

Fall 2019



Brookfield Pastoral Charge

Message from the Minister . . .

Greetings Friends,

It seems like I was just writing to you in our last newsletter, but somehow the summer has escaped us as we move into autumn. As we move into fall we will be starting our study groups soon. I have been asked about the possibility of offering meditation instruction, and I am happy to do so. The meditation group will be meeting one Wednesday evening per month. This way participants can take the instructions home, put them in to practice and then return with any questions, comments or issues that arise.

We will also be having a weekly Bible study where we will be looking at various women in Scripture, like Ruth, Esther and Judith. This group will also meet on Wednesday evenings (except for the evenings on which the meditation group meets).

The Brookfield Middle Stewiacke United Youth Group (BMSUYG) will be starting up again this fall. We are going to attempt meeting one Friday per month. The women leading the youth group will be coming to worship to talk a bit about the group, and will be available to answer any questions you might have. If you are a young adult, or you have loved ones who are young adults and are thinking about joining BMSUYG it will be a great opportunity to come and find out more.

The Brookfield Pastoral Charge continues to join the residents of Elk Court for worship each month. Our next time together will be on Sunday, September 22, at 2 p.m. I encourage you to come out to these services, the sermons are different from those already preached in the morning, and it is a great chance to meet with our senior community members and to show they remain an important and valuable part of the faith community. Help passing out songbooks and assisting residents to find the hymns is always appreciated.

I look forward to seeing where the Holy leads us this fall if we are willing to follow. And as we follow let us do so knowing that we aren't alone. We have each other, and God has us.

I wish you peace and joy,

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Mark your calendars . . .

Saturday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. - Knox United Church, Brookfield. Gospel CD Release Concert with local youth band Before Monday. Free will offering. To pre-order CDs, you may facebook message the Before Monday page, <https://www.facebook.com/BandBeforeMonday/>

You may also purchase a CD at the concert. There will be a limited number available.

Price is \$10.



Saturday, October 26 – Turkey Supper at Knox. Again this year, supplies for the turkey supper will be purchased. We invite you to make a monetary donation to cover the cost of the food. Envelopes will be available at church in October if you wish to make a contribution. Please mark your envelope number on the front so we can add the amount to your givings for tax purposes. Place in the offering plate or deliver to the church office. Thanks for supporting this major fundraiser.

Saturday, Sept., 28 at 7 a.m.- Giant Yard Sale and Sausage/ Pancake/Muffins/Hot Blueberry Shortcake Breakfast and Pantry Table at Knox United Church in Brookfield. Admission for the Breakfast is \$ 8 and Under 12 Years - Free. Rain or Shine.

Sponsored by Knox United Church Council.



Saturday, October 5, 7 p.m. at Knox - Fundraising concert to aid Brookfield resident, **Brent Walters**, in his trip to Italy as goaltender with the Canadian hockey team at the Winter Deaflympics. Music by Gerard Comeau & Friends. Before Monday will also be performing a set. Free-will offering.

Sunday, October 6 – World Communion Sunday

October 8 – UCW Fall Rally (back-up date is Oct. 15)

The **Christmas Home Tours** are scheduled for Friday & Saturday, Nov. 22nd & 23rd. If anyone is interested in having their home on the Tour, please call; Judy (673-2427) or Donna (673-2591) as early as possible.

Get involved . . .

Explorers

Explorers (for girls in grades 4 – 6) We are looking for leaders & helpers for our group that meets at Knox on Wednesday evenings. Email the church office at brookfieldunitedchurch@gmail.com or call Chair of Council, Mike Henderson, at 902-673-2769 if you can lend a hand or want more information.

Sunday School at Knox—

9:30 a.m. Children attend the first part of the worship service, then head to Sunday School for a variety of activities. Coordinator, Lesley White Best, and the teachers are looking forward to a fun-filled year. If you are able to help with Sunday School in any way, please speak to Lesley.

Choirs at Knox

Senior Choir Practice is held on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. We would love to have new members, even if you are away for part of the year! Contact Joanne (cocada.jo@gmail.com), any choir member, or just join us for practice.

Choir is also offered for children and youth and will meet after church on most Sundays, beginning October 6. Let Joanne know if your child would like to participate.



Choir at Middle

Middle Stewiacke Senior Choir, under the direction of Tim Ross, meets for practice on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. New members welcome!

Nox Nook . . .

Beginning October 1, Nox Nook Thrift Store (in the lower level of Knox United Church, Brookfield) will be opened the following times:

NOX NOOK THRIFT STORE

Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 1-3 p.m.

Donations may be dropped off during open hours, or call Kaye, 902-673-2356, Evelyn, 902-650-2076 or the church office, 902-673-3363 to arrange a time.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Worship Service & Office Hours . . .

Knox United Church (Worship begins at 9:30 am on Sundays)
53 Highway 289, Brookfield, Nova Scotia

Middle Stewiacke United Church (Worship begins at 11:15 am on Sundays)
21 Cloverdale Road, Middle Stewiacke, Nova Scotia

Usual Office Hours at Knox

Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.; 6 – 7 p.m.

<http://knoxunitedbrookfield.ca>

Policy for Locking Knox United Church

Effective October 1, 2019, the church building will be locked when not in active use.

A door - bell / buzzer will be installed at the South Hall door - it will sound in the ground level lobby (and in the Minister's study if the downstairs one is not audible there). This acknowledges that while many visitors come previously announced or scheduled to the Minister or Secretary, others will appear randomly, and will be welcomed by the person answering the buzzer. Signage will clearly indicate this at the north and south door entrances to the hall, and the entrance to the sanctuary.

Regular users of the building (e.g. UCW, Explorers, Music/Choir /Yoga groups, worship service tech people, Sunday School, Nox Nook, etc.) should ensure some member(s) of their group can/will provide access for their sessions and lock up afterwards. If your group needs a key to the church, please let Joanne know.

Nox Nook donations may be dropped off during the Nook's open hours, or call the church office at 902-673-3363, Kaye Retson at 902-673-2356, or Evelyn Negus at 902-650-2076, to arrange a time.

It is our hope that regular users of the church building continue to enjoy easy access, while ensuring the safety and security of our building, contents and people.

***Reminder: To book a space in the church for your meetings, practices, etc.,
please call Lynn Matheson at 902-673-2328.***