



BROOKFIELD PASTORAL CHARGE

Knox United Church - Middle Stewiacke United Church

Christmas 2012

Christmas Greetings

I once again feel privileged to share this special season with you. To worship with you as we celebrate Jesus' birth is a spiritual experience that lifts me up. To share in the activities of decorating, being a part of the dinner theater, the concerts, home tours, also lifts the spirit. People say Christmas is a family time and indeed it is. Jesus came to show us who our true parent is and that we are a part of the family of God. Jesus is God's son and this makes us brothers and sisters in the spirit. For this reason, I look forward to sharing this time with you.

Whether you are a part of this fellowship every week or have been away from the fellowship for a long period of time, you are part of the family. If you would like to come and make a family visit during this time, please feel free to do so. You will be most welcome and it will make this time more special for us.

I bring you greetings from my heart to yours as we enter into this season of Christmas, where we long to experience hope, peace, love, and joy. May you experience a warmth of heart as you move through the coming days.

Yours in Christ

Larry



Upcoming Services

November 25 (Knox) – Introduce our Advent Theme with fellowship following

December 2 – Advent 1 – Regular Worship Service

December 9 – Advent 2 – White Gift Service led by our youth

December 9, 7:00 p.m. – Food Bank Concert at Knox Church

December 16 – Advent 3 – Regular Worship Service

Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. – Special Service of Hope

December 23 – Advent 4 – Regular Worship Service

Christmas Eve, December 24

6:30 p.m. – Family Service at Knox Church

8:00 p.m. – Communion Service at Middle Stewiacke Church

10:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service at Knox Church

December 30 – Combined Worship Service at Middle Stewiacke Church



Special Service of Hope

A Service of Hope will be held on December 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Knox United Church. Many people do not have free spirits to experience all of the light of this season. This will be a service for those with heavy spirits for one reason or another. All are invited, whether your spirit is heavy, loving, light, supportive. If you wish, you can purchase a poinsettia for the service, to be given to a senior following the service or to take home. If you wish to do that, please contact Kaye Retson at 673-2356.



If you would like to put an announcement in the church bulletin, please e-mail brookfieldpc@eastlink.ca call Kaye at 673-2356, or leave a written announcement in the church office. Deadline is Wednesday evening of each week.

For information on church activities, please call Kaye at 673-2356.

'Scrooge with a Twist'



Performed by very talented Brookfield community actors/actresses

Featuring Larry Harrison as Scrooge

Knox United Church—6:30 pm

Friday, November 23 and Saturday, November 24

3 Course meal—catered by Hurricane Heidi's

Tickets available from Anitra Whidden—673-2458

\$25.00 per person

Advanced tickets only

From the Tech Team . . .

We want to encourage anyone taking part in a Sunday service, (Minute for Mission, candle lighting, children's story, etc.) to consider using text, photos, or video for projections on the big screens—text for those who may be hard of hearing and pictures from books used for children's stories.

Anyone having material that is to appear on the screen, please e-mail the material to Terry Canning at canningt@gov.ns.ca by Thursday of that week. If you do not have e-mail, or if files are too large, please call Terry at 673-2285 and make arrangements.

We are able to handle Power Point Presentations, some video formats and text in most formats (MS Word, Word Perfect, or just in the body of an email.



Christmas Home Tours ~ Brookfield

Friday, November 30 & Saturday, December 1 from 6 pm—9 pm
and at **Forest Glen Greenhouse** in the afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at MacQuarries, Knox church or at the homes. Transportation is available from the Church Hall. Craft Sale at Knox Hall each night where refreshments are included with a ticket.

Homes on the Tour include:

Lorna and Duane Rath, Sheila and Wayne Johnson, Kathy and Charlie Weatherbee, Gail and Darrell Wright as well as the Train Station.

Christmas Supper by advance tickets at the Train Station both evenings, with settings at 4:30 and 5:15. For tickets call Russ at 673-3448 or Donna at 673-2812, cost is \$7.00.

A Festival of Trees and Stockings; groups, businesses, schools and individuals are invited to fill stockings with gifts for the Christmas Index Program. Decorated Trees on display at Knox Church enhance the Christmas Spirit during the Craft Sale and Tea Time. Call 673-2812 for more information



Community Spirit Birthday Calendar

Presented by Knox United Church and Middle Stewiacke United Church . . .

This unique and informative calendar is a major fundraiser for both churches. It features a souvenir color photograph, community events and meeting reminders, birthday and anniversary listings of family, friends and neighbours, and advertisements of local businesses.

Those who received the calendar last year will be phoned. If you didn't get a calendar last year and would like to order one, please phone Shirley Comeau (673-2756) or Linda Geddes (671-2314). Calendars are \$10 and will be available in February.



For the kids . . .

Family Christmas Movie

We will be showing the Christmas Movie 'Home Alone'
at Knox on Friday, December 14th, at 6:30pm.

Join us for snacks and a movie!

Christmas Cookie Party

Make a Christmas Craft, Decorate Christmas Cookies,
and get in the Christmas Spirit!

Friday, December 21st at 10:30am – All Children Welcome!



Brookfield Pastoral Charge Family Album



Thank You to Everyone who was able to have their photo taken by Tyler Rogers for the Family Directory. After the Christmas Season, Tyler will have more photo session days at Knox and Middle to finish off our album. If you have not yet had your photo taken with Tyler, watch for notices in the New Year to make an appointment!

A Senior's Christmas



*Twas the night before Christmas, and up at the house
I was counting the pills out for me and my spouse,
There's blue ones and white ones and red like a cherry,
And one little green one that makes us quite merry.*

*We each have our own little tray, which is nice,
In case we forget and take everything twice,
With little compartments marked days of the week,
And all different colours and each one unique.*

*Now this little white pill is thyroid, I think,
No, that's something different, the thyroid one's pink.
I know that this mauve one is good for my heart,
In case it should stop and forget how to start.*

*Our blood pressure's up, or maybe it's down,
So better take this one, a nice shade of brown.
The years have brought on such a rainbow of ills,
We're trimming the tree with our bottles of pills!*

Jeanh.

Continuing Education Committee Report

November 9, 2012.

Graduation packets were delivered to 9 students this fall who graduated from SCA in June. We are happy to recognize their involvement and achievements in our community. We wish them all the best in their chosen fields of study or work. Thanks to Betty Roop and Patsy McCallum for putting these packets together for these high school graduates.

Explorers at Knox United meet every Tuesday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. 15 girls are attending Explorers this fall under the leadership of Kristin Stewart and Sherri Crowell. All girls in grades 4-6 are welcome to attend. Highlights from this fall have included a scrapbooking night, Halloween crafts and costume party. Over the next month projects will include making Christmas cards and ornaments for the seniors at Elk Court Shannex. When the girls deliver the cards and ornaments they will be singing Christmas carols for the residents at Elk Court.

If anyone is interested in having their name placed on the Nursery staff calendar please call 673-2981. The list is posted in the nursery with names of volunteers. A special thank you to all of you.

This is a reminder that Knox United has a copyright DVD license and members are encouraged to make use of this opportunity to show movies of interest to continuing education church groups. The license information and a copy of movies shown with date are posted on the back of the TV. Please include this information for our church records.

The Continuing Education Committee is currently looking for someone to take on the leadership role of the Teenbits group. If you feel you would like to participate in such a group please call the church office or 673-2981.

The Continuing Education Committee also welcomes anyone interested in organizing a book study group to meet at the church or in member's homes. Again, please contact the office or 673-2981. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Hiltz (Continuing Education Chair)



**Christmas Boxes for Sick & Shut ins
will be packed on December 18 or
19—please watch the bulletin for fur-
ther details.**