

# The Road Ahead

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## What Does it Mean to be the Church?

Dear Friends:

What does it mean to be the church?  
What does it mean to you? What does it mean to me?

What does it mean to us as Knox United Church congregation as we try to live out of the Gospel? Our theme this fall, as we continue our Interim quest invites us into a journey of growing together, in becoming the church Jesus intends us to be...to be the Body of Christ in the world, called by Christ to acts of mercy and justice. As individual followers, we are called to discover the meaning of our discipleship within this community of faith.

But what does that mean in terms of **our own individual** Christian life?

Does it mean accepting others and lovingly leading them where God wants them to be?

Does it mean putting the needs of others before our own?

Does it mean considering the needs of this church and this community of faith?

It means all of that, it means being truly human. We are called to be part of the sufferings and sorrows, conflicts, failures and defeats of others.

We are called to bear one another's burdens.

We are called to be makers of justice.

We are called to proclaim the Gospel.

We are called to live out all the promises of our baptism.

In the Annual Report I quoted Matthew and then commented as follows.

"Matthew tells us in Ch 18 vs. 20 "Where two or three people gather in my name, I am there among them."

Now this is not just a metaphor. It is for real. Jesus meant what he said to his disciples. Whenever you gather to express your love for God through Jesus, he is with us.

Be it either in worship, fellowship, or service in the world, you will have the living Christ with you. This is a promise."

God Bless you all as the end of Summer looms and the Harvest Thanksgiving that will soon be upon us, reminds us of the Bounty that we each experience every single day.

Yours Faithfully;      Wayne

Knox United Church



## Devotional

Read John 6: 16-21.

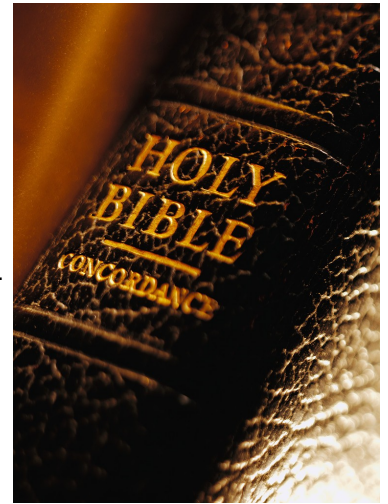
What are you afraid of? Lack of money? Death? Others won't like you? Lightning?

Failing a test? The dark? Illness?

This past week, during my daily quiet time, I read this statement which gave me great comfort, "Don't be afraid, I am here." In the passage of scripture I was reading, Jesus was addressing the disciples as He walked on water toward the boat they were in. A storm had come up, on the Sea of Galilee and the water was very rough. The disciples were terrified. The disciples had rowed three or four miles out from shore when Jesus walked up to them, in the storm. "Don't be afraid, I am here." The security I feel when I hear this statement is one like that of a child when a parent comforts them after a bad dream.

When you are in the storms of life and things are looking rough, remember to trust Jesus.

He is always with you. Hebrews 13: 5 & 6 says it this way, "I will never leave you, I will never fail you. So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper so I will have no fear." What can mere people do to me?" Those who trust in Jesus are comforted, strengthened and given peace as their fear subsides. When you are afraid, ask Jesus to help you. He will calm the storm. Tell your children these things, too. "Don't be afraid, Jesus is here." Amen



## Your Administration Team

The Administration Committee is involved with the day to day operations and on-going maintenance of the church and property. We discuss and approve bills sent to the church (e.g. Bell, Hydro, etc), are in charge of rentals and oversee companies/contractors who work on the building.

Recently the Administration Committee has been involved in the following projects:

- lowered door from the parking lot to the fellowship hall
- improvements in the women's washroom
- old kitchen turned into storage room
- updated computer in the office

Possible up-coming projects may include:

- window repair in the parlour
- partial repair of the roof
- snow removal contract

Following are the members of the Administration Committee who would love to speak to anyone about their group: Chad Davidson, Brad Diebold, Harry Humphries, Murray Salverda and Javan Taylor.

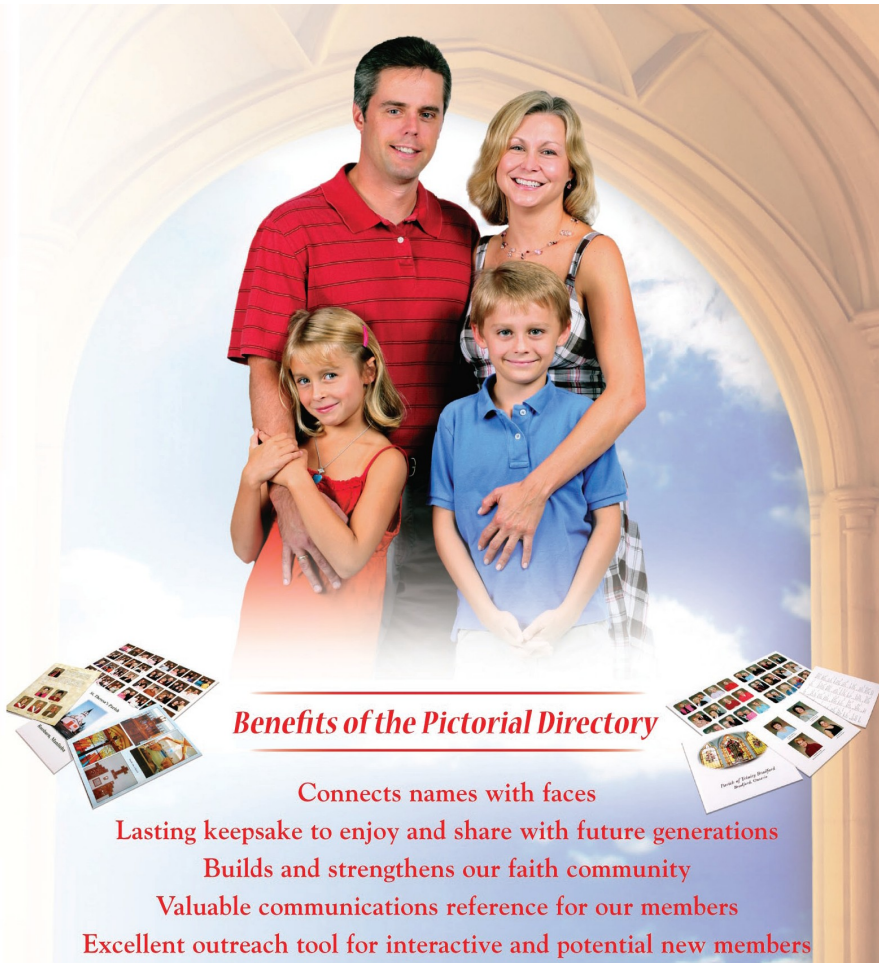
## Meet Your Neighbours

**Heather & Bill Schneider** welcome Victoria, May 24th, 7 lbs. 9 oz., a sister for Madelyn. Proud grandparents are Judy & Wayne Bourne.

**Heather & Dave MacMillan** welcome William David Stanley, August 3rd, 8 lbs. 6.5 oz, a brother for Emily and Ashley.

**Susan and Harry Humphrey** celebrated the wedding of their youngest daughter, Carley to John Michael on July 31st.

# Pictorial Directory—Coming Soon!



**Benefits of the Pictorial Directory**

- Connects names with faces
- Lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations
- Builds and strengthens our faith community
- Valuable communications reference for our members
- Excellent outreach tool for interactive and potential new members

The Congregational Life Committee has booked **Tuesday October 12, Wednesday October 13, and Thursday October 14** for our Photo session at Knox. The times will be **2:00-8:00pm**. Early in September we will start booking the times. Watch for details. We are looking forward to the same interest as we had with our Quilt Project. There is, however no cost to have your Photo taken for the Directory, and each family that gets their photo done, will receive a **Church Photo Directory** free of charge. You pay only if you choose to have family pictures ordered. All photos will be available by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Anniversary Quilt

Be sure to come and see the new Anniversary Quilt hanging in the Fellowship Hall.

Over 100 families participated in this project and over 20 ladies assisted with the quilting...a real group effort.



## Rally Sunday—September 12th



Welcome back to Sunday School! Meet your teachers!

Stay for Hot Dogs and Ice Cream Cones, provided by the Congregational Life Committee.

## Kid's Bible Fun Camp for 2010



We all know the song “Climb Every Mountain” and that is just what the children of our community did at Bible Fun Camp when they were invited to “Meet God on the Mountain”.

Throughout the week, they met Moses, Elijah, Jesus and his disciples on Mount Sinai, Mount Carmel, Mount Hermon and the Mount of Olives. This exciting journey to the mountaintop helped the children learn about God’s majesty, mystery and power and His care for each of us. Each day they heard the story, did a craft, played games, had a snack and sang songs. The day began and ended with all the children meeting in the sanctuary for songs and a drama reflecting the story of

the day.

The children were also reminded that we are to love one another and what better way to do God’s will than by sharing with those who are in need. This year the Bible Camp mission project collected \$550. for the Sinakekele Ministry in Verulam, just outside of Durban, South Africa. This mission provides care for abandoned and orphaned babies affected by and /or infected with HIV/AIDs. The funds which were collected will be used to purchase a sandbox and jungle gym for the children in the mission’s care.

It was a wonderful week with 65 children joining together, along with volunteers from the 4 churches of the community, to worship, learn, and rejoice in the love of God. Next year take note of the big banner stretching across the entrance to Calvary Mennonite Church and encourage your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbours to join us. Volunteers are always welcome and if you do come along you will be sure to leave with dancing feet, a song on your lips and a heart filled with love. I know I did. See you there!

## Youth Group Announcement

The Knox Youth Group will be starting up once again on Friday, September 17, 2010, from 6:30-8:30. This group is for youth from grade 5 through high school and meets every second Friday evening. All youth are welcome, so bring a friend.



Allison Salverda and Jefry Green at the Turkey Point Youth Retreat  
June 18—June 20, 2010.

## What Does Sunday School Mean to You?

Sunday school is an important part of the Taylor family. Harrison was happy to go to Sunday School at the age of 3, starting in the Pre-school room. The following year it took more convincing to get 2 year old Daniel into Sunday School, which then led to me becoming their teacher. The boys have progressed through the years, always enjoying the lessons, crafts and sometimes snacks while I have remained teaching the Pre-school class. Harrison always looks forward to the Sunday School performances and has carried that enthusiasm into Youth Group.

I have found great pleasure in teaching the younger children. Often I have them for three years as they start at age 2 and stay until they move on to Grade 1. It is wonderful to see the growth and learning that happens in Sunday School and hearing from their parents that they remembered part of the lesson or more often that raved about the snacks.

As my boys' knowledge and faith continues to grow, I am thankful for the Sunday School teachers who continue to teach; I hope that I am doing the same for my students.

Kathi Taylor

# Kid's Korner

## Bible Wordsearch

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Eph.6:11-18

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## Armor of God

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- POWERS
- REALMS
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- SHIELD
- SPIRIT
- STAND
- SWORD
- WAIST
- WORLD
- ADDITION
- AUTHORITIES
- BREASTPLATE
- EXTINGUISH
- HEAVENLY
- SALVATION
- SCHEMES
- STRUGGLE

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 14

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