

# **KNOX NEWS & NOTES February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

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*On the west side (right when facing the cross) you are invited to light candles in memory/ in honour of a special person/occasion.*

During the offering, please sign the registers at the centre aisle of the pew. Offering envelopes are in the pews for you to use for confidential purposes. If you would like to have numbered envelopes or to join PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) please leave your name & phone # on the register.

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## **Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Congregational Meeting (Part 1) will be held Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, after Worship and Brunch.

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## **Annual Report**

The 2018 Annual Report has been prepared, along with (unofficial) year end financial statements and the proposed 2019 budget. Copies have been distributed by e-mail, and hard copies are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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## **Receipts for Income Tax Purposes**

The 2018 Receipts for Income Tax purposes have been prepared and placed in the mailboxes in the Narthex. Any not picked up by Feb. 15 will be sent by mail.

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Knox Green Team Speaker Series presents:

## **Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation**

**– Home Grown Conservation**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019 – 6:30 pm**

**Knox United Church 451 18th Street, Brandon**

Topics will include:

- MHHC 101- “The small corporation that does it all”
- Land Stewardship – “We own it and manage it”
- Wetlands – “The importance, the class and the function”

Come and hear what MHHC is doing to improve Manitoba’s wildlife populations and general ecosystem health, including water quality and biodiversity. No charge for admission.

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## **Knox Coffee Connections**

Would you like to have a one on one coffee/tea time with someone from Knox? Would you like to get to know a new friend or perhaps renew acquaintances with an old friend? Are you feeling alone or would you just like to get together with someone for an hour? If you answered yes to any of these questions then the congregational care committee has an idea for you.

If you are interested in making one of these coffee connections here is what you can do. Call Sharon in the office (204) 727-6975 and she will put your name on a coffee connections list. When you feel like getting together with someone Sharon will give you the names of those who are on the list. You can pick out a name, get in touch with them and arrange for a time and place to get together. Here is a way for you to make some real coffee connections.

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## **Coldest Night of the Year**

The “Coldest Night of the Year” Walk to fundraise for Samaritan House Ministries will be held Feb. 23. Samaritan House programs include: Manitoba’s 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Food Bank, Safe & Warm Shelter, Hoarding Support Program, Community Garden Network, Age as an Asset Employment Training, Literacy and GED Programs, Computer Training, Employment Resources, Mary’s House Second-stage Housing, and Volunteering Opportunities.

To donate to the Knox Team, go to: <https://cnoy.org/search> and type in “Taking our Knox”. To JOIN the team, click on “join the team” on that page and start your own fundraising. Donations to the team can also be made at the Knox office – please write “Coldest Night of the Year” in the memo line. The walk begins and ends at St. Matthew’s Cathedral, 403 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Brandon, and is scheduled to begin at 4pm. Consider this on the next cold winter night!

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## **. Continuing the Conversation Racial Justice & The United Church Hosted by Knox United Church Affirm Committee**

Date: February 21, 2019

Time: 12:00 noon till about 1:30 pm  
(brown bag lunch, refreshments provided)

Place: Knox United Church

Come join us as we listen and have a chance to discuss – we learn more together!

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**Living the Questions, A Spiritual Journey**  
**Honouring Creation**  
**Wednesdays (listed below) from 6:30 pm - 8 pm**

"To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive."  
– Robert Louis Stevenson

Many of us in the United Church believe an open and inclusive form of Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task given outdated doctrine, abuses by the institutional church, and society's disdain for Religion but attraction to Spirituality. For decades Knox has sought to offer for a safe environment where participants have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice. Living the Questions provides a context where group members can pursue their questions, learn from conversations in the Emerging Church, and seek to inform their understanding as part of a life-long spiritual journey. Through exposure to provocative theological and spiritual insights and the engagement of small group conversation, participants in Living the Questions will experience how profoundly important the journey itself is. Open to youth and adults.

Sign-up for the class by 30 January and order the workbook (\$10) on the sheet in the lobby. Or send Rev. Craig an email at [craigatknox@wcgwave.ca](mailto:craigatknox@wcgwave.ca)

6 Feb	I — Restoring Relationships
13 Feb	II — The Prophetic Jesus
27 Feb	III — Evil, Suffering & A God of Love
13 March	IV — The Myth of Redemptive Violence
27 March	V — Practicing Resurrection
10 April	VI — Debunking the Rapture
24 April	VII — Honouring Creation

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**Valentine Luncheon and Games Afternoon**  
**Thursday, February 14, 2019**  
**(arrival time between 11:30-11:45 am)**  
**Central United Church**  
**Cost: \$10.00**

The UCW of Central United Church is hosting a Valentine luncheon (soup and a bun) followed by a games afternoon on February 14. Any activity, either card or your favourite game would be welcome. (Please bring the necessary items for the game you prefer to play at your table). The cost of \$10.00 per person includes lunch and mid-afternoon coffee/tea and cookies.

If you are able to help us by supplying a card table, it would be much appreciated. We require tables to be delivered to the church on or before Wednesday, February 13. Please identify your table.

If possible, please notify Marilyn Johnston (727-3450) by Friday, February 8, if you plan to attend. Everyone (men and women) are welcome!

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**Knox Calendar – Winter 2019**

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| Feb. 5       | Green Team Event, 6:30 pm – “Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation Home Grown Conservation”    |
| Feb. 6       | Living the Questions, Part Two: Session 1, 6:30 pm   |
| Feb. 10      | Brunch – Annual Congregational Meeting – Part I, Vision Team Session                           |
| Feb. 13      | Living the Questions, Session 2, 6:30 pm   |
| Feb. 10-17   | Brandon Festival of the Arts   |
| Feb. 19      | Council Meeting  |
| Feb. 21      | Racial Justice Conversation, brown bag lunch at noon   |
| Feb. 23      | Coldest Night of the Year Walk for Samaritan House, 4pm St. Matthews                           |
| Feb. 24      | Vision Team Session, Snow Date–Annual Meeting Part I, Family Fun Afternoon at Kemnay           |
| Feb. 26      | InBetweeners<br>Green Team Event. 6:30 pm – “Insulation/Retrofitting Your Home”                |
| Feb. 27      | Living the Questions, Session 3, 6:30 pm   |
| Feb 25-Mar 5 | Brandon Festival of the Arts   |
| Mar. 1       | World Day of Prayer at Knox, 7 pm, InBetweeners  |
| Mar. 5       | Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration Supper (InBetweeners), Intergenerational Activities (CE) |
| Mar. 10      | First Sunday of Lent   |
| Mar. 12      | Vision Team Session  |
| Mar. 13      | Living the Questions, Session 4, 6:30 pm   |
| Mar. 14      | PIE Day – Public, Intentional, Explicit – 5-6 pm, Affirm.                                      |
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