

## Knox United—Middle Stewiacke United

### From the Search Committee

The search is over!!!

In July, the search committee announced the hiring of a new minister for the Brookfield-Middle Stewiacke Pastoral Charge. They were pleased to share that Reverend Michael Henderson will be taking over the role on Oct 1, 2017. His first Sunday to lead us in worship will be Sunday, Oct. 8 - Thanksgiving Sunday!!

Please come out to support & welcome Rev. Michael!!!

Service and Sunday School times are 9:30 a.m. at Knox and 11:15 a.m. in Middle Stewiacke.

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**Saturday, Sept. 23, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

### **Giant Yard Sale and Breakfast**

Knox United Church

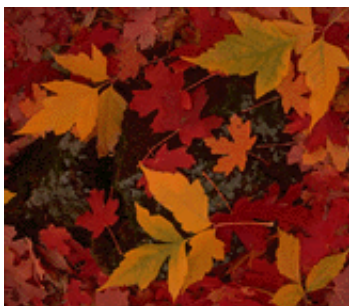
Pancake and Sausage breakfast:  
\$8, under 12 yrs.: Free

Bargains Galore!  
Pantry Table

Rain or Shine!



**Brookfield Pastoral Charge**



## Get involved . . .

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The BMSUYG (Brookfield/Middle Stewiacke United Youth Group) will resume meeting on Friday nights from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Knox United Church. The first night will be September 29. All Youth between the ages of 13-18 are welcome.

### Explorers

Explorers will be starting up on Wednesday, October 4. We invite all girls in grades 4-6 to join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. At each "Expedition" we say our purpose, motto and prayer. Some of our activities each year include hosting a Halloween party for the young kids in the community where we take in food bank donations, attending the Remembrance Day service, a talent show, as well as an Explorer Olympics. Other yearly events include swimming at the RECC, sledding , games and crafts and movie nights. These activities of worship, fun and fellowship help the girls grow as members of the Christian community.

### Mission and Outreach

Watch for more information soon on the next of our Mission Outreach Seminar Series (MOSS). October's topic will be Legal Aid and November's will be Human Rights issues.

## Mark your Calendar . . .

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### UCW Notices

Tuesday, Oct. 10 Fall U.C.W. Presbyterial Rally at Brunswick Street Church, Truro.  
Registration - 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - U.C.W. Fall Luncheon & Sale at Knox Church. A menu of Chicken a la King will be served. Sale areas include Silent Auction, Jewelry Box, Pantry Table, Sweet Shop, Cookie Table. Come out and support U.C.W.

Monday, Nov. 27, 6 p.m. General U.C.W. at Knox United. Supper at 6 p.m. followed by meeting and worship.



October 28, 4:30-6 p.m.—Turkey Supper at Knox. Adults: \$12 Under 5 yrs. Free

Saturday, Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Lunch at Knox following the service

November 24 & 25 – Christmas House Tours

## At Middle Stewiacke . . .

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**Sunday School** will begin at the Middle Stewiacke United Church on September 24. It takes place in the basement during the service on Sunday mornings from 11:15 to 12:15. Sunday School is offered for Elementary school aged children. A nursery is also available for those 4 and under. All are welcome!

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Little Children's choir will begin on Sunday, September 24. The choir is a combination of voices and instruments and open to children aged 5-12. They practice Sunday mornings from 10-10:30 in the sanctuary and perform during the service on the last Sunday of the month. All are welcome!

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If you would like more information about the Sunday School or the Little Children's Choir, please call Lorraine Ross at [902-673-2811](tel:902-673-2811).



## Middle Stewiacke Youth Band & Senior Choir

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The Middle Stewiacke United Church Music Ministry had a busy summer making music, which included a trip to Loggieville (Miramichi City) NB. Before Monday held a concert in Loggieville to a crowd of 100 people at the Knox United Church Hall followed by a reception. The following day Before Monday provided the music at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church for a crowd of over 300 people. The trip to New Brunswick has allowed the youth groups in Loggieville to see how Before Monday incorporates themselves into a church service and has inspired the two churches to review their music ministries to do the same.

It was a fun filled trip with the band and their families for all the hard work they have put into the band over the last 4 years. At the end of this summer, Before Monday lost two members, Beth and James O'Connell, but has gained one, Josée Ross.

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The Senior Choir has gained a new member, Winston (Winnie) Matheson, and as always, we will gladly accept any new members who would like to join us.

In other news, both the Senior Choir and Before Monday are preparing to perform at the Knox United Food Bank Concert (Date TBD) in December. Before Monday is planning on putting on a concert this coming fall to raise funds for the next project. Keep an eye in the bulletin for the date and location! Senior Choir practices Thursday nights in the sanctuary from 7-8 pm. Before Monday practices with the choir Thursday nights from 7-9 pm as well as Sunday morning from 10-11. All are Welcome!

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Tim Ross, Music Director

## **World-Class Concert at Knox!** **Sunday, November 5, 2 p.m.**

Azuline Duo features award-winning musicians Sara Traficante (flute) and Emma Rush (guitar). This ensemble has a dynamic onstage presence that engages the audience from the first note.

Sara Traficante is a versatile flutist, performing throughout Canada and internationally as a chamber and orchestral musician. She is in demand as a clinician and collaborator on projects from traditional classical to film scores and indie rock. She plays all flutes and whistles on the soundtrack to the new Netflix/CBC production, *Anne*.

Emma Rush has established herself as one of Canada's top classical guitarists, in demand as both a soloist and chamber musician. Her playing has commanded worldwide recognition and she performs regularly throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia. Emma is a frequent guest at international guitar festivals.

The duo's newest program, *Romanza - Music of Spain and South America*, showcases the rich history of the guitar and the brilliant voice of the flute. This program is a favourite with all audiences, combining lyrical sensitivity and show stopping technique in a compelling and unusual presentation.

**Admission at the door - \$15    Special Student admission - \$5    CDs available**



## **Project Hope . . .**

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Project Hope and community members met Heshem Al Awar, his wife Hwoida and son, Amar, at Stanfield International Airport on June 22. They had had a long journey and were very happy to finally be in Nova Scotia and reunited with Heshem's brother Khalid and family and sister, Fadia. Six year old Amar is now attending Ecole Acadienne. Khalid's son Rami and his wife welcomed a healthy baby boy a few months ago and Rami is working on his English as they wait for their application to continue working its way through the immigration channels. These happy events have been overshadowed by the sad news that one of Maha's brothers recently passed away. May his soul rest in peace. We extend our deepest sympathy to Maha, Khalid, Rudi and Marwah.

Project Hope has completed sponsorship with the Al Hussein family. We are very pleased how well they have settled. Both Abdel and Osayma have found employment. Ahmad is working part-time while going to NSCC to complete his grade 12. Ghufuran, Mohammad, and Alaa are all back to school at SCA and Brookfield Elementary. It has been a very rewarding experience for our committee and while the sponsorship has ended, the friendships will last a lifetime.

Project Hope continues to raise funds through its "Yellow Envelope" initiative and is very grateful for the ongoing support of our churches and community members. We have recently been approached by sponsors in Truro to financially assist in bringing to Canada the grandparents of one of their sponsored families. This couple has no family left to assist them and the hope is that they can be reunited. Our financial commitment is limited to a one time grant of \$2500.00.