

May 2018



Brookfield Pastoral Charge

Message from the Minister

Dear Friends,

I think my favourite season is spring, I love watching the earth come to life after the long winter. It reminds me that when things seem at their worst, and most desolate, there is still the hope of new life, and second chances. However, we need not wait until spring to live into the new life we have been given, because each moment is a new opportunity for a fresh start.

In some ways the United Church of Canada is attempting a fresh (ish) start. At the end of this year Presbyteries and Conferences will cease to exist, and will be replaced by Regions. There will be 16 Regions in the UCC. Our Region will consist of the Pastoral Charges in Nova Scotia, and Bermuda Synod. All Pastoral Charges in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, along with Gaspé-Cap-Aux-Os Pastoral Charge, New Carlisle Pastoral Charge, and New Richmond Pastoral Charge, Quebec will be grouped together as another Region. Newfoundland and Labrador will be its own Region.

Together these three regions will share an Executive Minister. Our new Executive Minister will be Faith March-MacCuish, formerly Conference Executive Secretary of Newfoundland and Labrador Conference. There is also the possibility of Pastoral Charges in close proximity forming informal clusters around common interests. While both Maritime Conference, and Truro Presbytery are Affirming Ministries, this designation will not carry over to the new Region. Since the Region is a new body, if it wishes to become an Affirming Ministry, it will have to begin a new process.

The intent of this reorganization is to cut bureaucracy, time will tell if the intent comes to fruition. I have told you before that I do not like change, that remains true. However, I am willing to trust that the Spirit will be with us as the Church attempts to do a new thing. I am also mindful that Christ will continue to be with us as together we seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Let us pray for new life.

In Service,

Rev. Michael W. A. Henderson



Summer Service Schedule

All services at 10 a.m. except the Homecoming Community Services

July 1	Middle Stewiacke	August 5	Knox
July 8	Knox	August 12	Middle Stewiacke
July 15	Middle Stewiacke	August 19	Knox
July 22	Homecoming Service at Shortt's Lake—11:30	August 26	Middle Stewiacke
July 29	Middle Stewiacke—10		
	Homecoming Service at Carter House—11:30		

Plan ahead . . . Mark your Calendars . . .

May 26—Terry Fox Fashion Show & Supper—Knox—6:00 pm

June 2—Plant Sale & Rhubarb Coffee Party—9 am - 11 am—Sponsored by Unit 1

June 10—Knox Sunday School Closing

July 7—Strawberry Supper at Knox

September 22—Giant Yard Sale at Knox



Bakeless Bake Sale

Knox Church is having a Bakeless Bake Sale during the month of May, 2018. The proceeds from this sale will go towards the cost of replacing windows in the auditorium, kitchen, office and hall entrance. This is how the Bakeless Bake Sale works and how **everyone** can participate:

Greetings from the Congregation of Knox United Church

A Bakeless Bake Sale is on its way, in these busy days who can bake,
Pies or cookies, or even cake?

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost, of material, heat and the time you have lost,
Baking for sales is extra work, yet nobody really wishes to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that really sounds grand,
And feel quite sure you'll understand,

In an envelope please put the price, of some pies or cake or something nice
Without fuss or bother you've done your part, we're sure you'll give with a willing heart,
This is the end of our little tale, Wishing success for our Bakeless Bake Sale.

Thank you for your support!

Lori Nielsen, telephone 902-673-2881; email loritish@hotmail.com
(on behalf of Knox United Church Council)



Please make cheques payable to Knox United Church; place cheques in envelopes, address them to Bakeless Bake Sale, Knox United Church, P. O. Box 83, Brookfield, N. S., B0N 1C0, **OR** place cheques or money in a "labelled" envelope and place on the collection plate during Sunday service. "Labelled" envelopes containing this information can be picked up at either entrance to the sanctuary. Receipts will be included with your Knox United Church Statement for the Year; if you do not regularly receive a Knox Statement for the Year, please include your name and mailing address with your donation and a receipt will be sent to you. Deadline for donations is May 31, 2018.

Thanks to the congregation of Bayside Baptist Church for sharing this idea with us

Lost & Found at Knox . . .

A lost and found area has been set up at Knox Church. It is found at the top of the coat rack going into the auditorium. Items will be kept in the area for two months and when they are not claimed at the end of the two-month period they will be donated to Nox Nook.

Terry Fox Supper & Fashion Show . . .

Saturday, May 26th at 6 p.m. in Knox United Church Hall

Fashions by Eastwinds Trading Company for Ladies and men.

Tickets—\$20 each

Mystery Bags for sale at \$10. Door Prizes!

Tickets available from Terry Fox Committee members or call 902-673-2427



Middle Stewiacke Strawberry Supper . . .

Annual Strawberry Supper at Middle Stewiacke United Church

Wednesday, July 11—4:30—6 pm

Potato Salad, Sliced ham, Roll/Biscuit/Brown Bread and a Strawberry Shortcake for dessert
Take-outs available

Our Annual Strawberry Supper will be held on July 11/18. If you have not been contacted in the past & would like to support this event either by donation of food or by working the day of, please feel free to call Gerald & Elaine Ross 902-673-2793. Thank you

