

## Message from the Minister . . .

Friends,

What's your favourite season? I have always loved spring. The driving is better, the weather is warmer (but not too warm), and there's no snow to shovel. I love watching the earth return to life, the longer days, and new growth at this time of year. Renewal is the theme of spring as God's world unthaws and begins to move.

Like the earth emerging from winter, I'm also hopeful that our church will be renewed as we emerge from the long Covid winter. But if that is to happen we need people to help carry out God's ministry in the world. We have many positions that remain unfilled.

Maybe you're wondering, "What can I do? My health or mobility isn't the best, so what can I do?" You can do the most important foundational task of our ministry, you can pray for our pastoral charge. You are a part of the Body of Christ and Christ has given you gifts and talents to offer. You are indispensable. You are needed. We all have interdependent roles in the Body of Christ, as Paul writes in the 12th chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians: There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, enslaved or free. We were all given the same Spirit to drink. So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts. Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell? God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. 19 If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body. The eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you!" The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you!" In fact, it is just the opposite. The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are the ones we can't do without. 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

If you would like explore where your skills and gifts are needed, I'd welcome a discussion. You can call, send a text, email, make an appointment or drop in during office hours. Because of the nature of ministry sometimes scheduled office hours need to be adjusted. I plan on being in the office at Knox Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - Wednesday and Thursday from 9-12, and on Mondays office hours will alternate between mornings and afternoons. From 10-12 on week 1 and from 1-4 on week 2. Office hours at Middle will be on most Tuesdays from 10-12.

Sometimes we think that we're not needed and that someone we feel is more talented than us will surely volunteer. But I'm reminded of the quote by Lily Tomlin, "I always thought someone should do something about that ... then I realized I am somebody"

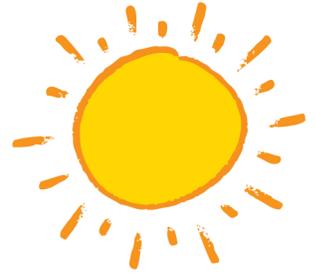
You are somebody.  
Rev. Michael Henderson



## Summer Service Schedule

*All Services at 10 a.m. Except for July 24 & 31*

July 3 - Knox  
July 10 - Middle Stewiacke  
July 17 - Middle Stewiacke  
July 24 - Knox (Homecoming TBA)  
July 31 - Knox (Homecoming TBA)  
August 7- Middle Stewiacke  
August 14 - Middle Stewiacke  
August 21 - Knox  
August 28 - Knox  
September 4- Middle Stewiacke



**Next Official Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 7 p.m. at Knox United Church**

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## Mark your Calendar . . .

**Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Book Fair & Bake Sale at Knox Church Hall**, Sponsored by The Terry Fox Run Committee. Donations can be left at the Church on Friday night after 6:00 pm or for pick-up call Pat at 902-673-2853 or Judy at 902-673-2427.

### **May 29 - The “Water of Life”, Change for Change Collection**

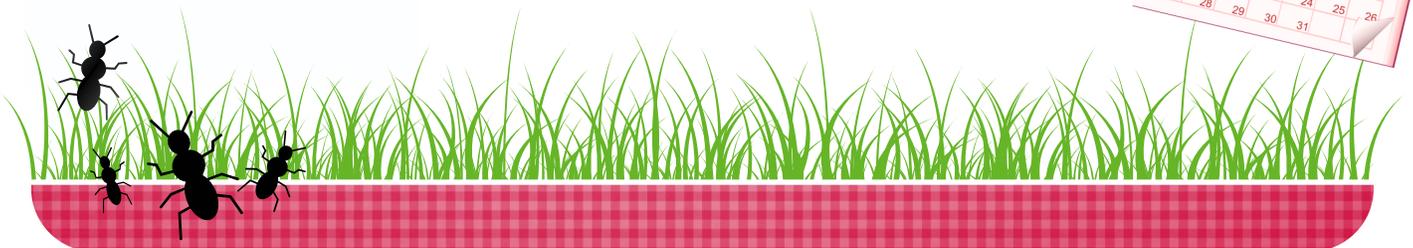
Join us at Knox on the 29<sup>th</sup> in the Hall after Church, for tea, coffee, juice & snacks. Your help to roll & wrap the donations is appreciated. Start saving now to contribute to the building of wells in Africa that provide fresh water, thus saving the lives of hundreds of children & adults.

### **Saturday, June 4, 9 – 11 a.m. – Plant Sale and Rhubarb Tea**

At Knox Church Hall Hosted by Unit 1

**Saturday, July 9: Strawberry & Salad Takeout Supper at Knox**

(Watch the weekly announcements for more details)



## Knox Church Council

Hello and greetings from the Knox Church Council! I, Erin Jamieson, will be your council president for 2022-2024. A big thank you goes out to Josh Boulton for his past leadership in the role. Although the pandemic has made meeting and worshipping difficult we have remained steadfast in our commitment to the workings of Knox United. As restrictions lift and the days get longer we all feel a sense of excitement for what the future will bring!

Here at Knox we are ready to get our many dedicated committees started back up and welcome new and returning community members to join us in worship and to also participate in functions and events. We recognize how important fundraising has been to our church and we want to revive the events that have been so successful while also encouraging new suggestions for future fundraising.

As the saying goes, “Many hands make light work”! We are in need of helpers in the setting up and tearing down of hall functions (receptions, fellowship, etc.). We would like to have a list of regulars who we can call on for assistance when the time arises. There are committees that would greatly benefit from new members; worship, mission and outreach and also fundraising (just to name a few). We are tentative planning to hold another yard sale in the fall—so please remember us when you do your spring cleaning! For now keep all donations at home and watch for the drop off date in the coming months!

We are looking forward to a successful 2022 here at Knox! If you can help us or have any questions/ suggestions please reach out to the church at [brookfieldunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldunitedchurch@gmail.com) or myself at [erinjamieson83@gmail.com](mailto:erinjamieson83@gmail.com) Thank you!

**Sunday School at Knox:** We are planning to resume Sunday School in the fall and need helpers and a coordinator. If you can lend a hand, please contact Joanne at the office or Rev. Mike.

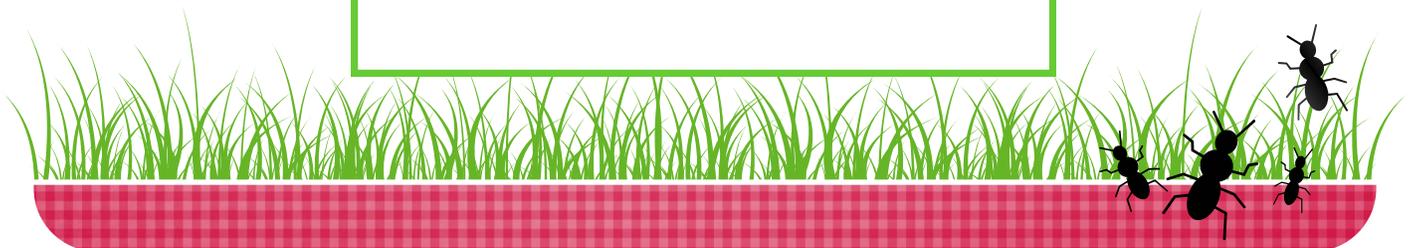
### **NOX NOOK THRIFT SHOP**

#### **Open Hours**

**Wednesday 10 –12 noon, 1–3 pm**

**Thursday 10 – 12 noon**

**Friday & Saturday 1 – 3 pm**



Livestream - Here is the link to Knox's livestream services

<https://www.facebook.com/knoxunitedbrookfield>

You can watch live at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays or view it when you have time afterwards.

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