

LECTIONARY READINGS



Jan. 6 - Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6	Arise, shine!
Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14	Song to the Messiah King
Ephesians 3:1-12	Gospel for Gentiles and Jews
Matthew 2:1-12	Story of the Magi



AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE SERVICE

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

Jan. 13: Group 5

Irene Barsky
Wayne & Donna
Knouse
Georgie Kyle
Ken & Mereda Leek
Brian & Susan
Maitland

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KNOX UNITED CHURCH DECEMBER 30, 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 Agnes Samson, Jean Sukut, Gary Gullickson, and Phyllis Rugg, and by 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.

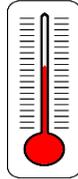


BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION takes place on **Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm.** at the Church. Everyone is welcome - come once or make it a regular habit. We discuss the coming Sunday's Lectionary scripture passages, what they mean historically, and how they connect with our lives today. It's a fun, wide-ranging conversation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

Note: There will be **NO Bible Study on 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.



Ushers - This is a reminder to pick up the new Usher schedule, which is now in your mailbox.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Jan. 4: KNOX - "Live Music" Concert featuring 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!

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**.



We cannot say it enough: Thank you! Thank you for your gifts for **Mission & Service** - together we are transforming lives! The young man in St. John's NL, who told us he would be dead without Emmanuel House, or the middle-aged man in Hamilton ON, who has a home for the first time in his adult life, or the women of Kenya, who are empowered to feed their families through a bull exchange program - these are just a few of the many stories of how M&S mends the world! Please make M&S giving a regular part of our life of faith. Loving our neighbor is at the heart of our M&S.