

### LECTIONARY READINGS

**Dec. 30 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**



1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Samuel is conceived
Psalms 148	The Song of Songs
Colossians 3:12-17	Virtues/Members of one body
Luke 2:41-52	Young Jesus at the Temple



### AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE SERVICE

#### Dec. 23: Group 2

Georgie Davis  
Bill & Inger  
DeCoursey  
Marcel & Alison  
de la Gorgendiere  
Paul Denham  
Brenda Derksen  
Josh Dolinski

#### Dec. 30: Group 3

Lindsay & Joan Fast  
Victor & Dorothy  
Friesen  
Jake & Mary Ellen  
Froese  
Irene Gaspar  
Ellen Gaunt  
Mark Gobie  
Gary & Audrey  
Gullickson

#### Jan. 6: Group 4

George & Eileen  
Hagblom  
Jack & Annemarie  
Hillson  
Ross Hinthier  
Gail Jorde  
Kevin & Margo Junk

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## KNOX UNITED CHURCH DECEMBER 23, 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.

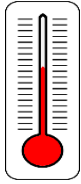
**WORSHIP TODAY** - This morning's worship is led by Rev. Brian Maitland, Phyllis Rugg, Mary Lou Beck and the Choir, and Patricia Deibert, organist. Special thanks to Margo and Kevin Junk for their musical contributions today!

**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! **Note:** There will be **NO Bible Study** on Dec. 26 & Jan. 2.

**2018 Donations/Contributions:** Please have your donations/contributions for 2018 in to the office or collection plate by December 31, 2018. Thank you.



**Knox is planning a major capital fundraising project, and volunteers are needed!** If you are interested, please see John Rowson, who will Chair this special project.



### IN OUR COMMUNITY

**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!



### THIS WEEK AT KNOX

**Mon. Dec. 24 @ 7pm.: Christmas Eve**

- Family "Carols and Candlelight" Service

**Sat. Dec. 29 @ 7:30pm.: Saskatoon Opera Concert**

- "Home for the Holidays" Concert

**Sun. Dec. 30 @ 10:30am.**

- Family worship service at Knox

### 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**.



Our gifts for **MISSION & SERVICE** support programs that empower women in the developing world. At the Morogoro Women's Training Centre in Dodoma, Tanzania, there is a sign that reads, "Serve God gladly." Morogoro has been an M&S global partner since the centre's creation in 1979. The centre offers a variety of courses, from legal advocacy to agriculture to maternal health. The goal is to empower women to make a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities. Please make M&S giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbor is at the heart of our M&S.