

# KNOX NEWS

## SUMMER 2018



A little something for your fridge, so you don't miss out on all the fun this summer.

**Sunday June 24** Service of Ordination and Reaffirmation for new elders. Grocery Sunday, coffee hour after the service

**Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, August 26** - Lemonade will be served after the Church service

**Monday July 9** setup for church supper at 6PM

**Tuesday July 10** Summer Salad Supper from 4:30 to 6:30 at WCCC

**Monday July 16** Barbeque Lunch (hamburgers and sausage) at 12 noon

**Monday August 13 to Friday August 17** Vacation Bible School

**Monday August 20** Summer Barbeque Lunch (hamburgers and sausage) at 12 noon

**Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>** N.Y.C.C.C (Youth Group) Sunday at 10AM

**Sunday September 16** Sunday School resumes



This year's Vacation Bible School will be held August 13th to August 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each day. Chalmers Church will join us this year.

Each day at Shipwrecked VBS, kids travel through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible points and immerse kids in new adventures.

It is open to all children 5 to 13 (SK to G. 8) years of age. A child must have completed Junior Kindergarten to attend.

The theme, "Shipwrecked," will venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. The program will anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

Sign up your children and grandchildren to enjoy the fun and excitement. For more information and registration, visit our website [www.pccweb.ca/knoxpctiverton](http://www.pccweb.ca/knoxpctiverton).



## *Message from the Desk of Rev. David*

Summer is a season in which people in general find themselves outdoors an awful lot: Yard sales, lawn mowing, barbecues, cold beverages at the balcony, meals on the patio at a restaurant, water play at a splash pad, trips to the beach, camping, and hiking trails. The warmer weather draws us out.

This summer, we are really busy for a number of outdoor activities and ministries: Sunday School Picnic, Barbecue Lunch by Men's Group, Salad Supper by Knox Auxiliary, Session Barbecue Lunch by the Minister, Camp programs at Camp Kintail supported by N.Y.C.C.C, and Canoe Day by Youth Group. Particularly, Knox Tiverton and Chalmers Community Church present a joint Vacation Bible School this summer: *2018 Tiverton Area VBS (Theme: Shipwrecked)*. This joint VBS will be held at Knox Tiverton this year and possibly at Chalmers Church next year. My prayer is that this would be a good example of partnering with other local churches and a catalyst for more creative joint ministries to reach out to the communities, not for a certain age group, but for all generations.

For the Church, "Reaching out" and "Going out" refer to Mission, which is about "Being sent." As a church, we shall continue to do our reach-out missions for God wants to draw us out of the box, stereotype, status quo, and even church building. Emil Brunner, one of the most influential theologians of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, emphasized the significance of mission and said, "The Church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning. Where there is no mission, there is no Church." This statement challenges us that our church would not exist if we stop being missional (going out, reaching out, being sent).

Two years ago, when I made my first pastoral visit for a retired female elder, I asked her what the church could do for her. She answered immediately, "Let me know what I can do for the church." She didn't mean that she doesn't need anything from the church or the church is not able to do anything for her. But rather, through her answer, she revealed her missional mind - the mind of going out, reaching out, and being sent.

It is summer. It is the season of going out. I encourage everyone to go out to relax, enjoy the warm and beautiful weather, visit families and friends, share good food with them, and stay cool. And I pray that you may find where God wants you to go out for Mission this summer.

Grace, peace and love,

David

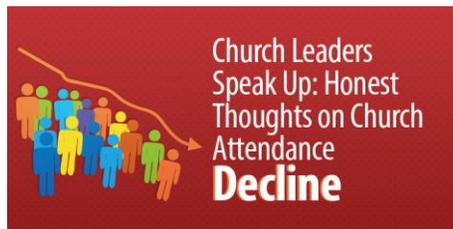
## Session Report by *George Potter*

As I prepare to write this article for the summer edition of Knox News it is still officially spring, but feels like summer is already here. And I feel that rather acutely, since I managed to get sunburned on my bare head the other day. The birds have returned some time ago, and now we have a deranged robin fighting with his reflection in my shop window. All of this is a precursor to a hectic summer – but please take the time to enjoy it.

Over the past few months Session has been taking a hard look at where we think Knox Church Tiverton is going. One aspect we are looking at is our declining membership. A few years ago we had a membership of approximately 210. Our last summary by the Roll Clerk shows that we now have only 156 members remaining in the area that are visited by our Elders. While there are many others shown on the Membership Roll, many have moved away from the area. Every Sunday morning we see empty pews. As everyone knows this tendency is not unique to our church. Most churches throughout the country are experiencing these same things. With this in mind Session has decided to do a little research to see if this trend is completely inevitable. The Reverend David and I have set out to visit the families of each Elder and retired

Elder in order to tap into the collective wisdom of these leaders in determining how to move forward. We have asked 3 questions. What are we doing right that we should continue? What are things that we should stop, or change? What are your suggestions in moving forward?

While we still have a few more visits to do and we haven't actually sat down and compiled our results, everyone we visited was very positive and perhaps even a little too polite. There are a few things that people really like, The Service of Remembrance, the Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service, our Church suppers, lemonade on the lawn in summer and coffee hour on the last Sunday of the month. Also the Reverend David's Sunday sermons and children's stories are appreciated. The subject of music and song received many comments, some said, "I just love those old hymns", others said, "It would be nice to have some lively contemporary music". At this point I don't see much common ground or consensus in the area of music. We are always open for suggestions, if you have one please let us know.



In the area of membership, we were very pleased to have Tim Evans transfer his membership to

Knox Church. Tim and Catherine's son Tatum was baptized here May 13. The addition of a new young family to our congregation is a wonderful thing.

This spring we set about electing new Elders to our Session. Since we have Term Eldership, one 3<sup>rd</sup> of our Elders are eligible to retire every 2 years. We are very pleased at the response to this election. Alex Duthie, a retired Elder has agreed to come back and serve a further term and Blair Kempers has agreed to join Session. At our Worship Service June 24, we plan to have a Service of the Ordination for Blair Kempers and Reaffirm for Alex Duthie. Also 2 of our serving Elders, Norm Dobson and Gerda Roppel have agreed to serve a further term and the Congregation has voted overwhelmingly for them to continue.

At the Christmas edition of Knox News I noted that Knox Tiverton was anxious to have St. Paul's Glammis join in the amalgamation of our churches. At that time I felt that St. Paul's Glammis was concerned that some of their people would not come over to the amalgamated church. While I believe these are still legitimate concerns, St. Paul's Glammis has taken the initiative to begin the course toward amalgamation. At their Congregational meeting last fall St. Paul's voted to begin the process. During the year of 2019 St. Paul's Glammis will join Knox Tiverton for the majority of the Sunday services. Some special

Sundays such as Mother's Day and Christmas will still be held at Glammis. The long-range plan is that the 2 congregations will pursue amalgamation in 2020. Stan Eby, Clerk of Session for St. Paul's initiated a meeting with key members of Presbytery and George Potter Clerk of Session for Knox Tiverton to consider a course of action for this process. The Session of St. Paul's Glammis has a committee to follow up and the Session of Knox Tiverton has selected a committee to interact with them. There is still work to do but it really looks positive.

Knox Tiverton is very appreciative of the work done by St. Paul's Glammis. We wonder if the shoe were on the other foot and Knox Tiverton were making plans to close its door, would we be as open and willing as they are?

The Session of Knox Church asks for your suggestions, prayers and involvement as we engage in the initiatives that we are working on. We pray for God's guidance as we move forward in addressing the trend of declining enrolment in our church. And we thank God for the opportunity to work with St. Paul's Glammis in the hope of amalgamating our congregations in such a way that everyone feels comfortable and at home in the new church.



# Women's Missionary Society

120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## W. M. S. report by *Alberta Smith*

Since the beginning of the year we have used the book "Stories of Mission". Each story leads us to a different area of mission, where we learn of their problems, what is happening there, and what we can do to help.

We attended the annual Presbyterian meeting, held in Burgoyne in April.

On Mission Awareness Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we celebrated the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MacLennan Aux WMS. We were organized in May 1898 and the first meeting was held in June. At first we were the Women's Foreign Mission Society but that changed to WMS in 1914. Several ladies who are descendants of present and former WMS members assisted with the service. The WMS ladies served lunch after the service, complete with anniversary cake and ice cream. The donations for the lunch will help two mission projects – first, The Kenora Fellowship Centre. This provides a plan of safety, and a sacred place for healing and worship. The second project will be The Haiti Gender Based Violence. Women are frequently vulnerable to all kinds of violence. Lack of resources and widespread poverty limit care and prevention for

victims of abuse. Together we can help.

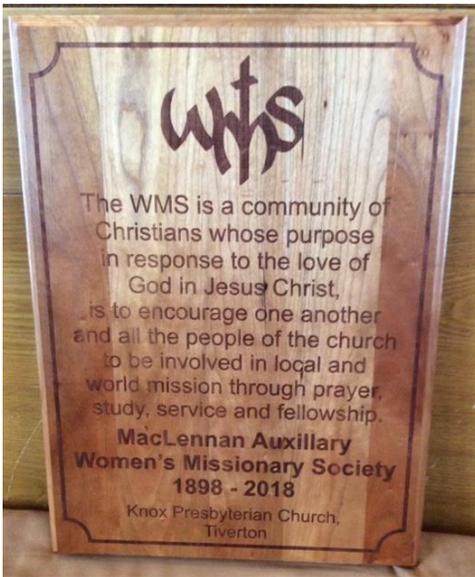
A beautiful WMS wall hanging made by Chuck Exel was presented to the WMS in recognition of the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On a piece of cherry wood, Rosemary Grover had the WMS purpose burned, and Fred Lewis provided the finishing touch. Two beautiful reminders that mission in Knox Church takes many forms and needs all of us, as we take mission into the next years, under God's guidance.



Rosemary Grover (lt) and Gerda Roppel (rt) presenting Alberta Smith (lt) and Joyce Van Dam a plaque to commemorate the WMS's 120th anniversary. The WMS purpose was engraved on the plaque.



Chuck Exel made a beautiful stained glass wall hanging with the names of all the places that have a WMS in Bruce Grey Presbyterial.



Donated plaque with WMS motto.



St. Paul's Glammis will be joining Knox Tiverton for Sunday services for July and August.

### Board of Managers

By *Carolyn Hamilton*

Nice to see that summer has finally arrived! Our main project this year is to update the sound system in the church. Ken Young & Blair Kempers have done a lot of

research into what would be the best system for our needs as well as the most cost efficient. They have received different quotes and decided on the system best suited to our church. Hopefully by end of summer it will be completed. In support of this project, barbeques are being held during the summer months on the third Monday of each month. Cost is by donation, with proceeds going towards the sound system. Come and join us for delicious lunch and social time. If you have some spare time and would like to help out there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the church door. We had a very successful yard sale, raising over \$2,000.00 towards the sound system. We were fortunate that a local business that was closing, donated some brand new merchandise for us to sale. Many thanks to June Slessor for all her hard work in organizing & chairing the yard sale. Thanks to everyone who came out to help, we couldn't have done it without you. Keep in mind to join us for next year, we had a lot of fun!

As a Board, we try to keep on top of maintenance issues, but if you notice something that needs attention please let us know. I would like to thank everyone who helps out with keeping the church as beautiful as it is. We are very blessed to have many talented people willing to share their gifts.

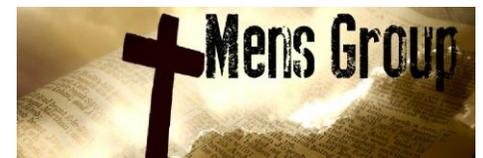
### Monthly Barbeques



There will be a barbeque held the third Monday of the month during the summer at 12 noon.

Come and join us for barbequed Octoberfest sausages or hamburgers and dessert. Cost is by donation with all the proceeds going towards the new sound system in the church.

If you are able to assist in anyway with these barbeques your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



By *George Potter*

The Men's Group have completed another successful season serving Soup and a Bun. The members of the group have fun preparing the meal. Chuck picks out the menu and the rest of the guys do the best

we can to cover simple preparation tasks. While some of the crew are fairly responsible, Chuck is totally abandoned relying on them to remember when to remove the cake from the oven. We are supposed to begin preparations at 9:30 AM and if you arrive at 9:30 you'll find most of the work already complete. Chuck continues to outdo himself in selecting great soups and desserts. Here are a few of his hits from the past season:

- Harvest Chicken Soup and Apple Squash Soup with Apple Crisp and Ice Cream.
- Beef Vegetable with Barley and Potato Soup with toppings of bacon, onions and cheese was very popular. Chocolate Cake & ice cream and Apple pie made a fine dessert combination.
- Cabbage Soup and Cock-a-Leekie Soups with Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce and ice cream.

## SOUP + BUN LUNCH FUNDRAISER



As noted earlier, the preparation is done early and that leaves plenty of time for the group to discuss world affairs and things the way they used to be in the Good Old Days.

Here are just a few of the things we worked on:

- Details about digging the hole for the first telephone pole.
- Farm automation, dairy operations that milk the cows, feed the cows and clean the barn. Compared that to pushing the wheelbarrow full of manure up the pile on a six-inch plank.
- Chicken catchers and a machine that catches the chickens.
- When the power first came to Bruce County.
- Brownies made with the soon to be legalized ingredients.
- Night driving on four-lane highways with experienced eyes.

Besides the, Soup and a Bun Lunches, the Men's Group also provided the Easter Sunrise Breakfast and supported the WMS with the Spring Rummage Sale. Your contributions are used to support Knox Church and worthwhile community activities.

We thank everyone who supported us this past year and we look forward to getting back together with you in the fall.



## Huron Shores Hospice By Cheryl Cottrill, Chair



Many people in our Church family have been asking about the hospice suite located at Tiverton Park Manor.

I am thrilled to share with you that thanks to the generosity of our community, including many in our congregation, the one-bed residential hospice suite opened in May of 2018. We held our Open House to the public in April and opened our arms to our first family on May 1st.

There is no charge to the person staying in the hospice suite. Huron Shores Hospice is the only residential hospice bed in Bruce County and we do not receive any provincial government funding to operate this bed. The amazing news is that we have successfully raised 100% of the funds needed through community donations to furnish, equip and operate for two years.

Our annual budget is \$180,000. Fundraising efforts include our annual Hike for Hospice in May and

Handbags for Hospice in September. We appreciate all financial contributions, large or small, through personal contributions, funeral donations or fundraisers put on by various groups in our community.

Our first family expressed their thanks and gratitude for the hospice space by following up with kind letters. Reading their comments provided a great sense of accomplishment on our end, as we had strived to offer a service that would receive these kind and loving words. "He was shown much kindness and treated with dignity throughout his stay. Volunteers gave constant comfort and support. Their kindness was given openly and with compassion. From the moment of our arrival to the day he left us you showed over and over again why you are absolute heroes. Not only did you look after his well-being but you looked after the physical and mental well-being of both my aunt and I."

This high praise is a result of countless volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents to give individuals the right to die with dignity, in the community in which they live, surrounded by compassion and those who love them, and we are extremely grateful for their help and support.

For all those who have asked how you can help, you can support the hospice by purchasing a weekly

*Catch the Ace* ticket at the Tiverton Kwik Way. This fundraiser is a joint venture with the Kincardine Legion and the Tiverton Lions Club. We receive sixty percent of the lottery proceeds, which go directly to resident care at the hospice. The Kincardine Sunset Quilters Guild has donated a quilt and bed runner for raffle and tickets can be purchased at Sleepers Bed Gallery. Again, all proceeds go directly to care at Huron Shores Hospice.

If your talent is baking (and I know it is for many of you in the congregation) you could share your goodies with the family in residence to help make their day more special. Nothing says comfort like freshly baked goods. We ask that you call us first at 519-755-9126 just to check in and make sure there is a family in residence.

You can also volunteer to provide comfort care to the resident and their family in the hospice suite itself. No nursing experience is necessary, as you will not be asked to provide medical care. There is a 30-hour course that must be taken in palliative care before anyone can volunteer in the suite, but it is an insightful course into death and dying and one that I would highly recommend. It helps us all to recognize that we should be planning for our last life event, just as we plan for marriage, buying a house or having children.

You can support our annual fundraisers, make a donation

through the link on our website at [www.huronshoreshospice.ca](http://www.huronshoreshospice.ca) or mail a cheque to Box 262, Tiverton, ON. We provide tax receipts for all donations \$20 or more. All donations stay local to support our community one-bed hospice suite.

If you would like to volunteer on any of our committees, fundraising, governance, resident care, finance or as a Board member we are always looking for good people to support the hospice. If you'd like more information on how you can help, please feel free to contact me at 519-368-7762 or by email at [cheryl@huronshoreshospice.ca](mailto:cheryl@huronshoreshospice.ca).

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**SALAD SUPPER**

Salads! Beef, Ham, Salads & Pies

**Tues. July 10, 2018**  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Adults \$18.00, 12 and under \$5.00, 5 and under free

Whitney Crawford Community Centre  
Tiverton  
Air Conditioned Comfort

The Summer Salad supper will be held on July 10. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the church. The Knox Auxiliary plans this supper but it would not happen without the help of the entire congregation. Please give generously of your time and talents to help make the supper a success.



Why not get out your crayons and colour like you used to when you were a child? Your heart may come up with that new song.

## A Note from Your Editor...

*Cheryl Cottrill*

Summer is finally here and for anyone living in Bruce County we know it will pass by much too quickly. Since I retired, I promise myself that I will slow down and enjoy the lazy days of summer that I experienced as a child. I pledge every year to sit on my back patio and read an ever increasing stack of good books and then life happens and the summer goes by without slowing down to enjoy the simpler things in life. I really hope to do better this year.

I hope as you read through this the newsletter you will see lots of activities to keep you connected to your Church family this summer. As always there is lots going on at Knox Tiverton and we should be very grateful for such a vibrant Church family and the many volunteers that make everything magically happen.

A big thank you to all those who contributed content for the newsletter. You continue to make my job easy and for that I very grateful.

Have a safe and blessed summer! I hope you find the time to sit outside, enjoy the warm weather and read a good book. Read one for me, just in case I don't make it to my back patio again this summer.



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