28



Don & Elaine Stevens March 4



We want to thank everyone for the extremely generous gift you blessed us with on February 18<sup>th</sup> at coffee hour. We dearly love everyone here at Knox and we were overwhelmed by the kindness of such a gift. We want to thank you all for the support you've always shown us, but especially as we anticipate our first baby. We've always felt like part of the family at Knox, we love all of you so much and you are all such a blessing in our life.

Thank you all so much.

Alex and Mikayla Voortman (and baby)

# A Blast from the Past



Photo submitted by John Dobbs A photo of the sanctuary before the choir risers were installed.

If you have a "Blast from the Past" you would like to share, please email Kim or bring it in to the office for her to scan.

## Ways to Give

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

One of those ways is through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). If you're interested in switching over to have your offering come directly out of your bank account, fill out one of the PAR forms located at the front and back entrances, or contact Kim in the church office.



# **Presbyterian Cemetery**

#### Submitted by Brad Markle

Our cemetery had a good year. The maintenance team of John Dobbs and Don Stevens did an outstanding job of looking after our cemetery.

Many thanks to our church members and their loved ones who donated money to the upkeep. It is very much appreciated. These donations go a long way in allowing us to maintain our high standards.

Thank you so much,

Brad Markle,

Secretary Treasurer



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315 VanSittart Avenue, Woodstock, ON

## **Knox Walks for CNOY**

#### Submitted by Nora Martin



# "Knox Walks" Walks Again!

Saturday, February 24 was a perfect weather day for our Coldest Night of the Year walk. It was bright and sunny, although cold, so it was ideal walking weather. The three of us, Kim, Steve, and Nora, met at Kim's place at 10:00 a.m. and started walking. Kim had worked out a route for us, winding up and down the local streets. By 11:20 or so, we were all finished with the walking and we sat down to relax for a bit before going to get the pizza we had ordered. A lovely treat to celebrate our successful walk and our time together.

Thanks to all of you, our good friends and supporters, we were able to raise a respectable amount for Operation Sharing. The total that we as a team have raised to date is \$2555.25. That's getting pretty close to our goal of \$3000, so thank you for your support!

The deadline for donations for this event is March 31, so if you haven't yet donated but would like to, you can still contact Kim at the church or go to the website (see below) to do so. Steve and Nora will be away for most of March, so unavailable to help you.

## The website is as follows:

https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1006487&langPref=e n-CA

Thanks again!

# **Did You Know?**



Did you know that Knox has a family washroom downstairs with a change table? If you aren't sure where it is, check with one of our ushers and they will be happy to show you the way.

# **Funnies**



- What does a cloud wear under his raincoat? *Thunderwear!*
- Sham-rock!
- **f** What is a leg's favourite month? **March!**

Here's What did one Irish ghost say to the other? Top o' the moaning!



- What do you call a bear caught in a spring shower? A drizzly bear!
- Why is the letter 'A' like a flower? Because a 'B' comes after it!
  - What's the difference between spring rolls & summer rolls? Season-ing!
- Can bees fly in the rain? Yes, if they wear yellow jackets!

## **Word Search**

AWAKENING BASKETBALL BLOSSOM DAFFODIL DAYLIGHT SAVING EASTER, EQUINOX FLOWER FRESH GREEN GROWTH HOLI KITE LEPRECHAUN LUCK MADNESS MARCH PARADE POT OF GOLD RAIN REBIRTH RENEWAL SHAMROCK SHOWERS SPRING ST. PATRICK'S DAY WINDY



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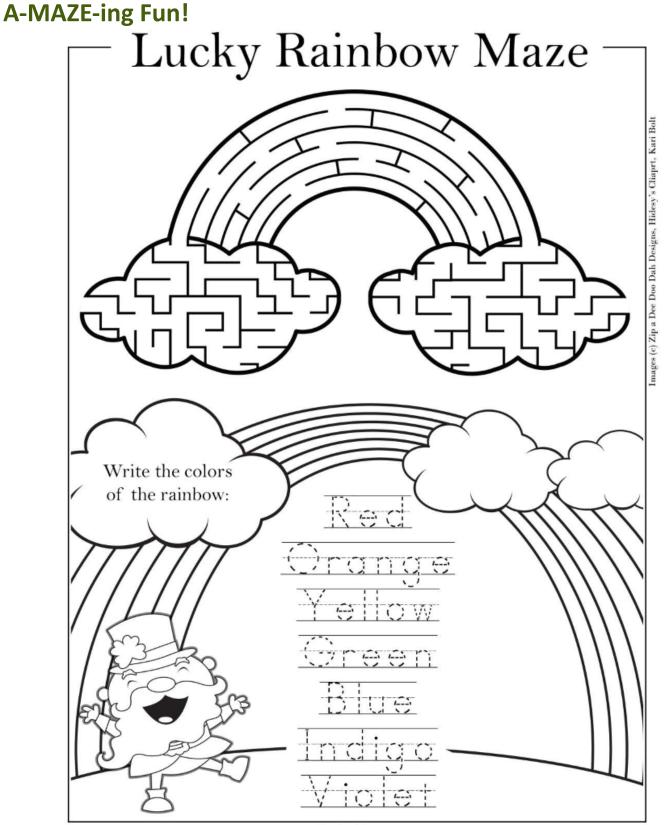
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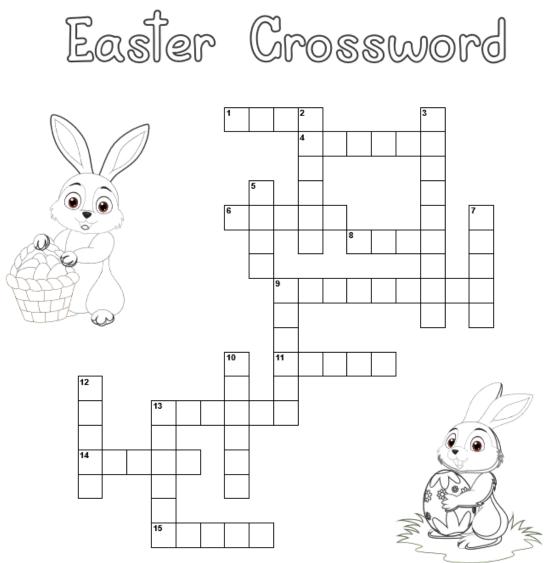
# **Colouring Page**





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## Crossword



#### Across

- [1] Something painted at Easter Time
- [4] Something you march in
- [6] Animal that delivers Easter Goodies
- [8] A baby sheep
- [9] Easter Eggs are made of \_\_\_\_\_
- [11] Jesus has \_\_\_\_
- [13] A pretty hat worn on Easter
- [14] Name for Resurrection
- **[15]** Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb

#### Down

- [2] We celebrate Easter in this season
- [3] A colorful candy found in the Easter basket
- [5] An Easter Egg \_
- [7] Symbol of the Crucifixion of Jesus
- [9] What a rabbit likes to eat
- [10] Day of week Easter is celebrated
- [12] Baby chicken
- [13] What you carry to gather eggs

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Saturday	~	<b>6</b> 7	<del>6</del>	3	30 Happy Easter
Friday	2 pm World Day of Prayer @ Dundas St. United 7 pm KAOS	œ	<del>5</del>	22	29 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 am Good Friday Service
Thursday		7.15 pm Choir	10 am Mission Committee 7:15 pm Choir	21 7:15 pm Choir	2 pm Christian Ed 7 pm Maundy Thursday – COMMUNION
Wednesday		6 5 pm Library Crew 7 pm Zoom Bible Study	13 9:30 am Craft & Fellowship 1:30 pm Library Crew 2:30 PM Worship Committee 5 pm Cubs & Scouts	20 1:30 pm Library Crew 5 pm Cubs & Scouts 7 pm Bible Study - Zoom	27 9:30 am Craft & Fellowship 1:30 pm Library Crew 5 pm Cubs & Scouts
Tuesday		5 9:30 am TOPS 2 pm Vocal Lessons 7 pm Knox Kids' Music	12 9:30 am TOPS 2 pm Vocal Lessons 7 pm Knox Kids' Music	19 9:30 am TOPS 2 pm Vocal Lessons 2:30 pm Pastoral Care 7 pm Knox Kids' Music	26 9:30 am TOPS 2 pm Vocal Lessons 7 pm Knox Kids' Music 7 pm Board of Stewards
Monday		4:30 pm Maria Howlett Fitness Classes 7 pm Discing 7 pm Pathfinders & Rangers	1 2 pm Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary – Cheyne Room 4:30 pm Maria Howlett Fitness Classes 7 pm Discing 7 pm Pathfinders & Rangers	18 4:30 pm Maria Howlett Fitness Classes 7 pm Discing 7 pm Pathfinders & Rangers	25 4:30 pm Maria Howlett Fitness Classes 7 pm Discing 7 pm Pathfinders & Rangers EASTER MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday		3 8:30 am Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Coffee Hour after service 6:30 pm Girl Guides	10:30 am Worship Coffee Hour after service 6:30 pm Girl Guides	17 10:30 am Worship Coffee Hour after service 6:30 pm Girl Guides	24 10:30 am Worship Coffee Hour after service 6:30 pm Girl Guides 31 10:30 am Worship Coffee Hour after service

# **March Calendar**