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## Rhythm of the Church Year

Dear Friends;

On this 24<sup>th</sup> Of May weekend I'm reflecting upon the rhythm of the Church year; and that, the Easter Season we are now enjoying plays a role in the run-up to summer. The Annual Meeting of Hamilton Conference is on the last week end of this month and we have the Sunday School Service in the park a week later.



We have been looking forward to this time for the past four months eagerly awaiting the Joint Needs Assessment Report. The committee has kept us up to date, as they busily went about their work writing the report and it is, as I said on Sunday, one of the better ones I have dealt with over the years.

It will soon be the responsibility of the Search Committee to translate these profiles and aspirations of yours into conversations with prospective candidates for the position. This is a great responsibility we entrust to them.

There are concerns about the future of Knox that run through the survey results. Concerns about how relevant we are in the community and whether we can hope to be the Hub we once were. There were concerns about youth and young adults – how we connect to them and how we offer them a meaningful experience once connected.

It is the responsibility of each member of the community to participate in the deliberations that lead to the choosing of a new minister and the charting of the future of Knox UC congregation. As you well know this is an immensely important choice you are going to be making.

Now is the time for each member of the community to begin thinking about how you can become more involved – to help shape the future of Knox and in that shaping help Knox realise its potential for Good. That is our PURPOSE to do good and create influences for Good.

Our life within this faith community including our Worship and Prayer life are all in the service of the Gospel and that PURPOSE.

Knox United Church Congregation, within the next couple of months, is going to be opening a door on a dimension in Christian Community Life of your own creation. Be part of that creative process. What Knox is to become – is up to you.

Yours Faithfully;

*Wayne*

**Knox United Church**



**Build Date:**

**Friday, June 10, 2011**

**8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Come and help build a home for a deserving family!*

Training and equipment provided

as well as

lunch and snacks.



Sign up online at: [www.hfhwo.orgn.volunteerhub.com](http://www.hfhwo.orgn.volunteerhub.com)

Or call:

Elaine Wettlaufer (Knox) (519) 394-0094

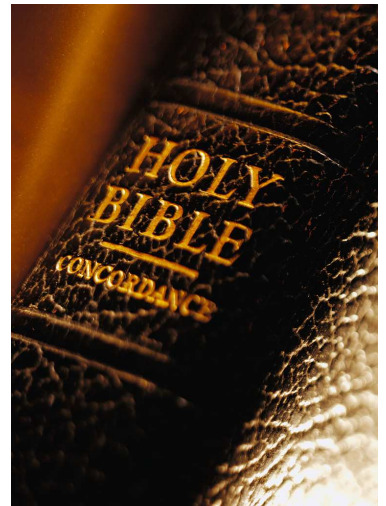
Leonore Weaver (Habitat) (519) 747-0664

## Devotional—A Father's Love

The father picks up his new born baby and rocks her gently in his arms, back and forth, back and forth. While he looks down into her perfect miniature sleepy-eyed face, he says, "I will love you forever. I will like you for always. As long as I'm living, my baby you'll be."

Robert Munsch penned these words about a mother's love for her son in his book titled, "I Will Love You Forever." It's a beautiful story with a little twist towards the end. If you don't have a copy, I highly recommend it.

The image of the father in the paragraph above is how I picture our Heavenly Father – the One who created each and every one of us; the One who tells us in His word that He will never leave us. (Hebrews 13:5) He loves us forever and always. He is a faithful God, full of patience and grace. He is a good God, a holy and righteous God. He wants us to follow and worship Him. He is worthy to be worshipped and obeyed.



As we approach Father's Day, don't forget to make time to spend with your Heavenly Father. Read His word – the Bible. Worship Him in prayer. Be silent. Listen for His still, small voice. He will instruct you about your life. Develop your relationship with God. Learn more and more about Him.

God says He is a father to the fatherless. (Psalm 68:5) If your father has passed on or has left you, God will meet your needs – all of them. (Philippians 4:19) He will carry your burdens. (Matthew 11:30) He is calling us to turn back to Him. God is love. This Father's Day, look into His face and see that you are loved, always and forever. Amen.

## Book Review

***Going Missional – Conversations with 13 Canadian Churches Who Have Embraced Missional Life*** by Karen Stiller and Willard Metzger. *Going Missional* is ultimately a book about the hope, commitment and courage it takes for ordinary churches to do extraordinary things in a difficult time.

***The High Road*** by Terry Fallis. A Canadian political satire. "Brilliantly written and hysterically funny.... You will laugh out loud on almost every single page." – Ian Ferguson, author of *Village of the Small Houses*. Terry Fallis' first book, "The Best Laid Plans" went on to win the Stephen Leacock Award for Humour.

## Meet Your Neighbours

Recent birthdays celebrated, **Margaret Vanderwelle** 89 years young and **Elizabeth Perrin** 90 years young. Many happy returns to the both of them!

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## Summer Schedule

June 5<sup>th</sup> Service in Victoria Park with lunch and Baseball Game

July 3 Community Park Service- Calvary Leading  
July 10 Knox closed Worship at Calvary – Knox to provide Leadership to service  
July 17 Knox closed Worship at Calvary – Knox to provide Leadership to service  
July 24 Regular Knox Service – Wayne away  
July 31 Community Park Service- Christ Church Anglican leading

August 7 Regular Knox Service – Wayne away  
August 14 Knox to host Calvary – Rev Lloyd Oakey preaching  
August 21 Knox to host Calvary – Rev Lloyd Oakey preaching  
August 28 Regular Knox service

Sept. 4 Community Park Service – Knox Leading  
Sept. 11 Rally Sunday return to regular service and Sunday school.

During the four Sundays when Rev Wayne Beamer is away we will be asking the Knox Congregation to assist with the message. If anyone is interested in assisting with summer Worship please contact Rev Wayne Beamer or Janet Millward from the Worship Committee.

## Free Knox Cook Book

For all who visit our Fresh Ayr Festival booth  
Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Small Town, Big Spirit!

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as we discover, rejoice and  
serve...Together.

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