

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**.

KNOX UNITED CHURCH DECEMBER 9, 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, Rheanne Rowson, 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 overseas personnel like Marion Pope, a registered nurse who served with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) in South Korea for 36 years. "Hold the gospel and culture in creative tension." These words of her teacher, Dr. Katharine Hockin, guided Marion, who became a well-known and respected teacher and writer about mission. Please make M&S giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbor is at the heart of our M&S.



The next issue of **Knox Newsletter** is now available for you to pick up in the Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary.

Our annual Knox **Mitten Tree** is up today, in time for the beginning of the **Advent season**. 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



Dec. 10: Augustana Lutheran (1201 Broadway Ave.) 4:30-8pm. - **join in to write a letter** to help convince government officials to release people imprisoned for expressing their opinion, stop the use of torture, commute death sentences, end other human rights abuses. Light food provided. Info: Helen Smith-McIntyre 306-717-5110.

Dec. 12: St. Andrew's Presbyterian (Spadina Cr & 20th St) "**A Service of Memory and Light**", 7:00pm. service followed by refreshments in the lower hall. Info 306-242-0525.

Dec. 14: KNOX - Sktn. Symphony Chorus "**Handel's Messiah**" 7:30pm. Tickets saskatoonsymphony.org or 306-665-6414.

Dec. 15: KNOX - Sktn. Symphony Chorus, "**Sing-Along Messiah**" 2pm. Tickets saskatoonsymphony.org or 306-665-6414.

Dec. 16: KNOX - Saskatoon Chamber Singers, "**Starry, Starry Night**" Concerts at 2pm. & 7:30pm. Tickets: Advance \$25 or at the door \$30. Get Advance tickets from Pam in the Knox Office.

Dec. 17: 96th Highlanders Pipes & Drums "**Christmas with the 96th**", Henk Ruys Soccer Centre (219 Primrose Dr), \$20 (includes burger dinner) - **Pam has tickets in Knox Office for only a couple more days.**

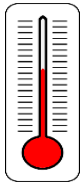
Dec 19: KNOX - Rosthern Junior College Choirs Christmas Concert - 7:30pm. Guest performer Sonrisa. Free admission - collection will be taken.

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 ...

Mon @ 7pm: 96th Highlanders rehearsal
 Tues @ 7pm: Knox Choir rehearsal
 Tues @ 7pm: Sktn. Chamber Singers rehearsal
 Wed @ 1:30pm: Knox Bible Study
 Wed @ 11am: Sktn. Symphony setup/rehearsal
 Thurs @ 9am: Sktn. Symphony rehearsal
 Fri @ 7:30pm: Sktn. Symphony "Messiah" Concert
 Sat @ 2pm: Sktn. Symphony "Sing-Along Messiah"
 Sat @ 7pm: Sktn. Chamber Singers rehearsal



DECEMBER WORSHIP AT KNOX ...

Sunday, Dec. 16 @ 10:30am. - 3rd Sunday of Advent
 · Special children/youth participation in the service
 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