By The Way

A Newsletter for
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March 2017

Upcoming Dates to remember:

MARCH

Wed Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 – Lenten Service and Lunch at Knox 12:00 noon. Al Welcome.

Sun Mar 5 – Sacrament of Communion, Monthly Luncheon, Youth Meeting and **ANNUAL MEETING**

Sun Mar 12 – Daylight Saving Time begins

Sat Mar 18 – Dessert & Euchre ($6) 6:30 p.m. All Welcome.

APRIL

Wed Apr 5 & 12 – Lenten Service and lunch at Knox 12:00 noon. All Welcome

Sun Apr 9 – Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Followed by fellowship and Hot Cross Buns in the Dr. A.C. Stewart Hall.

Maundy Thurs Apr 13 – Soup & Sandwich 6:30 p.m. followed by Service @7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Apr 14 –" Walk with the Cross" (More info to follow)

Easter Sunday Apr 16 – Sunrise Service at Knox (more info to follow) Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Easter Service of Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sun Apr 23 – Puslinch Fiddle Orchestra @ 2:30 p.m. Adults $15, 12 & under $10. Refreshments following. For tickets speak to a member of the Ladies Aid

Sat Apr 29 – Soup & Dessert Lunch, Grandma's Attic Table and Book Sale

From the study…

It is hard to believe that I have been here almost three years.

This past year has been encouraging though, particularly when I take the time to acknowledge the increase in Sunday morning attendance. Congregations often spend an inordinate amount of time concerned about attendance and I do not want to give you the impression that bodies in the pews is the only method, or even an effective method, to measure growth. However, it is none-the-less an encouraging sign to see so many of you out each Sunday, I hope this continues and that we will begin to see even more people each Sunday.

I've also been heartened by the response to Rebekah's '*The Art of Neighboring*' Group. And it is my hope that we can continue to build on this concept as we seek to reach out to the community of Acton. We as a congregation have done a wonderful job in providing financial support to overseas missions, and some local ministries, but I believe that we need to continue to seek for ways to become more personally involved in our neighbors' lives because relationships are key to evangelism in our context and culture.

Looking at the life and ministry of Jesus we find no organized programs because Jesus lived in a relationally context. Relationships trumped programs – or more accurately relationships created a need for programs. This is different from the world many of you grew up in where programs created a space to develop relationships, while this might seem like a semantical difference it is not.

Acton as a community is slowly transforming becoming younger and those coming up from Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington, even Georgetown, are displacing many longer-term residents. For many of them the church has never been a source of social or emotional support and when trouble finds them they do not look to the church.

Many of those whom Jesus ministered to, and who eventually formed the foundation of the church, did not look to the synagogue or the temple in their time of need either. So Jesus went to them – he searched out those whom his Father had given him. We to need to seek out those whom the Father has given to us – those who are in need of God's compassion and love.

And as we seek out these men, women, and children to share with them God's compassion, love, and grace, our congregation will continue to grow in its ability to share God's Word with others, in our own capacity to love, and care for each other.

'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'

- Matthew 22v39

Yours in Christ,
Rev Todd Nelson

Knox Youth Group

Knox Youth Group is looking forward to a busy year. We meet during the luncheon on the first Sunday of every month in the Paradise Room.

At our meetings we discuss the things we would like to do in 2017. The Youth decided they would like to a study on things that have happened in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We will be having a used book sale for adults and children. This sale is on Saturday April 29th at 10:00 am. If you have any used books you are finished with please bring them to our book sale. There is also a bake sale, soup luncheon and Grandma's Attic the same day.

We were able to fill 5 backpacks for the children at Halton Women's Place. They really appreciate your help as the children are so grateful. A very special thank you to Marion Crumplen for her donation of so many beautiful books.

Thank you for all of your help and encouragement. We really appreciate your kindness.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Respectfully submitted by Mary Findlay

The moment when a four-year-old little girl stands for the first time in her life. With the help of a specialized stander and some new friends, today our little one stood tall.

December 20, 2016

Mrs. Mary Findlay
Knox Young People
c/o 6397 17th Side Rd.,
Acton, ON L7J 2M1

Dear Mrs. Findlay,

On behalf of The Darling Home for Kids, I wish to express my gratitude and deep appreciation to the Knox Young People for their recent gift of $200.00.

With winter knocking on our doorstep it is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. At The Darling Home for Kids, the smell of delicious baked goods filter through the Home, and our residents wait with anticipation for a visitor from the North Pole, which is right around the corner!

Winter is also a time of promise and one kind deed can warm three long months of winter! Thanks to your mentorship and the generosity of your youth, the promise of a warm and inviting, fun-filled stay for children who will visit The Darling Home for Kids will be here. This generous gift will allow our special children to access a range of therapeutic programs and an array of exciting activities during their visits with us.

Please take comfort in knowing that this gift will be put to good use in supporting our mission of optimizing the quality of the lives of children living with life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses, and on behalf of the many families, who are deeply thankful that Knox Young People exist, you have my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

Melody Jackson

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The Darling
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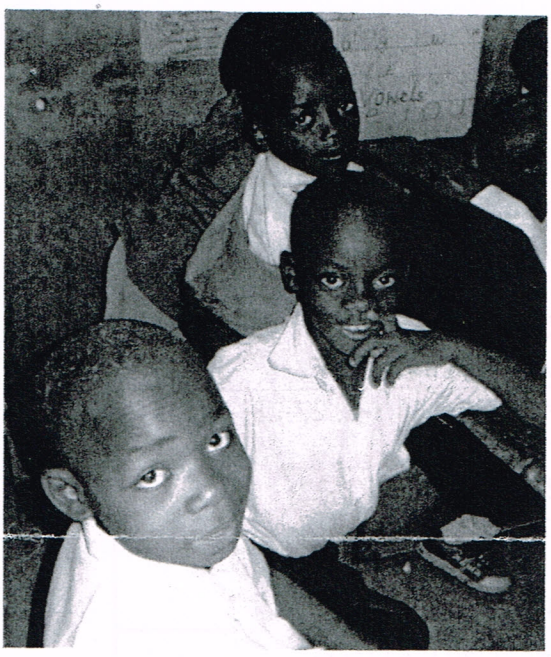
A CHILDREN'S HOSPICE/RESPITE EXPERIENCE

Thanks Jane, Mary and All



January 2017

Dear Patron of KCC,

I wish to personally thank you for your generous support of the Kawangware Children's Center (KCC).

Your donation has provided KCC with much needed support in providing two healthy meals a day and free education (along with uniforms and educational materials, shoes and jackets, whenever possible).

One hundred percent of your contribution to the KCC fund goes directly to support the Kawangware Children's Center costs in Nairobi. The small annual operating expense of the KCC is funded entirely by the KCC board while all US administrative work is done on a volunteer basis.

This year we graduated fifteen 8th grade students with their Certificates of Elementary Education. They did exceedingly well, especially if you compare them to their neighbors in Kawangware. We also graduated 4 individually sponsored secondary school kids with high school degrees. We are not continuing our individual sponsorship program (for lack of interest) but our 20 individually sponsored students will be 'grandfathered in' until they finish their secondary school programs. University is almost certainly too expensive to consider for any of "our kids."

Thank you so much for supporting the Kawangware Children's Center. Your patronage has been fundamental to our continued existence and our kids have been very grateful.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Fulton

Elisabeth (Mama Lili) Fulton
Executive Director
www.kawangwarechildrenscenter.org

LENTEN SERVICES 2017

DATE	CHURCH	LECTIONARY READINGS
March 1	St. Joseph	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *or Isaiah 58:1-12* Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
March 8	Churchill	Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14
March 15	St. Alban	Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11
March 22	Salvation Army	Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39
March 29	Bethel	Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34
April 5	Evangel	Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33
April 12	Crossings	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32

Knox, being the host church, and Trinity, who are hosting the Good Friday "Walk of the Cross" evening service, are not included in the schedule, but the churches may be willing to assist other churches with soup & sandwiches or with accompanists.

Daughters of Knox Because of their small membership ,the Daughters of Knox decided they could no longer prepare and serve the Easter Breakfast. Faye Pink has the recipe for the Wife Saver Egg Dish if any other church group would like to take on this task . We plan to have a Bake Sale . Saturday April 29 th 10 am - 1 pm and will be calling on Knox members for donations of baked goods . Preliminary plans are being made for Mission Awareness Sunday May 1 st We would be very happy to welcome new members to our group,. Submitted by Marion Crumplen

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2016 Givings Update

Jan. 19, 2017

Envelopes Issued 2015	96	Envelopes Used	89
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	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Current Account Envelope Receipts	$150,588.76	$115,328.50	($35,260.26)
Presbyterian Sharing Envelope Receipts	$15,000.00	$15,316.00	$316.00

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$4,001.00	$5,000.00	1		2	
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Finance and Maintenance

Yes, another new year has arrived and as usual there will be many challenges to overcome. One challenge is our membership. As everyone knows we are an older group. We have lost some members as they have moved "upstairs" and we have welcomed some new members. Somehow, we have to get younger people interested in our congregation. We have a wonderful choir leader who has a very talented Jr. Choir as well as an excellent Sr. Choir. Both are always looking for new members.

Let us make 2017 the year in which we make a concerted effort to do something positive to increase our membership.

In 2016 we were a bit short of our budget, except for the Presbyterian sharing which was exceeded and you should be commended for that as Presbytery is struggling just as we are, so please forgive me if I keep reminding you that we need fiscal help as well as financial help. With God's help and your help & prayers we will get through 2017.

Thank you,

Wm. Nelles for Wayne Aitken, Ken Petty, Mike Rippon, George Henderson and Paul Latour – Your Committee

Mission & outreach On February 12 th we held a beef on a bun luncheon .Thank you to all who supported us .We raised $307 for the Mercy Children's Centre . We continue to serve soup at our 1st Sunday lunches .All of the money you donate goes to M.C.C As Mission & Outreach covers all the expenses incurred .We appreciate your generosity. We will be giving out plastic eggs , Sunday March 5 th We ask that you donate ten cents for each egg you eat .$2 for a chocolate one .The monies raised goes to M.C.C. Saturday April 29 th we plan to have a soup & dessert lunch & a grandma's attic table . This will be in conjunction with the Daughters of Knox bake sale .Small ,gently used items will be sold on a MAKE AN OFFER basis .The lunch will cost $ 6 PLEASE remember food for Acton Food Share . Submitted by Marion Crumplen

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Jelly Bean Prayer

Church House Collection ©

Red is for the blood He gave.

Black is for the sins we made.

Green is for the grass He made.

White is for the grace He gave.

Yellow is for the sun so bright.

Purple is for the hour of sorrow.

Orange is for the edge of night.

Pink is for our new tomorrow.

Crescent Hot Cross Buns

Prep Time	Total Time	Servings
15 min	40 min	8

Ingredients

- 1 can (8 rolls) Pillsbury* Original Crescents
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) raisins
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) grated lemon peel, if desired
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) icing sugar
- 1 to 2 tsp (5 to 10 mL) milk

Instructions

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Unroll dough and separate into 8 triangles
2. In small bowl, mix raisins and lemon peel; spoon about 1 teaspoon raisin mixture onto short side of each triangle. Gently wrap corners of dough over filling and roll to opposite point; pinch to seal. Place point side down on ungreased baking sheet.
3. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from baking sheet; place on cooling rack. Cool 10 minutes.
4. In small bowl, mix icing sugar and enough milk until smooth and desired drizzling consistency. With spoon, drizzle icing in cross shape on top of each bun.

Cookies = good. No cookies = bad.It's true in life, and it's true here, too. Please enable your computer's cookies in order to view this page.

Puslinch Fiddle Orchestra

Presents

Spring Hoedown 2017

Old Time Country Fiddle Music & Variety Show

Knox Presbyterian Church

Acton, Ontario

Sunday, April 23rd, 2017 @ 2pm

$15.00 ea. / 12 & under $10.00

For Tickets Call

519-856-9981, 519-853-2360

Door Prize & Refreshments

Expressions of gratitude for all that is good for mankind will be heard this weekend in town and rural churches because this is the time for Thanksgiving. Monday, Thanksgiving Day, is a national holiday so that everyone may reflect on his benefits. Knox Presbyterian Church, pictured above with Rev. John Robertson, and all others will be holding their special seasonal services. Many of the churches are decorated wih the fruits of harvest.

Photo by ERIC ELSTONE

Do you recognize any of these faces? Where are they now???

WATER IN THE CARBURETOR...

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous "

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out.

Where's the car?

WIFE: "In the pool".

AVOCADOS!

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6.

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Men will get it the first time.

My work is done here.

Test your Easter knowledge!

Holy Week is the week Christians celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also called Passion Week or Easter Week. The first Sunday in the week is called Palm Sunday and the second one (the day Christ arose) is called Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday.
Test your Bible knowledge with these trivia questions related to Easter Week.

Questions:

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?

2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?

3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?

4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?

5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?

6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after the abandoned the Lord?

7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?

8. How did Judas [1] identify Jesus to the soldiers?

9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?

10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?

11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?

[2]
He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Matthew 28:6)

12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?

13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?

14. What was the inscription above the cross?

15. Can you quote 4 of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross?

16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?

17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?

18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?

19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?

20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?

Answers:

1. Passover (Luke 22:1)

2. A young donkey (Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:28-35; John 12:12-15). In easter tradition it was customary for a king going to war to ride a horse. Yet when the king was at peace h would ride a donkey. The symbolism is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, was coming for purposes c peace between God and man.

3. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion week [3], the people welcome Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol c their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; Joh 12:12, 13).

4. Peter (John 18:10)

5. Malchus (John 18:10)

6. Three times (Luke 22:54-57; Mark 14:69, 70; Matthew 26:73-75; John 18:13-27)

7. 30 (Matthew 26:15)

8. By giving Him a kiss (Matthew 26:47-49).

9. Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)

10. Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried (Matthew 27:6-8)

11. Barabbas (Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18; John 18:40)

12. To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man. She had a bad dream concerning the Lord an she probably felt it would bring bad luck on the household of Pilate (Matthew 27:19).

13. Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21)

14. "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Luke 19:19). It was written in three different language according to John 19:20; Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

15."Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
"Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
"...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold th mother!" (John 19:26, 27)
"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)
"I thirst." (John 19:28)
"It is finished:" (John 19:30)
"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:" (Luke 23:46)

16."Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54). Slightly different statements, but the same ide are found in Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47.

17. The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51). We call this access to Go the "priesthood of the believer." This means that Christians can approach God's throne throug prayer without the need of a human mediator or priest. Because the veil was torn [4] from the top t the bottom, that is symbolic that it is God who grants us access and not that we have worked ou way into God's throne room; which could be implied if the veil was torn from bottom to top.

18. Three hours (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45). From noon to 3 pm.

19. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42). Interestingly, these two men did not follow Jesus as He traveled through the region, but they were there when all the outspoken disciples had abandoned the Lord.

20. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)

"R" Fund

Today is the day we worried about yesterday, all is well as we are here.

With all the trials and tribulations presented to this committee in 2016, we made it through the year. So, now we are starting another year and I as you please get your requests in early for approval. Now I have to see how much money we will be allotted for 2017. And it starts all over again.

Thanks,

Wm. Nelles for Dave Gilchrist, Shirley Dyc & Michael Round – The Committee

Note: For your information –

Donor's first contribution- 1976

Doner's last contribution – 1991

The donor's wishes were that the fund be registered for 50 years after his death or last contribution.

50 years starts – 1991

+ 50 years +50

Conclusion year – 2041

His prediction in 1976 was that after 50 years the fund should be worth $1,000,000.00. At todays interest rate that will be the case in 2041.

Wm. Nelles