

## Knox News – June 2022



**News from the Board and Session:** The Knox Board and Session are now meeting in person on a monthly basis. There are lots of exciting new things happening at our church!



The Search team for a new director of music has narrowed the selection down to two candidates. In the next few weeks, these candidates will be auditioning and conducting a mock choir practice with the search team. We are hoping that there will be candidate recommended to the Session in June and that the congregation will be notified by the middle of June.

We are grateful to John Lyle who arranged for an emergency repair to the flashing on the church roof outside the front sanctuary doors in the past month. This piece of metal came loose during one of the windy days in April!

Scott Hipwell has spearheaded the project to arrange for better cabling from the balcony to the rest of the church. This cabling will ensure that our livestream on Sunday mornings is more consistent and allow the service to be broadcast in the nursery and in Rodney Hall.

The Human Resources Committee has drafted a job description to hire a new Sunday School and Indoor Playground Coordinator. This part – time position will be starting in September 2022.

Rodney Outreach is again sponsoring our families and young couples for a weekend away at Camp Kintail. The cost is just \$200/family. If you would like more information, please contact Meghan at [m.brockington@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.brockington@knoxstthomas.ca)

The board and session continues to be grateful to all who support the work of our church financially. The church is currently meeting its expenses with donations that have been received. The congregation is reminded that our expenses will increase in the fall, when we have an organist and another Christian Education staff person on salary.

A big thank you to those who have made one time donations of securities to the church. This is a tax efficient way to give to Knox! If you would like to know more about this way of making a donation, please contact Pete Taylor or the church office. Please note that when securities are donated through the online tool “Canada Helps”, 4% of the total gift goes to Canada Helps. In order to avoid this fee, donations can be made directly to the church by contracting the office.



**Elder Emeritus:** The title “elder emeritus” was awarded to elders Bob Walters and Bob Holt posthumously. Both of these elders passed away this winter/spring. Both were exemplary in their faith and service as members of the Knox Church Session. They will be missed for their dedication, their kindness, their sense of humour and their deep love of Christ and the Church.

### Please Pray for:

- The members of our church who are living with cancer and/or undergoing treatments.
- Those who are in hospital and those who are nearing the end of their lives on earth
- All of those who are undergoing tests for health issues.
- Allison Nash, who is expecting a baby in June!
- Pam O’Sullivan who is recovering from knee surgery
- Meghan Brockington as she continues to recover from her serious concussion
- Highschool students as they prepare for final exams
- The family of Bob Holt and Bev Gloin as they grieve these passings.
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**Do you know someone who is ill or needs a pastoral call or visit? Please contact Mavis at 519-860-1380 or [m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca)**

## June is Foodgrains Month at Knox!



The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is rooted in the belief that humankind is created in the image of God and that it is God's desire that no person should go hungry.

What is hunger?

For most people, the idea of global hunger evokes heartbreaking images of people suffering through extended famine or drought. While this type of acute hunger exists, it only accounts for around 16% of the total number of people facing hunger in the world.

A more complete definition of hunger includes when people do not have enough food – or enough nutritious food – over a long period of time. This kind of chronic hunger is less visible but has major effects on people's lives. When the body is not being properly nourished, it compensates by slowing down physical and mental activities. This affects children's growth, concentration at school and work, and weakens the immune system, making people more vulnerable to disease.

It is estimated that around 768 million people are facing hunger worldwide and do not enjoy "food security", meaning they do not have regular access to enough nutritious food to live health and active lives.

(taken from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website)

*Healing and Reconciliation*

....by Joy Wendling

June has been National Indigenous History Month since 2009. So perhaps you would like to start thinking about something you can do to recognize and honour Indigenous people on Turtle Island during this month. Some suggestions appear below.



A national day to recognize the important contributions Indigenous peoples have made to Canada and to celebrate their diverse cultures, was first recommended in 1982. It took until 1996 to actually declare June 21 as National Aboriginal Day, which was changed to National Indigenous Peoples Day in 2017. The date, chosen in consultation with Indigenous people, has always been important to many of them because it is the longest day in the year. Historically, many Indigenous peoples have gathered on or around the summer solstice to celebrate their culture and heritage. The longest day of the year was especially significant to the Inuit, who mainly inhabit the arctic area. It is now a provincial statutory holiday in North West Territories and Yukon; Indigenous and non-Indigenous people celebrate the day across the rest of Canada. Hopefully it will become a statutory holiday in the rest of the provinces, so that we all can pay proper tribute to the first peoples to live on Turtle Island.

### Suggestions for National Indigenous History month

#### Books:

- *The Inconvenient Indian. A Curious Account of Native People in North America.* by Thomas King
- *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act: Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality.* by Bob Joseph
- *Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death, and Hard Truths in a Northern City.* by Tanya Talaga

### Watch APTN, first Indigenous-run TV station on Turtle Island

- Face to Face
- Moosemeat and Marmalade
- APTN Investigates

### Activities

- June 2, 7:00 pm, Aeolian Hall Performing Arts Centre: Ananda Rheaume, Meti singer
- June 5, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, Fanshaw Pioneer Village, Ska-Nah-Doht Museum, 1424 Clarke Rd: Indigenous Cultures Day
- June 21, 6:00 pm, Springbank Gardens (Guy Lombardo Pavilion), 285 Wonderland Rd S: 5K, hosted by N'Amerind Friendship Centre Aboriginal Healthy Living Program; contact [jkennedy@namerind.on.ca](mailto:jkennedy@namerind.on.ca)
- June 21 12:00 – 4:00 pm, The Green, Wortley Village, 206-226 Wortley Rd: Indigenous Solidarity Day

Advance Notice: Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Pow Wow, Aug 20 & 21

## Upcoming Events at Knox in June, July and August!



**Coffee at Pinafore Park** – Every Tuesday 10:30am – 11:30am (weather permitting) Bring your own lawn chair and coffee!

**In Person Bible Studies** – 10:30am in the Library. Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Communion Sunday** – 10:30am Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Foodgrains Sunday** – June 12<sup>th</sup>. Following the service, there will be an opportunity to enjoy muffins and coffee inside or on the lawn. Offering baskets will be available during the coffee break for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

**KPW (Knox Presbyterian Women) Tea**, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in Rodney Hall. No charge for this event. Enjoy treats and great conversation. This event is open to all women of our congregation. Hope to see you there!

**Zoom Bible Study** – Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. (then we will break for the summer!)

**Knox Goes to the Theater!** - Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7pm. Show begins promptly at 7:30pm. This is a free theater performance! There are just a few tickets left. Call the church for more info or contact Tony Stacpoole. NOTE: First come first serve. Thanks to a generous donor for this Knox night out!

**Church Picnic at Pinafore Park!** Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30am – Please bring your own lawn chair and your own packed lunch! Outdoor worship service followed by lunch, games and activities for the kids! This service will take place at the main pavilion in the park. This is rain or shine!

**Icecream Sundays** 6:30pm - July 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>! A short family friendly worship followed by icecream sundaes!



**Sunday School moms' wine and cheese** – June 24<sup>th</sup> at Rev. Mavis Currie's home. This is a discussion evening for those with children in grade 8 and younger to discuss Sunday school, nursery for the fall.



**Book Club** – June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm The book we will be discussing is "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" Book club will resume in September!

**One Day Wonder** July 6<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm for children who have completed JK – grade 6. Cost \$2/child. Please bring your own lunch. To pre-register, call the office with the name, age, allergies and contact phone number of each child or email this information to:

[m.brockington@knoxstthomas](mailto:m.brockington@knoxstthomas). If you would like to be a helper, contact Rev. Mavis Currie at [m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca) We need youth helpers and also adults who will come in for a portion of the day.



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