

Becoming an Affirming Ministry

Knox United is again considering embarking on the process toward perhaps becoming an **Affirming Ministry** within the United Church of Canada. An Affirming Ministry is one which intentionally welcomes and affirms all people, embracing diversity and striving to include and be a safe place for all people regardless of age, gender, race, culture, education, ability, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The first step on this process is forming a **steering committee**, to guide the congregation in examining and considering the many aspects of diversity and discrimination that need to be addressed. The congregation considering all this may take a year or more. A detailed guide and materials are available to help the committee with this.

If you would be interested in being part of this steering committee, please **speak with Rev. Brian**.



On behalf of our choristers and staff, the Saskatoon Children's Choir wishes Knox congregation a wonderful Christmas season!

We are grateful to all of you for welcoming us into your building again this year!

- Phoebe Voigts, Rita McLeod, Gaileen Willick

KNOX UNITED CHURCH DECEMBER 16, 2018 ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME TO KNOX UNITED CHURCH TODAY!

After the worship service, we hope you'll come downstairs into the hall to share some **refreshments** and **conversation**. We invite our visitors to **sign the guest book** in the gathering space just outside the rear sanctuary doors.

WORSHIP TODAY - This morning's worship is led by Rev. Brian Maitland, Doug McCosh, Mary Lou Beck and the Choir, and Patricia Deibert, organist.

NURSERY - We have a fully equipped nursery in McLeod Hall that is available for your use if needed during the worship service.



BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION takes place on **Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm.** at the Church. Everyone is welcome - come once or make it a regular habit. We discuss the coming Sunday's Lectionary scripture passages, what they mean historically, and how they connect with our lives today. It's a fun, wide-ranging conversation with lots of voices. Come and be refreshed in your faith!

Our gifts for **MISSION & SERVICE** support the work of community ministries like Our Place Society in Victoria, BC. In a nurturing atmosphere of home and family, Our Place services Victoria's most vulnerable. This remarkable inner-city centre relates to the people who use it as family members, not clients, with an emphasis on creating a compassionate, caring community. With your support, Our Place Society is able to focus on creating sacred and healing community. Please make M&S giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbor is at the heart of our M&S.



Our annual Knox **Mitten Tree** is now up in the Gathering Space. Knitters, crafters and other members are invited to make or find suitable mittens, gloves, scarves, and winter headwear to put on the tree throughout Advent. These will be gathered by the Outreach Service Committee and taken to both the Friendship Inn and Howard Coad School before Christmas.



Did you know ... PARKING during worship services on Sundays is FREE! Feel free to park in the Precise ParkLink lots adjacent to our church building.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



TODAY: KNOX - Sktn. Chamber Singers, "Starry, Starry Night" Concerts at 2pm. & 7:30pm. Tickets: \$30 at the door.

Dec 19: KNOX - Rosthern Junior College Choirs Christmas Concert - 7:30pm. Guest performer Sonrisa. Free admission - collection will be taken.

Dec. 29: KNOX - Sktn. Opera, "Home for the Holidays" Concert - 7:30pm.

Jan. 4: KNOX - "Live Music" Concert ft. Allison Miller, Kelsey Ronn, Kieran Foss, pianist Karen Reynaud - 7:30pm. Admission by donation.

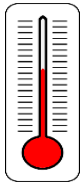
Jan. 26: Sutherland Hall - 96th Highlanders Pipes & Drums "Burns Night" celebrating Robbie Burns, haggis, bagpipes, dancing, & all things Scottish! Cost \$50 each (Pam has tickets in church office). Make great Christmas gifts!

If you would like a **name tag**, please add your name to the list on the table in the gathering space and we'll have one made for you. If you have already **requested a name tag**, please check the white board in the gathering space.

"The Upper Room" and "These Days" daily devotionals are available for you to take home. They are on the shelves sitting on the table in the gathering space, and are free of charge. If you would like to offer a small donation to help cover their cost, there is a slot in the table to accommodate it.

The "**Observer**" is also available in the gathering space. If you have a subscription (\$25.00), payment is due and can be made to Pam (office), to Doug McCosh, or through the offering plate.

If you would like **offering envelopes** and/or a **mailbox**, please call Pam in the office (306-244-0159). If you would like to receive occasional Knox-related news items by **email**, please check with Pam (office) to ensure we have your email address.



Knox is planning for a **major capital fundraising project**, and **volunteers are needed!** If you are interested, please see Ross Hinthier (Property Committee) or contact the Church Office.



THIS WEEK AT KNOX ...

Today @ 2 & 7:30pm: **Chamber Singers Concerts**
 Wed @ 1:30pm: **Knox Bible Study**
 Wed @ 7:30pm: **Rosthern Jr. College Concert**
 Thurs. @ 7pm: **Knox Choir rehearsal**
 Sat. @ 10:00am: **Knox Choir & Brass Rehearsal**



DECEMBER WORSHIP AT KNOX ...

Sunday, Dec. 23 @ 10:30am. - 4th Sunday of Advent

- Special Choir music presented in the service
- Advent "Thanks Calendar" offerings received

Thursday, Dec. 24 @ 7:00pm. - Christmas Eve

- Family "Carols and Candlelight" Service

Sunday, Dec. 30 @ 10:30am.

- Family worship service at Knox