

## **FROM THE DESK OF REV. DAVID**

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

It has been a year and a half since my family made the move to Tiverton. How quickly time has gone. Thinking about the past year, I recognize how many things God has done through various ministries at Knox Tiverton. Without your prayer, spirit of volunteering, and gifts, this would never have been possible.

While there are many things to be celebrated, I see some challenges as well. My trainer at a health and fitness club in Toronto often reminded me of our challenges, they are opportunities to grow. Our ancestors of faith in the Bible and in the history of Christianity also grew stronger as they decided not to avoid the challenges but rather to take courage to face the challenges. In fact, although they often wanted to maintain the status quo, God always pushed them to uncertainty and adventures. Challenges were the opportunities for them to learn about life and faith, identify and reflect on themselves, return to God, and change themselves.

As the Minister, my responsibility is to partner with our church elders, lay leaders, and members to be faithful in living out our vision as a church. Specifically, I have tried to focus on three things as the Minister: Intergenerational Ministry, Intercultural Ministry, and Living Worship & Music Ministry. They will be also my foundations of any other ministries at Knox Tiverton because I believe that they are the keys to revitalize the Church in this era. For those ministries, we need three things: Tolerance, Humility, and Courage. Being tolerant of generational and cultural differences; being humble about ourselves; being courageous to face challenges and try new things.

The church must be for every person. We want this for our children and youth. We want this for women and men, single and married, young and elderly, sick and healthy, rich and poor, insider and outsider. We want this for ourselves! But, this isn't just about being happy. It's about experiencing the power and love of God, the grace and Lordship of Jesus, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It's about having the courage to identify areas that are toxic and experience healing and change. It's about encountering God's presence and abundance in our lives.

It is my prayer that together we will be God's faithful children and strive to do God's work in this community no matter what that might look like tomorrow. I trust that God will continue to guide us faithfully, continue to bless us in our lives together, and continue to make us a blessing in our community.

Love and Blessings,

David

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# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2018

## AGENDA

Opening Devotions

Motion to appoint Chairperson

Motion to appoint Secretary

Minutes of Annual Meeting 2017 be adopted as printed

Business Arising from 2017 Minutes

Approval of Agenda as printed or amended.

In Memoriam - A Minute's Silence and Prayer

Motion to receive the reports as printed.

(Reports will be viewed individually with an opportunity to address them.)

Motion to accept reports as printed or amended.

### New Business

#### **Session:**

Allocation for 2018 as presented by Session:

*Presbyterian Sharing Target: \$11,400.00*

The Election of Elders.

#### **Board of Managers:**

1. What's been done? And what is there to do?
2. Budget
3. Restoration projects.

Courtesies

Adjournment

Date of Next Annual Meeting: Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019?

Closing Prayer / Benediction

## **MINUTES ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEB. 12, 2017**

The annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton was held on Sunday February 12, 2017 following worship and lunch. There were 33 members/adherents present.

Rev. David Chang opened the meeting with scripture readings from 1 Corinthians: Chapter 12 verses 25-27 and Psalm 143 verses 8-10 followed by a prayer.

Motion by Heather Catto, seconded by Don Manary to accept the hand out addendum on the November 6, 2016 Congregational minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heather Catto, seconded by Carolyn Hamilton to appoint Rev. David Chang as chairperson of the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Heather Catto, seconded by George Potter to appoint Rosemary Grover as Secretary of the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Heather Catto, seconded by Marilyn Wilson to allow any adherents present permission to vote. Motion carried.

Motion by George Potter, seconded by Lillian Leggett to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2016 Annual meeting as printed and distributed. Motion carried.

Motion by Carolyn Hamilton, seconded by Ernie Young to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2016 Congregational meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by George Potter, seconded by Alberta Smith to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2016 Joint Congregational Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Carolyn Hamilton, seconded by Ken Young to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2016 Congregational meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Eleanor Roppel, seconded by Fred Lewis to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried. A moment of silence, followed by a prayer by Rev. David was held in memory of those who passed away in 2016. All the names, which were read by Heather Catto, are listed on page 12.

Motion by Lillian Leggett, seconded by Ernie Young to receive all the reports (except the 2017 budget) as printed in the Annual report. Motion carried.

KIRK SESSION REPORT (pages 7-9) There were no comments or discussion.

SESSION COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (pages 9-11) were reviewed. It was mentioned that some of the committees have been amalgamated.

CELEBRATIONS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH (page 12) No comments.

BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT (page 13) No further discussion.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (page 13). Instead of Fred Lewis's name as a Board member it should read Cliff Brown.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT (pages 14-15) written by Chuck Excel. No discussion.

FLOWER AND DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT (page 15) Reviewed with no comments.

REVIEWERS (AUDITORS) REPORT (page 15) No comments.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (page 16) No discussion.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY REPORT (PAGE 16) No comments.

ROLL CLERK'S REPORT (page 17) No discussion.

COOKIE WALK REPORT (page 17) No comments.

LADIES AID FINANCIAL STATEMENT (page 18) It was mentioned that all the funds were well used and the account has been closed.

FOOD BANK REPORT (page 18) It was mentioned not to donate expired food items.

KNOX AUXILLARY REPORT (page 19) No comments.

KNOX AUXILLARY FINANCIAL REPORT (page 20) prepared by Cora Lee Dobson. No discussion.  
YOUTH GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT (page 20) submitted by Cora Lee Dobson on behalf of the youth group Treasurer. No comments.

KNOX CHOIR REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT (page 21-22) A question as to how often the choir is audited by CCLI was asked. Answer every 3 years.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY REPORT (page 22) Alberta Smith mentioned that more members are needed.

W.M.S. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (page 23) It was mentioned that \$500 of the balance of \$937.33 was earmarked for anyone going on a mission trip.

TRUSTEE REPORT (PAGE 23) No comments.

CHURCH SUPPER REPORT (page 24) The summer salad supper is held the second Tuesday in July and the fall supper is held the first Tuesday in November. More help is needed.

MEN'S GROUP REPORT (page 25) No comments.

CROP SHARE PROGRAM (pages 25-27) George Potter recognized Burton Eskrick for all the different jars of seeds he puts on display.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT (page 28) No discussion.

MANSE UPGRADE REPORT (page 29) A slide presentation of the before and after renovations was shown. Special thankyou to all those who helped in the renovations.

KNOX CHURCH FUNDS (page 30) This page explains the various church funds and how they can be used.

MEMORIAL RENOVATION FUND (page 31) No comments.

LOCAL FUND STATEMENT (page 32) No discussion.

SHARING REPORT (page 32) No comments.

GRANT HELM FUND ( page 32) No discussion.

HUGHES MCKELLAR FUND (page 33) No discussion.

OUTREACH REPORT (page 34) No discussion.

ROBERT 'BOB' HUGH MACKINNON FUND (PAGE 34) No comments.

LOCAL FUND STATEMENT (page 35) No discussion.

Motion by Heather Catto, seconded by Marilyn Wilson to accept all the reports as presented and reviewed. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Heather Catto, seconded by Lillian Leggett to accept the target of \$11,400 for Presbyterian Sharing in 2017 as recommended by Session. The motion was carried.

BOARD OF MANAGERS: Carolyn Hamilton spoke on behalf of the Board of Managers. Carolyn explained that there were two funds that need to be added to the list of Knox Church Funds.

Motion by Heather Catto, seconded by Eleanor Roppel that the "Robert Hugh Mackinnon Fund" be added to the list of Church Funds. Motion carried.

Motion by George Potter, seconded by Joanne Potter to add the "John Henderson MacKenzie Building Trust Fund" to the list of Knox Church Funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken Young, seconded by Rosemary Grover that the Treasurer be allowed to borrow money for the Operating Account from the MRF fund if needed at no interest. Motion carried.

Carolyn mentioned that there are some repairs that need to be done to the church roof.

Ken Young and Blair Kempers explained that if the elevator stops working and it needs electrical

upgrades, there are NO more parts available to do this. The power control unit is obsolete and individual parts cannot be replaced.

The 2017 budget (page 36) which is prepared by the Board of Managers and approved by Session was reviewed. Motion by Ernie Young, seconded by Don Manary to accept the 2017 Budget as printed. Motion carried.

COURTESIES: George Potter extended a special thankyou to all those who work within in the church. (Names can be found on pages 8 and 9)

Since there was no further business Heidi Pasley, seconded by Blair Kempers made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rev. David closed the meeting with a benediction.

The next annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 11, 2018.

Minutes taken by Rosemary Grover

## **MINUTES CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017**

A congregational meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church Tiverton, Ontario was held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 following Worship Service. This meeting was called to inform the congregation about the repairs to the Church roof. Board of Managers Chairperson Carolyn Hamilton opened the meeting with a prayer. Carolyn explained that the Board of Managers had met with the “Roof” committee headed by Don MacArthur and the trustees of the church in regards to the state of the church roof. The roof needs to be replaced sooner than later. Carolyn explained the research that was done by the committee.

The roof committee and trustees recommend Hy Grade Steel roofing using steel shakes. There is a 50 year warranty on both material and workmanship.

All the wooden shingles will be removed, sheathing checked and ice and water shield installed over the entire roof. Then the roof will be strapped with 1X4 vertically and 2X2 horizontally before applying the new steel shakes. This also includes the tower. The flat roof on top will be replaced with 4X8 -1/2 inch plywood and rubber membrane.

The cost for the main roof will be \$63,119.00, flat roof area \$1500.00, man lift \$6000.00 for a total cost of \$70,799.47, plus \$9180.47 HST. Payments will be made in three instalments. Deposit upon signing, when the material is delivered and upon completion. The church will get approximately 80% of the HST back. Insurance is going to cover 25% of the cost before HST.

There is enough money in the memorial Renovation fund at present thanks to a very generous donation from John H. MacKenzie for capital repairs.

Carolyn stated that the Board of Managers recommends proceeding with the Hy-Grade Steel system using money from the Memorial Renovation Fund.

Motion by Ken Young, seconded by Heather Catto that the church proceed with the work that needs to be done on the church as recommended by the Board of Managers and outlined by Carolyn Hamilton. A discussion was held. A question was asked if this project would drain the Memorial Renovation Fund. Carolyn mentioned that any further funds would go back into the MRF. The motion was carried.

A big thank you was extended to the members of the Roof Committee (Don MacArthur, Norm Dobson and Ernie Young).

Carolyn closed the meeting with a prayer.

## **THE KIRK-SESSION REPORT**

### **The Kirk-Session Officers & Members**

Moderator – Rev. David Chang

Session Clerk – George Potter - 2015

Roll Clerk – Alex Duthie - 2011

Representative Elder -Gerda Roppel 2011

Members – Mary Duthie 2001, Norman Dobson 2005, Rosemary Grover 2015, Lillian Leggett 2001, Fred Lewis 2013, Heidi Pasley 2013, George Potter 2015, Gerda Roppel 2011.

Non-active Elders – Heather Catto, Merv Catto, Alex Duthie, Burton Eskrick, Ken Hendry, June MacKenzie, Neil MacKinnon, Mynona Paige, Wendy Parry, Tom Scott, Robert Wilson, Ernie Young

The Kirk-Session held five regular meetings, ten special meetings, and met once with the Board of Managers in a joint meeting. Additionally the Session met jointly with St. Paul's Glammis twice. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated five times at Knox Church Tiverton. In 2017 we delivered two issues of Knox News to members and adherents. The last Sunday of the month remains Grocery Sunday and it is with joy that we have provided much needed food items and monetary donations to the local Food Bank on a monthly basis.

In May our Mission Committee continued its support of the Food Grains bank and conducted a fund-raising campaign in support of that Mission.

Our outdoor service and Congregational picnic was again at the Young farm on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Session appreciates the work of Ken & Jeanette Young and family in hosting this annual event.

Our Anniversary Service was held on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. Special music at Anniversary Sunday was provided by the Bushell family.

The Service of Memories was held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. At this Service family representatives were invited to light a candle and were then given a rose in remembrance of their loved ones who had passed away during the past year. An additional candle was lit to remember all others in our community who have lost a loved one in the past year. The Worship Committee again participated in this year's service and is to be commended for their support and assistance; it was a beautiful caring service, appreciated by all who attended.

The Advent Season was celebrated and highlighted with candle-lighting ceremonies. The Sunday School presented their Christmas Pageant December 10<sup>th</sup>, it was also White Gift Sunday.

Our Christmas Eve Service was attended by the congregation as well as many of our friends and neighbours in the community again this year. At the Christmas Eve Service offering, over five hundred dollars was collected for the Huron Shores Hospice.





### **Kirk Session Executive:**

To act on behalf of the Kirk Session in crisis situations or on emergent matters between regular meetings. Any decisions made must then be homologated at the next Session meeting.

To meet with the minister in consultation and reconciliation in matters of conflict within the congregation.

**George Potter**, Lillian Leggett, Rosemary Grover

### **Finance and Maintenance:**

The liaison person between the Board of Managers and the Kirk Session.

To report regularly to the Kirk Session on the financial accounts of the congregation.

To report regularly to the Kirk Session on the Board of Manager's meetings.

To take to the Board concerns of the Kirk Session in regard to finances, building and property.

Prepare the Annual Report.

**Rosemary Grover**

### **Christian Education:**

To co-ordinate the Christian Education programs of the congregation.

Session Liaison: **Heidi Pasley**

Sunday School- Heidi Pasley, Liz Ballagh, Don Manary and Blair Kempers.

Cradle Roll (0-2 years): Heidi Pasley

**Youth Group** (New Youth Cultural Crush in Christ)

To consult with the Minister in the planning, organizing, developing and overseeing programs/events such as after school programs, Easter party and Christmas events that offer education and fellowship to youth.

**Rev. David**, Sunday School Teachers (assistance may be called upon from Anne Gratto, Heather Kempers, Dylan Young, Ken Young to participate in events)

### **Worship & Mission Committee:**

To consult with the Minister to plan and oversee Sunday morning services, led by laity, especially during an emergency absence of the Minister or in case of cancellation of scheduled pulpit supply.

To plan, organize, and participate in the Annual Anniversary services, Memorial Service, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and World Day of Communion.

To develop and encourage programs/events that offer fellowship and worship to the greater community.

To provide information to individuals or groups who wish to make Lasting Gifts.

**Rev. David, Gerda Roppel**, George Potter, Lillian Leggett, Mary Duthie, Alex Duthie, and Dylan Young.

**Crop Share Sunday – Fred Lewis**, Burton Eskrick and Don Manary

### **Congregational Life:**

To work with the minister in planning congregational activities and fund raising events.

- Congregational Picnic - food, beverages, games etc. – Ken Young
- Mother's Day flowers – Mary Duthie
- Father's Day Cookies – Mary Duthie
- Flowers for New Members and Baptisms – Mary Duthie
- Service of Memories - flowers/candles, set-up - Mary Duthie
- Candles for Christmas Eve Service – Mary Duthie
- **Fund Raisers:**
- Cookie Walk – Lee-Anne Lehman

**Service Preparation (Communion and Baptism):**

To arrange the Elders for distribution of the Elements.

To prepare the Table, arrange for distribution of the Elements, the cleaning and storing of the Communion Vessels.

To prepare Elements for Communion services at Tiverton Park Manor.

To assist the Minister and candidates in preparing for and administering Baptism with the Worship & Mission Committee as needed.

To see that all necessary baptismal equipment and facilities are available and ready prior to each Baptismal service.

To see that towels, if needed, are ready and everything in order prior to the Baptismal service.

To prepare Baptism Certificates and keep record book updated.

**Rev. David, Alex Duthie, Mary Duthie, George Potter, Lillian Leggett**

**Pastoral Care Committee:**

To visit with the Minister, phone, contact and keep track of members/adherents who are shut-in, ill or those who just need a friendly call, usually about once a month.

To maintain contact with members/adherents for communication and pastoral care.

To develop and encourage programs within Knox Church that offer care, compassion and hope to the greater community.

**Rev. David,** and all Elders for those who are under their care.

**Fellowship Committee:**

To arrange fellowship times (Coffee Hour etc.).

**Mary Duthie, Alex Duthie, Rosemary Grover, George Potter and Gerda Roppel.**

**Knox News and webpage:**

A newsletter designed to keep all members and adherents aware of happenings within our own congregation and the larger church. To update the webpage.

**Rev. David Chang, Cheryl Cottrill, George Potter**

**Bulletin Secretary:**

To work with the minister on a weekly basis to compose a Worship Bulletin outlining the steps of worship as well as current happenings of our congregation and the community.

**Rev. David Chang, Heather Catto**

**Care Cards:**

Sympathy cards from the Session to be sent on behalf of the congregation.

First, to any member or adherent on the death of an immediate family member (parent, child, spouse);

Second, to family on death of member or adherent.

**Mary Duthie, Lillian Leggett**

**Facility Reservations:**

To co-ordinate the reservation of the building by different community groups, and to ensure that all groups are aware of, and have signed, the Church Facility agreement.

**Rev. David Chang, Heather and John Hunter and Rosemary Grover.**

**Communication Care and Support Committee:**

To discuss wages and job satisfaction with the Minister and the Music Director. This committee should periodically meet with the Minister and the Music Director establishing a friendly interchange of support and concerns. Rosemary Grover, Lillian Leggett

## **CELEBRATIONS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH**

### **IN MEMORIAM – THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? John 14:2*

Irene Bradley

John Campbell

Marlene Campbell

James Fraser Downey

Eleanor Jacobi

Margaret Mary MacDonald

Dugald MacKenzie

Ian Mitchell

Verna Munro

Eric Slade

Donna Williams

### **BAPTISMS**

Rilee Jiwoo Chang

Jack Alexander Steinhoff-Gray

Hailey Rae Aldridge

Finley Paul Rath

### **MARRIAGES**

*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. Ecclesiastes 4:9*

None to Report

## **REVIEWERS REPORT**

We commend the work done by your envelope, general fund, and other treasurers in keeping excellent record of the church finances.

We have examined the financial records of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, Ontario and believe, based on the information provided, that all the Financial reports accurately reflect the finances of this Church as at December 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne MacArthur & June Slesser.

## **BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT**

Our main project this year was replacing the roof on the church. Under the leadership of Don MacArthur and his committee they did extensive research into best type of roof to install. It was decided to install a Hy-grade roof with a 50 year warranty on parts and labour. Mother Nature presented some challenges- first rain then extreme heat but the roof was completed by the end of September.

The church and manse lawn and flower beds were cleaned up the first of May. We assisted with monthly barbecues, the yard sale in June as well as the two church suppers.

A Hedge Maple was planted to replace the tree that had to be taken down.

At the end of November we held our annual breakfast meeting with Session to discuss the budget as well as many other topics.

The Board would like to thank everyone who has helped on various projects at the church. We are blessed to have many helping hands and talents within our church family and the community.

Future projects that we are looking into is upgrading the sound system in the church.

Submitted by: Carolyn Hamilton, Chairperson

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee recommends the following for slate of officers for Knox Church Tiverton for 2018; Lorrie Alexander, Heidi Pasley

Board of Trustees: Lillian Leggett, Ken Hendry and Ernie Young

Board of Managers: Cora Lee Dobson, Rosemary Grover, Don Fidler, Carolyn Hamilton, Ken Young, Linda Young, Blair Kempers, Liz Ballagh, Cliff Brown, Gladys Munro, Lorrie Alexander

Auditors for 2017 Financial Reports: June Slessor, Dianne MacArthur

Sanctuary Committee: Chuck Exel, Gerda Roppel

Knox News Letter: Cheryl Cottrill

## TRUSTEE REPORT

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Church Building & Contents valued at ..... | \$1,882,575.00 |
| Stained Glass .....                        | \$140,000.00   |
| Manse & Garage .....                       | \$360,397.00   |
| Contents .....                             | \$10,000.00    |
| Overall Liability .....                    | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Sewer Backup .....                         | \$25,000.00    |
| Criminal Damage .....                      | \$5,000.00     |
| Annual Premium .....                       | \$5788.00      |

Insurance paid \$17,629.00 towards the new roof.

Submitted by Lillian Leggett , Ken Hendry , Ernie Young

## FOOD BANK REPORT

Our Church started the Kincardine Food Bank program in January 2011.

We thank everyone who contributed to make 2017 a success.

Note: Items past their 'best before' date are discarded because they cannot be distributed. Perishable items (garden produce) are accepted in season.

| Items/Year            | 2012            | 2013            | 2014            | 2015             | 2016            | 2017                |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Food Items . . . .    | 612             | 505             | 518             | 510              | 445             | 330                 |
| Personal Items . .    | 18              | 9               | 12              | 29               | 33              | 15                  |
| <b>Money. . . . .</b> | <b>\$ 1,067</b> | <b>\$ 1,700</b> | <b>\$ 1,579</b> | <b>*\$2,435*</b> | <b>\$ 1,341</b> | <b>\$ 1,360 Est</b> |

\*Includes Oct, 5-Churches Contributions\*

Submitted by Alex Duthie

## MEN'S GROUP REPORT

The Men's Group prepares and serves Soup and a Bun lunches on the third Monday of the month during the winter months. We prepared and served Soup and a Bun lunch seven times in 2017.

- In addition the Men's Group served breakfast after the Easter Sunrise Service.
- The Rummage Sale was our seventh joint venture with the WMS and help from many others.
- We also helped with the summer barbecues.

The following table shows the income and distributions of the Men's Group in 2017.

| Item                                    | Income      | Expenses  | Balance            |
|---|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Balance on hand Jan 1, 2017             |             |           | <b>\$ 1,632.90</b> |
| Donations in 2017                       | \$ 2,949.20 |           | \$ 4,582.10        |
| Food costs in 2017                      |             | \$ 732.00 | \$ 3,850.10        |
| Memorial Renovation Fund (JD Campbell)  |             | \$ 500.00 | \$ 3,350.10        |
| Memorial Renovation Fund (Ian Mitchell) |             | \$ 500.00 | \$ 2,850.10        |
| PWS&D Hurricane Irma relief             |             | \$ 500.00 | \$ 2,350.10        |
| Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2017           |             |           | <b>\$ 2,350.10</b> |

The Men's Group appreciates the workers that prepare and serve the meals and help with our other activities. We thank the people in the church and community for your support during the past year.

## FLOWER AND DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee continued to keep flowers on the communion table this year, bringing bright blossoms into the sanctuary. The colours of the church calendar are changed throughout the year and are visible on the table runner, pulpit fall and Bible bookmark.

This year we were given flowers from church members who wished to remember family members who had passed away . If you would like to donate flowers in the future please let us know in advance which Sunday you will be bringing your bouquet so we don't get another bouquet ready.

Seasonal decorations are added to the sanctuary to further enhance the mood and celebrations. These are prepared by the committee ...Chuck Exel, Gerda Roppel, Rosemary Grover, Lori Alexander and Lee-Anne Lehman. This year Heidi Pasley also assisted us.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the congregation for their support and appreciation of our effort to enhance the worship services.

Submitted by: Chuck Exel

## **COOKIE WALK**

*Held December 2, 2017*

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Gross          | \$1841.00   |
| Minus Expenses | <u>0.00</u> |
| Net Profit     | \$1841.00   |

*Note: No expenses this year thanks to the Pasley family who generously donated cookie boxes and labels.*

Submitted by: Lee-Anne Lehman

## **KNOX CHURCH AUXILIARY REPORT**

The Knox Auxiliary is a committee of four (Rosemary Grover, Cora Lee Dobson, Gerda Roppel, and George Potter). This committee organized the 2 church suppers, provided 9 funeral lunches, a 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary lunch, a Soup Lunch on Remembrance Day and the Christmas Come and Go Social for Rev. David and Yoomi. The Auxiliary also prepared a dinner for the Tiverton Fall Fair Ambassador contestants.

The Auxiliary is very fortunate to have help from Norm Dobson, Chuck Excel, June Slesser and other members of our congregation and St Paul's when needed. Thank you to Doc Roppel for assisting in setting up the tables and chairs for the funeral lunches. Thank you to all those who have donated squares for the funerals.

The committee spearheads the 2 church suppers, but all the congregation working together make them a success. The menu for the summer supper included cold roast beef, ham, various salads and delicious pies. At this supper 331 adults and 9 children ate and a total profit of \$4650.00 was realized. The menu for the fall supper included turkey and all the trimmings, (but NO turnip) and of course yummy pies. There were 391 adults and 3 children served realizing a profit of \$5,915.00. The profits from these two suppers go directly into the General Church operating account.

There were 4 barbeques held on the third Monday of May, June, July and August, realizing a profit of \$927.31, with all the profits going to the "Church Roof Fund". Thank you to all those who helped either by barbecuing the hamburgers and sausage, setting up or cleaning up. Another example of the congregation working together.

The Auxiliary bought two "Touch Free" hand sanitizers that are located in the main entrance and downstairs. New table covering was purchased for the two tables in the kitchen.

Thank you, merci, gracias, danke. It does not matter what language you use, thank you is such a simple word that is often under rated. So I would like to extend a "Big" thank you to everyone for assisting the auxiliary this past year.

Submitted by Rosemary Grover

# KNOX AUXILIARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank Balance Jan 1, 2017 **\$4374.60**

## Receipts

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Funeral/Anniversary lunch revenue   | \$4522.00        |
| Ambassador dinner/remembrance lunch | 496.00           |
| HST rebate                          | <u>64.62</u>     |
| Total                               | <b>\$5082.62</b> |

## Expenses

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Provisions purchased             | \$1550.65        |
| Ambassador/Remembrance groceries |                  |
| Christmas Come & go tea          | 177.75           |
| Touch free hand sanitizers       | 151.00           |
| Table coverings-kitchen          | 88.50            |
| Chafing dish                     | <u>56.50</u>     |
| Total expenses                   | <b>\$2024.40</b> |

Bank Balance Dec 31<sup>st</sup> **\$7432.82**



## 2017 CHURCH SUPPER REPORTS

### Summer Salad Supper

#### Receipts

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 331 Adults       | \$4,965.00    |
| 9 Children       | 45.00         |
| Donations        | 843.00        |
| Pies & Meat sold | <u>201.00</u> |
| Total            | \$6,054.00    |

#### Expenses

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Rent & advertising | \$142.25      |
| Beef & Ham         | 694.25        |
| Paper Products     | 251.12        |
| Groceries          | <u>316.38</u> |
| Total              | \$1,404.00    |

Profit **\$4650.00**

### Fall Supper

#### Receipts

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| 390 Adults | \$5,850.00      |
| 3 Children | 15.00           |
| Donations  | <u>1,232.00</u> |
| Total      | \$7,097.00      |

#### Expenses

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Rent & advertising | \$177.00      |
| Turkeys            | 424.44        |
| Groceries          | 394.50        |
| Paper Products     | <u>186.06</u> |
| Total              | \$1182.00     |

Profit **\$5915.00**

Potatoes & cabbage donated

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The fellowship Committee, along with the helping hands of many others in the congregation serves coffee, tea and juice on the last Sunday of every month, except July and August. Lemonade is served outdoors after the Sunday service each week in July and August.

Feb.12<sup>th</sup> Following the Annual Meeting, a finger-food lunch was provided.  
 Jun.18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day cookies and refreshments were served.  
 Oct.8<sup>th</sup> Knox Tiverton Church provided coffee, tea, juice and muffins for the service in the Community centre, this service included three other area churches, who also provided muffins.  
 Oct.22<sup>nd</sup> After the Church Anniversary Service, which included two baptisms, lunch was provided.  
 Nov 12<sup>th</sup> After the "Service of Memories", a cake and coffee were served.  
 Dec.10<sup>th</sup> Lunch was provided by the congregation after the Christmas Pageant.

The Fellowship Committee thanks all the willing spirits and helping hands for making our projects so successful. Thank you all.

Submitted by Mary Duthie

## ROLL CLERK'S REPORT

|   | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Number on Communion Roll in December</b>   | <b>205</b> | <b>201</b> | <b>193</b> |
| Other Statistics, Spouses of Members          | 40         | 39         | 40         |
| Adherents                                     | 83         | 88         | 88         |
| Households                                    | 201        | 206        | 200        |
| <b>Total Members, Spouses &amp; Adherents</b> | <b>328</b> | <b>328</b> | <b>321</b> |

There were no new communicant members in 2017.

We were sorry to lose the following eight communicant members who died in 2017:

J D Campbell, Verna Munro, Irene Bradley, Dugald Mackenzie,  
 Eric Slade, Ian Mitchell, Donna Williams, Marlene Campbell  
 And Adherent: Margaret MacDonald,

### Communion Record

| Year    | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017   |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| Qty     | 6    | 6    | 6    | 7    | 6    | 6    | 5    | 4      |
| High    | 91   | 107  | 96   | 79   | 71   | 61   | 59   | 62     |
| Low     | 65   | 60   | 61   | 54   | 58   | 48   | 48   | 22     |
| Average | 74   | 78   | 79   | 70   | 62   | 54   | 54   | 47 Est |

Submitted by: Alex Duthie, Roll Clerk

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

This year's VBS was held from August 14 to the 18 with an average of sixteen children attending each day. This is down from the thirty-three last year.

The theme this year was "Maker Fun Factory.....created by God.....built for a purpose".

The daily opening session was called Sound Wave Sing and Play. During this time the children learned songs that explained that God created us, that God is for us and is always with us, that He loves us and that His love will last forever. And that He made us for a reason.

Songs like "The Maker', 'Made For This', 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands', 'O Happy Day' , "God Is For Me' and others had actions and dance moves in which the children actively participated. It was an action-packed session each morning. We also talked about God Sightings which were things that we see, hear, smell, touch and taste that remind us of God's presence and the gifts He brings us each day. Rev. David opened each day with prayer.

The children then went to Bible Discovery where Rev. David presented an interactive, hands-on Bible lesson. They experienced characters from the old and new testaments who had special reasons for being in God's plans.

The rest of the morning was spent at the three rotating stations. While one crew was attending the Imagination Station for crafts, another was experiencing the Game Makers and playing active games outdoors. A third crew was at Kid Vid where they watched short videos about real children who had special needs/talents that showed how God gave them purpose. Discussion about these stories brought further interaction among the children. There was also a Snack Time mid morning.

The children were all brought together for a Funshop Finale to review the day's theme, look at pictures taken during the three stations, sing some songs and close in prayer.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the week a success. The leaders of each station did an excellent job of teaching and directing the children and creating a fun environment for learning. The youth volunteers who directed the children to each station and helped keep them involved were an important help. I thank the ladies who prepared the snacks. Thank you to the ladies from St. Paul's, Glammis for your contributions of time, food and monetary donation. And a special thanks to Rev. David for his active involvement, encouragement and guidance.

I also wish to thank those members of the congregation who donated money to help with the expenses and those who donated items, material, supplies and time. Thanks to the Men's Group for building the screen for our backdrop. It made decorating easier and we have it for other purposes and years.

Finally, I thank God for blessing us with patience, compassion and understanding when working with the children. His being with us made the experience a blessing to all involved.

Submitted by: Chuck Exel

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Cash Donations                | 225.00 |
| Cheque from St. Paul's W.M.S. | 100.00 |
| Total Donations               | 325.00 |

### Expenses

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Maker Fun Factory Kit      | 251.99 |
| Food                       | 85.80  |
| Craft supplies/decorations | 176.70 |
| Lesson Supplies            | 228.20 |
| Total Expenses             | 742.69 |

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Cost to Budget | 417.69 |
|----------------|--------|

## KNOX YOUTH GROUP REPORT

This past year of 2017 the kids had a great time helping out to make the pancake supper in February a thriving success. The youth group members decided a good use of some of their funds would be a donation to the victims of a house fire from Kincardine.

This year's Easter party was a fun event for the youth group with many games, an egg hunt and a make your own pizza dinner.

Another fun and fellowship filled event was a bowling night in Port Elgin. Four teams were formed and four lanes were rented as many youth and members of the congregation showed off their bowling skills.

A canoe trip down the mighty Saugeen River was planned for June or July, however excessively high water levels proved to be a safety problem. Hopefully this year water levels aren't so high.

Starting in October, many youth group members started rehearsing for the Christmas Mini Music Concert and on December 14, this group demonstrated their instrumental and vocal talents along with other congregational members at a very enjoyable and festive Christmas Concert.

The youth group members and leaders look forward to another fun filled year.

Submitted by Heather Kempers



# W.M.S. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2017

## Receipts

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bank balance brought forward          | \$937.33     |
| Offerings                             | 2470.00      |
| Membership fees                       | 35.00        |
| Proceeds from Rummage Sale            | 406.00       |
| Proceeds from lunch Mission Awareness | 335.00       |
| Interest Hughes-MacKellar fund        | 564.00       |
| Proceeds from Bruce-Grey Pres. Lunch  | 76.00        |
| Cash donation Evangel Hall            | <u>20.00</u> |
| Total                                 | \$ 4843.33   |

O/S deposit Interest Hughes-MacKellar \$ 3.81

## Disbursements

|                          |           |               |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Bruce-Grey Presbyterial  |           | \$2555.00     |
| Offerings                | \$2470.00 |               |
| Membership fees          | 35.00     |               |
| 2 Memorial Certificates  | 50.00     |               |
| W.M.S. Mission project   |           | 335.00        |
| Teeswater Cropshare      |           | 250.00        |
| P.W.S. & D.              |           | 500.00        |
| Presbyterian Sharing     |           | 200.00        |
| Evangel Hall Mission     |           | 170.00        |
| Scott Mission            |           | 150.00        |
| Leprosy Mission          |           | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total                    |           | \$4277.00     |
| Bank Balance             | 1090.33   |               |
| (#40) outstanding cheque | \$227.00  |               |
| (#45) outstanding cheque | 297.00    | 566.33        |

## **KNOX CHOIR REPORT**

The choir, although small in size, has faithfully provided anthems throughout the year. It has been a joy to provide this special music on a weekly basis.

Helen McKenzie on the organ and Liz Dadson on the piano have also provided special music this year. It is really nice to see the organ used and we are very grateful for Helen's talent and her willingness to join in on these duets. Thank you, Helen.

The special music for anniversary Sunday in October, featured the Bushell Family with their beautiful a capella music.

In late summer, Eleanor Roppel left the choir and Heather Kempers has joined the choir, giving us four members: Doris Young, Mynona Paige, Chuck Exel and Heather Kempers.

The choir performed as part of the Mini-Christmas Music Concert, and as with every year, enjoys providing Christmas anthems through December, and at the Christmas Eve service.

We do need more people in the choir. Thank you to the four people who faithfully come out Thursday nights to practice, and Sunday mornings to sing. If you would like to join the choir, practices are Thursday nights at 7 p.m., at the church.

A heartfelt thank you to all the members of the choir who offer their time and talent for the worship service.

At the end of October, music director Liz Dadson submitted her resignation from that post, effective Dec. 31, 2017. She will miss both the Knox Tiverton and St. Paul's Glammis congregations, but believes the time is right for someone else to take over the music program.

Respectfully submitted: Liz Dadson,  
music director

## **KNOX CHOIR FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 2016 Balance Brought Forward   | 142.03 |
| <u>Receipts</u>                |        |
| Hughes-McKellar Fund           | 300.00 |
| <u>Expenses</u>                |        |
| Special Music - Helen McKenzie | 100.00 |
| Closing Balance                | 342.03 |

Respectfully submitted: Eleanor Roppel (on behalf of the choir)

## **WHITE GIFT SUNDAY REPORT**

White Gift Sunday was held on Sunday December 10, 2017.

A breakdown of all the gifts that were donated is not available. There was \$425 in cash donated and several gift cards. When all the gifts were moved to the Lions Hall my Ford Escape was full, Twenty bountiful Christmas Hampers were prepared and delivered to 20 needy families in our area. Knox church helped make it a better Christmas for 36 children, their parents and also some seniors.

The Tiverton Lions Club is very grateful for all the support of the Christmas Hamper program.

Submitted by Rosemary Grover

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

Knox Tiverton Sunday School gathered in the activity room on Sunday mornings during worship from September to June. In 2017 we relied on a number of resources in which to teach and guide our young people on their journey to Christ and with the help of Liz Ballagh, Rita Moser, Blair Kempers and Don Manary we tried to keep our lessons interesting and enjoyable. In September we began our fall session and were saddened when Rita Moser resigned from teaching.

In June, our annual Congregational Picnic began with an early morning set-up with the assistance of some of our young people. However, the morning continued to turn dark and as the threatening clouds came over the Lake the decision was made to enjoy our picnic in the safety of our church building. The children performed their play on the 10 Commandments and following the attendance awards and a delicious lunch, we were able to move back outdoors for games and fellowship.

Over the year we were blessed to have the opportunity to share our ministry with Tiverton Park Manor and worshipped with the residents at Easter, in the Fall and again over Advent.

In October we held our annual Sleeping Children Around the World Coffee Hour and with the tireless efforts of Dianne Currier we once again supported this worthwhile cause.

We concluded 2017 with a fantastic portrayal of the Christmas Story using shadows to tell the story. The pageant was followed by lunch and a visit from Santa.

Thank you to our congregation for your continued support and generosity towards our Sunday School. Our young people look to you for guidance and leadership but mostly they appreciate the camaraderie you extend to them.

Submitted by: Heidi Pasley





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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from the Teeswater Cropshare Growing Project Committee!

Even though it has been a while since the beans were harvested and the bills were paid, it takes us into the new year to finalize all the finances. We thank you all for your financial and prayer support. This is such a great project where we can all work together to raise money to help the neediest people in the world.

We were able to send \$27,000.00 to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Praise be to God! The Canadian Government will match this donation 4:1 thru the different projects the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is involved in. When we make the donation on behalf of the project we earmark it to partner with the work of Presbyterian World Service & Development.

We harvested a crop of soybeans and had the support and help of many local farmers to get the fields worked, the crop planted and harvested. Local businesses continue to make donations to the projects as well.

For those of you who remember, in last year's January update we told you we would be growing corn in 2017. But the prices for soybeans got so much better ahead of the growing season that we decided to grow beans again. We can sell some of the crop already ahead of time, and that way we were able to get a better price for the beans. For this coming growing season we plan to grow corn. For the health of the land we need to grow different crops every year. And after 3 years of growing soybeans it is time for a change!

We were able to visit some of your congregations this past year and sure enjoyed seeing your enthusiasm for the project and the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. We are always willing to come visit your congregation and make a short presentation about the Growing Project. Let us know, and we will set a date.

We know it is not always easy to keep contact information up to date, so here is ours:

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Yours in Christ,


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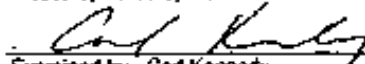
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**Knox Presbyterian Church Crop Share Teeswater**  
2016

2017

|   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Crop Income                                 |                     |                     |
| Crop income                                 | \$ 16,401.79        | \$ 16,195.75        |
| Other Income                                |                     |                     |
| HST Rebate                                  | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Interest on account                         | \$ 14.99            | \$ 10.42            |
| <b>Total Income</b>                         | <b>\$ 16,416.78</b> | <b>\$ 16,196.17</b> |
| Expenses                                    |                     |                     |
| Land Rent 30 acres                          | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |
| Seed & Fertilizer                           | \$ 8,011.64         | \$ 4,891.94         |
| Drying                                      | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Check Off                                   | \$ 63.95            | \$ 53.26            |
| Crop Insurance                              | \$ 204.30           | \$ 219.30           |
| Bank Charges                                | \$ 16.00            | \$ 8.00             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                       | <b>\$ 11,295.89</b> | <b>\$ 8,172.50</b>  |
| <b>Project Net proceeds</b>                 | <b>\$ 5,120.29</b>  | <b>\$ 8,023.67</b>  |
| Donations                                   |                     |                     |
| Knox Burgoyne                               | \$ 740.00           | \$ 648.55           |
| New St James, London                        | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |
| Knox Teeswater                              | \$ 2,997.00         | \$ 2,936.27         |
| Knox Belmore                                | \$ 735.00           | \$ 710.00           |
| St Andrew's Wingham                         | \$ 3,160.00         | \$ 3,115.00         |
| Knox Tiverton/St Pauls Glanville            | \$ 4,845.00         | \$ 5,185.00         |
| Chalmers Presbyterian Church                | \$ 500.00           | \$ -                |
| St Andrew's Owen Sound                      | \$ 300.00           | \$ -                |
| Kinslough                                   | \$ 655.00           | \$ 735.00           |
| St. Andrews Scarborough                     | \$ 3,483.00         | \$ 1,900.50         |
| St Andrews Kitchener                        | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,000.00         |
| <b>Total donations</b>                      | <b>\$ 20,815.00</b> | <b>\$ 19,230.32</b> |
| <b>Total proceeds</b>                       | <b>\$ 25,935.29</b> | <b>\$ 27,253.99</b> |
| <b>Donation to Canadian Foodgrains Bank</b> | <b>\$ 25,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 27,000.00</b> |
| Beginning account balance                   |                     | 893.37              |
| Ending account balance                      |                     | 1147.36             |

Treasurer  Bradley Dent

  
Examined by - Carl Kennedy

  
Examined by - Jean Bouwknecht

## **KNOX CHURCH FUNDS**

This page refers to different funds in our church and offers a brief explanation of each.

### **MEMORIAL RENOVATION FUND**

**PURPOSE:** The Memorial Renovation Fund was established at the Annual Congregational meeting, January 25, 1979 and amended at a special congregation meeting June 29, 1988. The fund was established to provide a fund for those wishing to make memorial gifts or any unspecified bequests to the church; and to provide a fund for major renovations and restorations of the church or manse buildings and property and the replacement of Sanctuary furnishings.

**PROCEDURE:** The Treasurer receives funds from donors and sends thank you cards to the donors. The Treasurer notifies the Board of Managers and records the fact in the Memorial Book that a memorial gift has been received in memory of a particular person(s) or that a bequest has been received from the person named. If the memorial gift or bequest is, or exceeds, \$500.00, this information is forwarded to the Stewardship Committee who co-ordinates the wording and installation of a plate on the Memorial Plaque and notification in the Sunday bulletin.

**FUND MANAGEMENT:** The fund is administered by the Treasurer upon instructions from the Board of Managers. Release of funds is approved by a duly called meeting of the congregation where the Board of Managers present their detailed case.

### **GRANT HELM ESTATE TRUST FUND**

Early in 1980, the Board of Managers, on behalf of the congregation, received a bequest of \$5000 from the estate of the late Grant Helm. It was specified that the interest from the invested funds be used for the purchase, renovation or repair of equipment for the Sunday School; and the redecoration, renovation and improvement of the Sunday School room.

### **HUGHES-MCKELLAR MEMORIAL FUND**

In 1997, Miss Margaret Hughes of London, Ontario donated \$50,000.00 to our church to establish the Hughes-McKellar Memorial Fund. The principal amount of \$50,000 is to be invested in perpetuity. The yearly interest from the fund is to be used as follows:

1. One half of the interest to be given to the W.M.S. for mission projects as they see fit.
2. On half of the interest to be given to the Board of Managers - choir needs to be met first, the remainder used as the Board of Managers see fit.

### **THE OUTREACH FUND**

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, January 31, 2000 the Knox Church Tiverton Outreach Fund was established. This fund is contributed to by the congregation, separate from Presbyterians Sharing Allocation. Funds are used for local benevolent needs, mission outreach and other Congregational Life Activity expenses at the discretion of the Session.

### **JOHN H. MACKENZIE BUILDING TRUST FUND**

In 2016 Knox Presbyterian Church Tiverton received a bequest of \$50,000.00 from the estate of John H. MacKenzie of Bruce Township to be administered by the Board of Managers and to be set aside in a separate fund for use only for repairs, maintenance and improvements to the church building. At the February 12, 2017 Annual Congregational meeting the John H. MacKenzie Building Trust Fund was established as the separate fund for the bequest. As per donor's request such fund does not permit expenditure for general upkeep such as heat, light, insurance as this gift is intended to be used for expenditures of a capital nature in order to maintain the physical structure of the church and/or improve it.

### **ROBERT 'BOB' HUGH MACKINNON FUND**

In 2013 Knox Presbyterian Church Tiverton received a donation that will be continued each year by the family, in memory of Robert 'Bob' Hugh MacKinnon of Tiverton, Ont. The family has requested that the yearly donation be dispersed in full each year with half the donation to be used within the community and the other half to be used for youth programs within the Church ministry. At the February 12, 2017 Annual Congregational meeting the Robert 'Bob' Hugh MacKinnon Fund was established for this yearly donation. The Board of Managers will administer the fund according to the donor's wishes and determine each year the specific recipients.

**For your notes.....**