

Brookfield Pastoral Charge

February 2014

Knox United Church / Middle Stewiacke United Church

Message from the Minister . . .

Greetings Friends,

Have you noticed the days are getting longer? That's a sure sign, as Natalie Sleeth's hymn reminds us, that:

"IN THE COLD AND SNOW OF WINTER THERE'S A SPRING THAT WAITS TO BE, UNREVEALED UNTIL ITS SEASON, SOMETHING GOD ALONE CAN SEE".

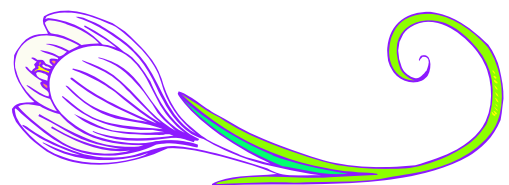
In the wintry days of our lives, Natalie Sleeth's words are a powerful reminder of the ever unfolding mystery of God's purposes for us even when we cannot see it. People of faith need to receive that assurance from time to time, and that is why worship is important to us. Through music, word, and sacrament God reaches out to touch our lives, renewing our spirits, and giving us hope to journey on.

On the church calendar we are presently in the season of Epiphany. In this season we celebrate that Jesus is, for us, the one through whom God is revealed. Epiphany continues until Shrove Tuesday, March 4, the eve of the church season of Lent. In this season, we journey with Jesus on a path of personal reflection to discern how we can be faithful followers of Jesus in our time. The Lenten journey concludes with Holy Week when we walk with Jesus through the last days of his life to his crucifixion on Good Friday. At times it is a somber journey that mirrors our own life journey in many ways. But we come away from the death of Good Friday to be surprised by the joyful experience of resurrected life on Easter Sunday.

As we journey through these wintry days, it is my hope, that those of you who are able, will join us in worship, and other events, as we travel toward the spring that will be. We want those who cannot journey with us in person to know that you are with us in thought and prayer. May God bless each of us as we travel the path of faith and life.

Your traveling companion,

Rev. Boyd



Special Services & Events

February 9, 2014 Worship and Annual Congregational Meetings

February 14, 2014 Valentine Luncheon, Middle Stewiacke Church

February 16, 2014 Worship led by Alicia Cox

February 23, 2014 Worship led by Bruce Varner

March 2, 2014 Transfiguration Sunday, Holy Communion

March 4, 2014 Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper at Knox

March 9, 2014 First Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2014 Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2014 St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party

March 23, 2014 Third Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2014 Soup Luncheon

April 6, 2014 Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 13, 2014 Palm Sunday - Journey through Holy Week

April 17, 2014 Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:00 p.m. Middle Stewiacke

April 18, 2014 Good Friday Service 11:00 a.m. Brookfield

April 20, 2014 Easter Sunday, A Celebration of the Resurrection with Communion

May 4, 2014 Water for Life (Formerly the Penny Parade)

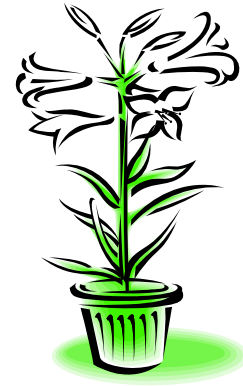


Save your change . . . To help Dig Wells in Africa . . . collection day May 4 at Knox



An Irish Easter Blessing

At the breaking of the Easter dawn
 May the Risen Saviour bless your home
 With grace and peace from above
 With joy and laughter and with love
 And when night is nigh and day is done
 May he keep you safe from all harm.



Knox Explorers . . .

The Explorers started up in October this year with 4 girls returning and 6 new members, girls grades 4-6. We meet Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. New members welcome. The Purpose, Motto, and Prayer express the main objectives of the Explorer program. Some of the activities so far this year were a movie night (Pollyanna), hosted a Halloween party for the smaller children in the community, Remembrance day and Christmas themed lessons and crafts, a cookie baking night and a Christmas gift exchange. Upcoming events for the new year will include a yoga night, a nutrition and healthy living night, sledding, visits to Elk court and Forest Glen greenhouses, Easter themed lessons and games, picking up garbage for Earth day, and a nature walk. These opportunities of fun, fellowship, worship and service help the Explorer girls grow as members of the Christian community.

Kristin Stewart

Planning ahead . . .

“Coming Home to Brookfield” ~ July 19—27, 2014

Whing Ding—July 25 & 26th

The Homecoming Co-ordinating Committee have started making plans for the 19th year! In order to continue the Family focused Celebration of community, it is necessary to do some rebuilding. Your help would be *WELKOMED* in any of the following ways: join the Co-ordinating committee, offer suggestions, volunteer for any of the sub-committees, work on logistics etc. If you have pictures or clippings from past years that might be of interest for the 20th Anniversary Yearbook, or you want to help in any capacity, call Judy at 673-2427



Lent coincides with the arrival of spring, the lengthening of days and the appearance of crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils. Lent is an invitation to us to grow as well, to recognize that when all is said and done we are spiritual people and that we need to pay attention to that. What it means to be spiritual is beautifully summed up by the prophet Micah when he reminded people that God only asks three things of us

“... act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8)

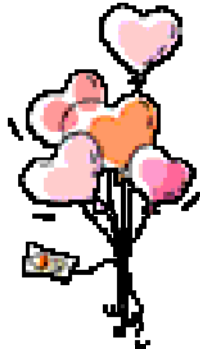
So here is our guideline for Lenten observance:

Act justly – reflect on the injustice around us and do something to change it

Love tenderly – forget myself and reach out to those in need, and

walk humbly with your God: take time for reflection and prayer.

At Middle Stewiacke



43rd Annual Valentine's Luncheon

Feb. 14th, Noon at Middle Stewiacke United Church
Potluck with Fancy desserts.
\$10 per person. Contact Linda Geddes for tickets.

Community Calendars

The calendars will be arriving soon and delivered to your door. Watch for Linda Geddes or Charlie Crouse. The calendars are \$10 to be paid at the time of delivery.

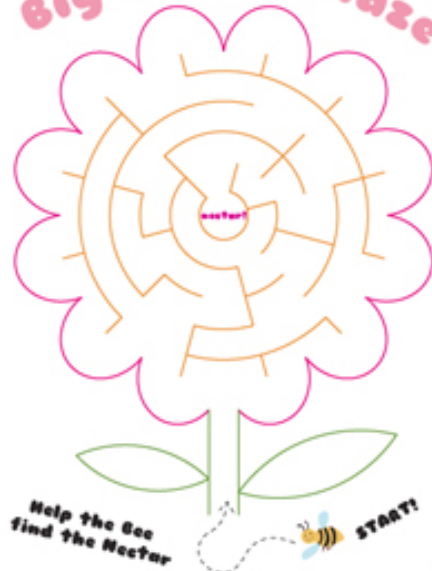


World Day of Prayer

The World Day Of Prayer Service will be held at the Middle Stewiacke United Church this year. on Friday, March 7th. We invite everyone to join us in the basement for a Potluck supper starting at 5 pm with the service following immediately after.

For the kids . . .

Big Flower Maze



COLOR WORD SEARCH

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HINT: The first letter of the word begins with it's color!

red green brown
blue pink white
yellow orange