

# Brookfield Pastoral Charge

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER . . .

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are having a blessed New Year.

Many people take the opportunity to make resolutions each new year. What should our Pastoral Charge's resolutions include? While New Year is a magnet for proposed changes, the truth is that each new moment, each breath which fills our lungs is an opportunity to begin again, it's always time for a needed fresh start. The good news in this is that we needn't wait until the new year, because the time is always right to embrace a new beginning.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the Brookfield Middle Stewiacke United Youth Group (BMSUYG) is up and running again, under the direction of Kiley Brown. Many of you know Kiley. She and James O'Connell previously directed the youth group. Currently Kiley is a student at Saint Mary's University and is co-director of I@C (formerly Intermediates at Conference). BMSUYG will be meeting biweekly, and new members are always welcome.

It takes many people to keep a church open, serving, and healthy. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who support our Pastoral Charge (or, in the new parlance of the restructured United Church, our Community of Faith), whether by financial giving, volunteering, remembering the community in prayer, by going the extra mile, and the many and countless ways people contribute to our common life in faith, thank you. You matter, you are loved, and you belong here.

Yours in Faith,

Rev. Michael Henderson





## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

**April 14 – Palm Sunday (regular service times)**

**April 18— 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday at Knox**

**April 19— 11 a.m. - Good Friday Service at Middle Stewiacke United**

**April 21—7:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise service followed by breakfast in Middle Stewiacke.**

**9:30 a.m. - Easter Service with Communion at Knox**

**11:15 a.m. - Easter Service with Communion at Middle Stewiacke**

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### *Mark your calendars . . . .*

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**Saturday, February 16—Valentine’s Extravaganza** (see next page for details)

**Sunday, February 17—Annual Congregational Meeting at Knox—7 pm (TENTATIVE)**

**Friday, Feb. 22—** Heart to Home dinners for Middle Stewiacke & Brookfield

**Tuesday, March 5—Pancake & Sausage Supper—4:30 pm at Knox Hall—\$10 (Children under 12 Free)**

**Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday**

**Saturday, March 16 —St. Patrick’s Day Coffee Party at Knox—10 am**

### **Bible Study**

Rev. Mike will be leading a Bible Study entitled “Violence Divine” on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., starting March 6. The topic looks at reconciling violence in scripture with a God of love. All Welcome.

### **Community Birthday Calendar . . .**

Orders for the Community Birthday/Anniversary Calendars are now being taken. Calendars run from May 1st to April 30th and cost \$10 each. When you order, you can add your dates to the Community calendar.

If you have never gotten a calendar or have not taken one in the last few years and would like to order this year, contact Jocelyn Langille by Feb. 10 at 673-2951 or [jalangille55@gmail.com](mailto:jalangille55@gmail.com)



## Mission & Outreach . . .

The Mission & Outreach Committee of Knox United Church is a group concerned with finding ways to encourage and support our church community tackling social justice issues. We are also interested in reaching out to our church members and the wider community in ways that help them to feel themselves as an important part of this work.

Our committee currently has just three members. We would very much like to increase this number. If you have a passion for social justice, please consider joining us.

Jocelyn Langille, Co-chair, [jalangille55@gmail.com](mailto:jalangille55@gmail.com)



## Valentine's Extravaganza

**Saturday, February 16—7:30 pm**

**At Knox Church**

*All you can eat dessert, silent auction, door prizes*

**Music by 'Cherry Lane'**

Guest musicians: Kayla Kennedy, Art Peck, Anna Hamilton, Jacob Smith

**Advance Tickets Only—\$20.00**

To reserve contact Kaye @ 902 673-2356 or [kretson@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:kretson@ns.sympatico.ca)

## Food Hygiene (Handling) Course

It is important that Knox Church have as many people as possible, who are working in our kitchen, certified with the Department of Environment's Food Hygiene (Handling) Course. This course is a 7 hour course. It will be offered in the Millbrook Room, First Floor of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre, Truro, on Feb. 26, Apr. 23 and May 14. The cost of the course is \$ 26.22. Registration Forms are available on the bulletin boards in the main entrance to the sanctuary and in the hall going into the auditorium. If you would like more information on this please contact Dorene Matheson at 902-673-3229 or [rmatheson@bellaliant.net](mailto:rmatheson@bellaliant.net).

## Change of Contact Information

Whenever you may have a change of contact information, whether it is change of home phone number, of cell phone number, of email address, or civic/ mailing address, please forward the information to the church office either by email [brookfieldunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldunitedchurch@gmail.com) or telephone number 902-673-3363 (voice mail available if no answer). Thank You

## AT MIDDLE STEWIACKE . . .

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**Wednesday, February 13, 10 a.m.** - Valentine's Day Coffee Party at Middle Stewiacke United Church. Hosted by Units 8 & 9. Snow date February 14.

**Sunday, Feb. 17 after church** – Annual Congregational Meeting following lunch

**Saturday, March 2, 7 p.m.** - Annual Fundraising Variety Concert at Middle Stewiacke. Free will offering at the door.

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**Middle Stewiacke Church will be collecting items for Out of the Cold until Sunday, Feb. 10.** Please give items to Anne Lyon such as individual food items and personal items. Thanks.



**WANTED:**

Looking for a caretaker for the Old Middle Stewiacke Cemetery. Lawn Tractor is provided.  
If interested or for more information, call Charlie Crouse  
(902)673-2196

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*A Note of Thanks from the Colchester Food Bank*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Staff, and the Volunteers of the Food Bank , we thank Brookfield Pastoral Charge for their ongoing support.

Donations from the congregations, various Units, and the Food for the Spirit concert have helped provide food for many households during the year. The monetary donation from Official Board toward our new building was gratefully received as we move to our new location at 580 Prince Street.

Neighbours Helping Neighbours to provide Hope Not Hunger

Vera Faye Smith, Secretary, Board of Directors