

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 29, 2017

Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Knox gym immediately after the Sunday service. This is an extremely important meeting as we plan to move into the next phase of our development. A luncheon will be provided, with donations to cover the cost gratefully accepted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Today** – Annual General Meeting of the Congregation, after the church service.
- **Saturday, February 11** – Interfaith Concert at Knox on behalf of Habitat for Humanity
- **Cancellation: Healing Touch, Thursday, February 2** – There will **not** be a free healing session on this day. Sessions will resume a bit later in the year.

Steps into belonging

Would you like to get more involved here at Knox?
Would you like to explore your faith journey a bit, with a group of supportive people around you?

For five Monday evenings starting February 6 we will gather a group to share faith stories, have a look at beliefs, Bible, mission, spiritual practice, and church membership. We'll gather around some refreshments, and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. This group can function as a "membership class" but there will be no pressure that way! Leaders are Dave Holmes, Greg Glatz and Janice Aicken.

This is particularly designed for those new to Knox, but others are also welcome! Sign up by calling the church office or contacting Dave Holmes.

COMMUNITY LIFE & JUSTICE COMMISSION

Mission & Outreach Food Bank Donation

For Sunday, February 5, the donation is peanut butter.
For Sunday, February 12, the donation is beans.

These items are only suggestions. Donations of non-perishable items **including pet food** are always welcome.

Aboriginal Issues Working Group

The Aboriginal Issues working group will meet on Sunday Feb. 12 after church, to discuss how to share the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with the congregation. If you wish to read UNDRIP before the meeting, go to www.kairoscanada.org or Google UNDRIP.

AFFIRM Working Group

The Affirm working group is developing plans for how we at Knox will celebrate the tenth anniversary of becoming an Affirming church. Plans are underway for a big party the first week of May. Speak to Bob Benner for further information.

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Knox Healing Ministry

Save the Date Saturday Feb 25

Knox Healing Ministry will present a workshop on the theme *Science and Healing* from 9 am to 4 pm, including:

- A presentation on the physics of energy healing by Elke Nowicki, a Healing Touch certified instructor, and high school science teacher
- Lunch

To register, contact the Knox office. The cost for the day, including lunch, is \$25. There are very few spots left, so don't delay in registering!

Meeting and Healing Sessions

The regular meeting of the Healing Ministry will be held on Thursday February 02. There will be no healing treatments for others that day.

February 16: 12 – 2 PM. Free healing sessions for drop-ins. To make an appointment for a treatment on a different day, please call Knox office.

World Interfaith Harmony Week in Calgary – Feb. 1 – 7

Events are happening all over Calgary during this week. Visit churches, temples, synagogues and centres of worship.

February 1 – Opening Ceremony, 6:00-7:30pm, City Hall Atrium – led by Mayor Nenshi. Folks will, at the opening ceremony be able to get a "passport" which they can get stamped at the various places doing open houses. This is a chance to visit the places of worship of other religious groups and get a bit of an introduction. For folks interested in building interfaith relationships, this might be a good start!

In particular, you may be interested in the "Building Sacred Bridges concert (see below), one of which is being held here at Knox, and in the dinner on February 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Anatolia Turkish Restaurant.

All events are free of charge, including the meals. Hopefully this will be a good kick-off for the newly minted Interfaith Council, and will help move us forward into greater interfaith co-operation and relationship. For further information, go

to: <http://www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org/harmony-week.html>

Building Sacred Bridges - an interfaith musical experience on behalf of Habitat for Humanity

- Saturday, February 11 at Knox (7:00 pm)
- Sunday, February 12 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue (1325 Glenmore Trail S.W.)

Purchase tickets at www.habitatsouthernab.ca (100% of proceeds will help fund Habitat homes for 12 working families in Southern Alberta)

OBSERVER RENEWAL

It is time to renew your Observer subscription. The Observer has won more than 150 awards for journalistic excellence in Canadian and U.S. church press competitions in the past five years – more than any other denominational magazine in North America. You can be a winner too – subscribe now! The cost for 2017 is \$25. Please see Sue in the Office.

Coldest Night of the Year

It's cold out there. Walk on Saturday, February 25, 2017 in the Coldest Night of the Year, a super-fun, family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless, and hurting across Canada. We would like to see if there is appetite to form a Knox team to walk. Please sign up with Sue in the office if you are interested in forming a Knox team. For further information about the walk itself, check the website: <https://canada.cnoy.org/location/Calgary>

Minute for Mission Alderville First Nation

In southcentral Ontario, on the south side of Rice Lake, approximately 30 km north of Cobourg in a valley, you will find the beautiful Alderville First Nations Community.

Through support from Mission & Service, Alderville First Nation is a thriving, Spirit-filled community that is rich in heritage and Native culture. Visitors are able to interact with the community at the Annual Pow-wow and at Drum Socials.

The little white church that was originally Methodist is still a thriving part of the community. We are thankful to those who give for Mission & Service that allow communities like Alderville to continue to thrive!