

#### **Minister's Musings**

By Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim THE SPIRIT OF 'THANKSGIVING'



'Thanksgiving' is just around the corner. I am referring, of course, to that festive gathering around dinner tables overflowing with the openness and generosity of households. The warm glow of butter-crusted turkey or chicken, straddled with mouth-watering side dishes, well, these are but icing on the cake!

All of the above are, without question, important for our culture.

On closer examination, the underlying principles of 'thanksgiving' really do stem from our gratitude and honoring of God.

The Bible has a lot to say to us about *giving thanks in all circumstances*. 'Gratitude' isn't something that ought to be reserved for a season of the calendar year; rather, 'gratitude' speaks of our daily attitude and behavior.

The Letter to *Colossians (4:2)* notes, "[*the faithful ought to*] devote [*themselves*] to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving." In other words, 'thankfulness' ought to be part of our consciousness, that powerful state which guides all of our actions and thoughts, and words.

Further to that, 'thanksgiving,' is also an opportunity for us to ponder over the many blessings that God showers on each of us, every day. In this sense, 'thanksgiving' is not just around the corner; it has always been part of us.

May this season of 'Thanksgiving' be all the more meaningful for you and your family as you live out this 'generosity' now and always, and in God.

Thanks be to God.

Rev. Kim

# Session Notes

Submitted by Steve McInnis



The Session met on Tuesday, September 3. Ten elders were present. The moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim, led a devotion regarding our sacred community **(Matthew 18:20).** 

Plans to celebrate the 190th anniversary were discussed, including the November 3 Sunday service with Knox College Principal Ernest Van Eck, followed by a potluck lunch. Anniversary coins / tokens are selling. We will publish a special

anniversary edition of *Knox News*, with comments from local dignitaries and former ministers. We also plan to share our story with the History Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, almost coinciding with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PCC in 2025.

**Correspondence:** A thank you card regarding the photo directory was received.

#### Ministry Reports:

**Christian Education** – Several ideas about revisioning of the CE program in the context of a cancelled Kids Camp were discussed. The Children and Youth Coordinator position can be revamped so Knox will have other meaningful activities for children and youth.

Children's Choir - The program will continue at least until the end of 2024.

**Leading With Care** – First aid kits are being checked. Mikayla will provide LWC training for volunteers.

**Mission** – We will host one week at the Adelaide Soup Bowl, but someone will be needed to coordinate for Knox. A collection of food for the food bank will be organised this fall. The medical mission appreciated our contributions.

**Board of Stewards** – The board room has been renovated. The stained glass from Chalmers United Church has been installed in the church. New outside post lighting is complete. The external doors have been painted. The committee is seeking a nursery worker for Sunday services. The Woodstock Rotary Music Festival may use Knox during the Festival in 2025.

**Restoration Committee** – Work did not take place this year. Costs for any future work are increasing and the committee is investigating lower-cost options.

**Worship** – The committee discussed the October communion and phone live streaming usage.

**Presbytery/Synod Report** – Norwich and Bookton will amalgamate. Ratho's lay preacher has moved out of the area and someone will be needed to fill the pulpit many Sundays.

**Ministers' Report** – We have what we need to strengthen our church and ministry to our members and the Woodstock community. We are a conscientious faith community, although we have challenges to address, such as our aging membership.

#### Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 @ 7:00pm

#### **Committee Focus – Worship Committee**

Submitted by Gord Taylor

The Worship Committee at Knox consists of Rev. Kim, Gord Taylor, convener, Lynda Whiteford, Esther Johnston, Gwen Wilson, Katherine Wilford, and Alex Voortman.



Working with Rev. Kim's guidance, we are responsible to help streamline services. A duty list is prepared and session members are responsible to provide greeters and ushers every Sunday. We also contact lay readers and schedule them. A sub-committee led by Brenda Currah is responsible for any and all decorations in the sanctuary, as seasons change. The video and audio recordings created by George Seggewiss are covered by our committee.

The sacrament of communion is our most important focus. We prepare the elements and organize the serving and the clean up afterwards. Special events, such as Anniversary Sunday, joint Good Friday services, and Reformation Sunday, are also under our umbrella.

### **Music Moment**

#### Submitted by Janet vanderSpek

Wishing you a Happy Autumn Season! Enjoy a Blessed Thanksgiving Celebration.

Here is a lesser-known hymn about harvest and gratitude and it can be found in the hymn book called, Voices United:

#### "God, Whose Farm is All Creation"

God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give; take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that all may live.

Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain, all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripening into fruit and grain.

All our labour, all our watching, all our calendar of care, in these crops of your creation, take, O God: they are our prayer.



The words were written by John Arlott (1914-1991) He was an English journalist, author and cricket commentator for the BBC'S Test Match Special. He was also a poet and wine connoisseur, and wrote the occasional hymn.

Well-known composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams arranged the English traditional melody that it is sung to, using the tune name SHIPSTON.



The Operation Sharing fundraiser concert held at Knox Church on September 14th, raised approximately \$1,000. Thank you for your support and thanks to Eugena Riehl for her work in organizing this event, along with the brass quintet and winds quartet.

Here at Knox Church, we anticipate the 190th Anniversary Service and events. Former choir members are warmly invited to be part of the Service on November 3rd, 10:30 a.m. More details will be made available.

The Knox Kids Music Children's Choir has begun its rehearsals. They take place on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30-7:15. Singers ages SK and up are welcome.

On October 27th, the annual combined Reformation Sunday Service will take place. Covenant Christian Reformed Church, Emmanuel Reformed Church, and Maranatha Christian Reformed Church are the congregations participating with Maranatha Church doing the planning this year.

May God Bless You Richly.

#### Yuletide Bazaar

Anyone who wishes to help out with the bazaar on November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, please don't hesitate to contact Rose Izzard. Tickets are now available!



This is a wheelchair-accessible building. Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St., Woodstock



Come and join us every week for Craft & Fellowship at 9:30 am. If you don't do crafts, just come and have some fun & fellowship. **Everyone is welcome!** 

# **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to **Alice Kern** on winning the \$5 Tims Card in September! The correct answer was "Sarah Langille". This month, you have 2 chances to win. Tell me who is in the picture from our Blast from the Past below and/or answer the riddle at the top of page 17.

#### **Blast from the Past**



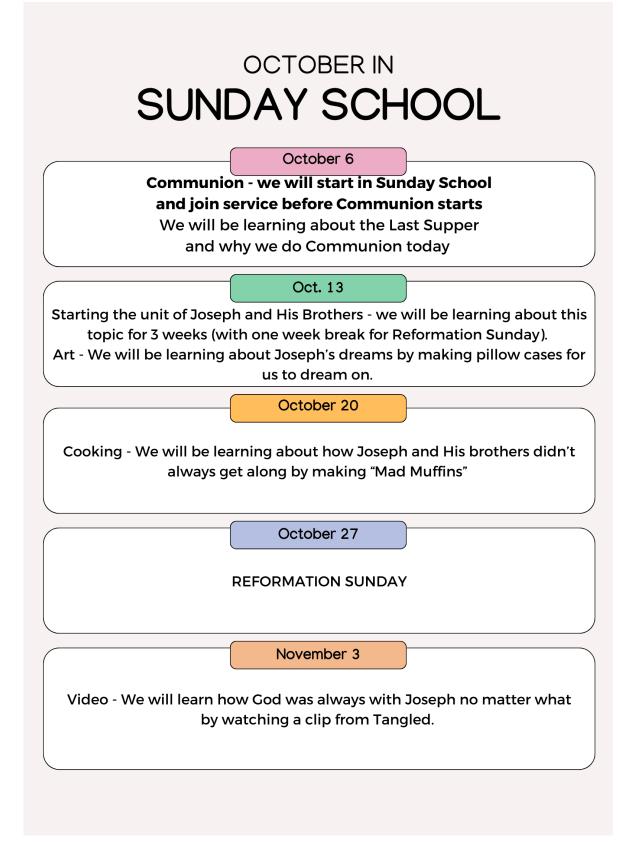
To enter the draw for a \$5 Tims Card, tell me who is in the picture.

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.

# Foodgrains Annual Pork BBQ



#### **Sunday School**



#### **PA Day Camps**



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#### Ways to Give

E-TRANSFER to office.knox.woodstockegmail.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



Knox Woodstock

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.

# 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!

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#### **Fitness Classes**





WITH KIM Senior-Friendly Fitness Class Tuesdays @ 6:00 - 6:45 pm in the Friendship Centre

- FREE
- Everyone Welcome
- Chair and Standing Exercises
- Low Impact
- Come out and have some fun!



WITH KIM

If you haven't been able to make it to our Tuesday classes, you can join me on ZOOM on Mondays. Contact Kim for the link. ZOOM CLASSES MONDAYS 6:30-7:00 PM



#### **Dessert Recipe**



#### Ingredients

2 (about 21-ounce) cans apple pie filling 1/2 cup caramel sauce, plus more for serving

1 (13.25- to 15.25-ounce) box spice or yellow cake mix

1 1/2 sticks (6 ounces) cold unsalted butter, plus more for the baking dish

Vanilla ice cream or <u>whipped cream</u>, for serving (optional)

#### Instructions

- Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with unsalted butter or cooking spray.
- 2. Layer in the baking dish in the following order (do not stir together): Spread 2 (about 21-ounce) cans apple pie filling into an even layer. Drizzle 1/2 cup caramel sauce evenly over the apples. Sprinkle evenly with 1 (about 13.25-ounce) box spice or yellow cake mix. Cut 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter into thin slices and arrange over the cake mix in an even layer, covering the entire surface as best you can.
- 3. Bake until golden brown, bubbling, and a crispy crust forms, 50 minutes to 1 hour. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream and more caramel sauce if desired.

**Storage:** Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

https://www.thekitchn.com/caramel-apple-dump-cake-recipe-23675338?utm\_source=yahoosyndication&utm\_medium=referral-distro

#### **Gluten-Free Recipe – Panera Bread Broccoli Cheddar Soup**

Submitted by Carrie Hardeman

INGREDIENTS: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup melted butter <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> medium chopped onion <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup flour <sup>2</sup> cups half & half cream <sup>2</sup> cups chicken stock or broth <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lb broccoli, (about 3 cups), chopped into bite-sized pieces

1 cup carrot, julienned (can buy matchstick carrots in produce section) ¼ teaspoon nutmeg (optional, but bring out the flavour) 8 ounces grated sharp cheddar cheese (2 cups) Salt and pepper

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**



Melt the ¼ cup butter and sauté the onions in it until soft. Sprinkle the flour over the mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat for 1-2 minutes.

Whisk in the half & half and chicken stock.

Add the broccoli and carrots. Cook over low heat for 20-25 minutes or until the broccoli and carrots are tender.

Add salt and pepper. You can leave the soup chunky or blend about 1 cup of the soup and stir it in for a smoother soup. Return to low heat and add the cheese. If your heat is too high, your soup can get grainy. Stir in the nutmeg, if desired.

Serve with crusty bread.

NUTRITION INFORMATION:

Yield: 6 Serving Size: 1

Amount per serving: 413 Calories, 31g Fat, 18g Saturated Fat, 1g Trans Fat, 10g Unsaturated Fat, 90mg Cholesterol, 610mg Sodium, 19g Carbohydrates, 3g Fiber, 7g Sugar, 17g Protein

https://www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com/panera-broccoli-cheese-soup

#### Let's Celebrate!





Tony Boodhoo Mikayla Voortman Gord Brown George Seggewiss Sharon Bateman Cliffe Jewlal Mavis Armstrong

John & Lynn Dobbs

October 1 October 6 October 11 October 19 October 20 October 29 October 30



Mark & Cheryl Shulman October 8 October 10 Larry & Laura Turvey October 18 Alex & Mikayla Voortman October 19

Please note: If your birthday or anniversary is missing, and you would like it included next time, please contact the office so that we can update our files.



Congratulations to Janet vanderSpek on the arrival of her great-niece, Clara Johanna, born August 16<sup>th</sup>, and her great-nephew, *Isaac Kenneth*, born August 28<sup>th</sup>.

vith deepest Sympathy My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. John 10:27-28



Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the Dobbs family on the passing of John's mother, Leila (Lee) Ann Dobbs. Lee passed away peacefully on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 92.

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# **Funnies**

Answer the following riddle and email your answer to Kim, for a chance to win a \$5 Tim Hortons gift card.

RIDDLE: You're a bus driver on a fall leaf tour. At the first stop 4 people get on. At the second stop 8 people get on, at the third stop 2 people get off and, at the forth stop everyone got off. The question is what color are the bus driver's eyes?



Q: How do you fix a flat pumpkin? A: With a pumpkin patch.

A: Sep-timber

Q: What is a tree's least favorite month?



Q: How does an elephant get out of a tree? A: It sits on a leaf and waits until autumn.



Q: There is a bush, a pine tree and an oak tree and it is the fall season. If the wind is blowing towards the west, which way does the leaves on the pine tree fall? A: A pine tree doesn't have leaves.



Q: Who helps the small pumpkins cross the street at school? A: The crossing gourds.



Q: What do you get when you drop a pumpkin? A: Squash

Q: How do you compliment a pumpkin on Halloween night? A: You tell her she is gourd-geous!



Q: What is the best way to make an oak tree laugh in October? A: Tell him acorn-y joke!



Q: What pants do ghosts wear? A: BOO jeans.

A: "I've got a boo boo!"

A: Tickle it's funny bone.

A: Spare ribs!

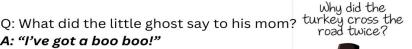
A: No body!

Q: How do you make a skeleton laugh?

•Q: Who won the skeleton race?



Q: What's the problem with eating too much pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving? A: You'll get autumn'y ache.







To prove he wasn't chicken. Q: What do skeletons serve at October dinner parties?

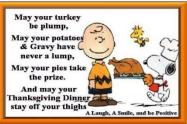
Why can't you take a turkey to church?



Q: What do you call two spiders who get married in October?

A: Newly-webs, of course!

Q: Why do pumpkins sit on people's porches? A: They have no hands to knock on the door.





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#### Word Search

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

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#### Sudoku

# Sudoku Kids

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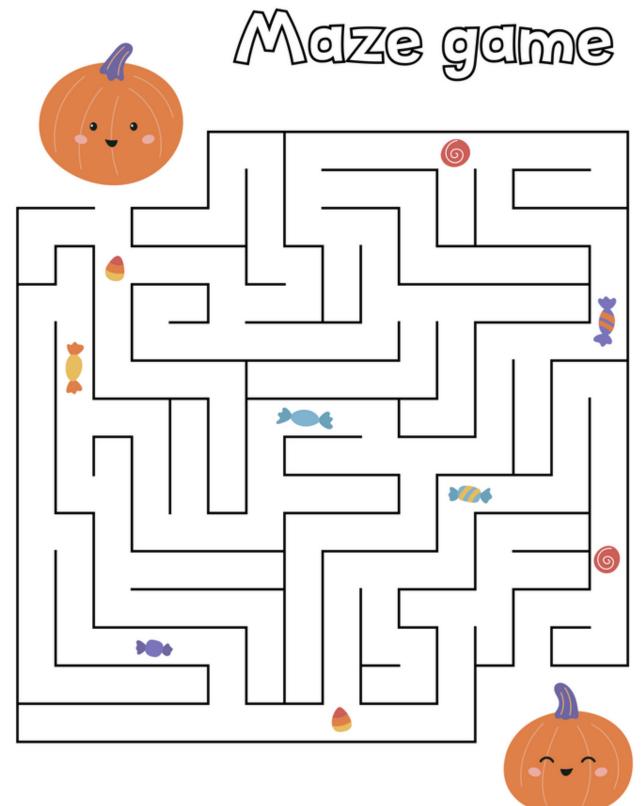
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# **Colouring Page**



#### **A-MAZE-ing Fun!**



#### Crossword

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# **October Calendar**