

**APRIL
2024**

NEWSLETTER

CLIFFORD PASTORAL CHARGE

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Combined Worship at 10:00 am, alternating between Alsfeldt and Knox

Weekly emails are sent informing of each Sunday's Worship Service details and announcements. If you are not receiving these emails, and would like to, please email the church office clifforduc@wightman.ca to be part of this communication.

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| Sunday, April 7 | 10:00 am at Alsfeldt
Rev. Arthur Hiley leading worship followed by a time of food and fellowship. |
| Sunday, April 14 | 10:00 am at Knox
Beth-Ann Wepler leading worship. |
| Sunday, April 21 | 10:00 am at Alsfeldt
Rev. Ralph Schmidt leading worship. |
| Sunday, April 28 | 10:00 am at Knox
Pastor Dirk Kramer leading worship |
| Sunday, May 5 | 10:00 am at Alsfeldt
Rev. Arthur Hiley leading worship followed by a time of food and fellowship. |



**Knox Fundraising Committee is
planning an event
on Friday, October 18, 2024
at 7:30 pm.**



Naomi Bristow – The Singin’ Cowgirl – will be performing at Knox. She is a young music artist from rural Ontario who has been performing for the past 15 years. More details to come.

Benevolent Fund is available for those in our church and community who are in need. If you, or someone you know, is in need you can contact the church secretary Ellen Underwood 519-327-8378 (office) or email clifforduc@wightman.ca or call her home 519-392-8573, cell 519-418-9560.

Thank you to all who submit photos and information to each monthly Newsletter. We can always use more submissions. Send to the church office clifforduc@wightman.ca , drop off at the church office, or call Ellen at home 519-392-8573, office 519-327-8378.



How to Continue Your Financial Gifts to Alsfeldt and Knox

If you are unable to give your offering at in-person worship services you may-

***send to your church treasurer**

Alsfeldt- Chris Newman, P.O. Box 197, Ayton, ON N0G 1C0

Knox- Carman Wepler, 5705 Minto-Normanby Townline, Clifford, ON N0G 1M0

***send your cheque to the church office**

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***contribute by PAR. Pre-Authorized Remittance.** If you would like to set up a pre-authorized remittance account, please contact your church treasurer.

**Western Ontario Waterways Prayer Cycle invites Prayer
each week for a Community of Faith in the Region**

- April 7:** Central Westside United, Owen Sound
- April 14:** Hensall United Church
- April 21:** Shelburne/Primrose Pastoral Charge
- April 28:** Creemore-New Lowell Pastoral Charge





Rev. Dr. Arthur Hiley – **Pastor Art - will be visiting on Friday, April 5, 2024 and Saturday, April 6, 2024.** If you would like to arrange for a visit, or if you know of someone who needs or would appreciate a visit, contact the church secretary Ellen Underwood 519-327- 8378, or at home 519-392-8573.

You can connect with Pastor Art by calling 519-851-5445 or email pastorart5477@gmail.com at any time and he will contact you as soon as possible.

Saturday Morning Men’s Breakfast and Conversation



Men, you are invited to a **monthly breakfast event from 8:30-9:30 am at Cindy Lou’s Diner in Clifford on Saturday, April 6, 2024.** Breakfast/Conversation/Faith – Questions and Answers with Pastor Art Hiley. Come when you can, you are always welcome!

Please note - you can come and have breakfast or have a coffee, or just for the discussion.



If you or someone you know is in need of some pastoral care, such as illness,

bereavement, lonely, suffering a loss – please let us know so we may respond.

Pastor Art Hiley is also available during the month to talk with you via the telephone or Zoom.

If you email him he will get back to you. He can also set up appointments for when he is here. Feel free to contact him.

We would also appreciate if you would let us know if anyone is having a celebration such as a special birthday, anniversary, birth, achievement, so we may acknowledge that also.

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We hold in prayer...

Please keep those of our congregations & community in your thoughts & prayers whether they are at home, at †Royal Terrace, Palmerston; ††Caessant Care, Harriston; †Wingham Hospital, or in hospital.

Alieda Murray†
 Arthena Underwood††
 Murray Donaldson†
 Saige Dosman
 Larry Grummett

Esther Hallman
 Sam Matthews
 Jack Shannon
 Sharon (Dunn) Stevens
 All who are mourning the loss of a loved one





**United Church Women
of WOW (Western Ontario Waterways Region)**

Invite YOU to our Annual General Meeting

“Be Thou My Vision”

Saturday, April 20, 2024

In-Person or Virtual

Grace United Church
310 12th St, Hanover

Morning Session: [Click Here - open at 10:15 a.m.](#)

Afternoon Session: [Click Here - open at 12:45 p.m.](#)

- 9:30 Registration, Coffee, Book display
- 10:15 Singing to Gather
- 10:30 **“Celebrating 2023”** - Annual General Meeting
- 11:45 CATERED LUNCH \$10 (pay at registration) **reserve by Sat. April 6**
 → Send names & any allergies to ucw.wow@gmail.com or
 call Eleanor 1-519-538-4002
- 12:45 Singing & Entertainment
- Theme Session: **“Looking to the Future”**
 - Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
 - Rev. Kathy Douglas
 - Offering to NUCW Special Project of Healing Fund
- 3:00 Thanks for coming



**UCW
Collections:**

The UCW are continuing to collect the items listed below. Please drop off in the **green baskets labeled ‘UCW’** at Alsfeldt or Knox.

We are still collecting pop tabs going to the Legion for wheelchairs, stamps for the Bible Society and milk bags sent to the Mennonite Central Committee for making mats for other countries & people sleeping on the streets in Canada.

Ontario Foodgrains Bank - Quilt Raffle



Throughout this year, we will be selling tickets on a beautiful quilt donated to us by Louise Bolton. Louise, her husband Richard, and their son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Cheryl Bolton, have been a big part of the Caradoc growing project near Strathroy for many years. This quilt has been and will continue to be on display at the farm shows and information meetings. Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 for \$20 and are available from Lorne Underwood 519-392-8573. The draw will be made on November 24, 2024 at St. Mary’s Hall in West Lorne.



Sunday School in March

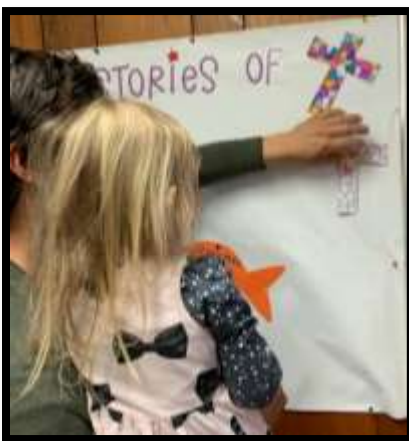
It's March, and it's time to talk about LENT. Since we have been learning about Moses through the month of February, we've had to back track a wee bit. Lent officially began on Feb 14th, Ash Wednesday. So what is LENT? And why is it observed for 40 days? These and many more fantastic questions are what we dived into on Sunday March 3rd at Alsfeldt.



Lent is the season leading up to Easter. This is similar to Advent, the season we celebrate leading up to Christmas. Forty days represent a deep significance as well - Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai and Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. Both Moses and Jesus spent their 40 days fasting and in prayer, refusing temptation and coming closer to God. But why should



we fast or give something up during Lent? We do it for the same reasons that Moses and Jesus did - during Lent, we remove "SOMETHING" to make room for the "ONE THING". By giving something up for Lent, we are able to pursue and celebrate God and his goodness like never before.



To help our Sunday Schoolers understand Lent more fully, we watched a few short videos that included the explanation of Lent and a prayer to kick start the season. We then colored stained glass crosses and colored in a Lent road map that we could mark each day, bringing us closer to Easter Sunday.

in our lives that change? Answers included: The clocks as we sprung forward one hour this morning, the weather as we woke up to the ground covered in white snow, seasons, our hair style etc. The point was life is in constant change, BUT there is "ONE THING" that will never change and that's God and his love for us. At this point in our lesson, I was feeling quite confident and hoping that this statement would sink in and have an "ohhh yeah" kind of moment for our children, but I had a hand go up right away. "Yes Theodore" I replied to the six year old's eager hand.

On Sunday March 10th, we learned all about CHANGE at Knox. What are some things



“God does change...you told us that God can be 3 persons – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit” Theodore stated. Busted! Yes, I suppose in that regard God does change...So let’s just say that His everlasting love for us NEVER changes ;)

Hebrews 13:8 shows us that:

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”

Because he is the same, we know that his Love for us will never change!



You can’t have science without change, so on this day we made (through the passionate request of Francesca) SLIME. The slime worked out perfectly and after experimenting with a couple of colors, we cleaned up and ate oatmeal cookies together!



Sunday March 17th we were back at Alsfeldt preparing for the Easter

Sunday Service. During this Easter Service we will participate alongside Rev. Kathy Morden with a couple of songs and a reading. The children will also be hosting a light breakfast after the service.



During Sunday school, we practiced our songs and reading, made a plan for breakfast and then decorated rocks and sea shells to

display at the breakfast. We then ate and served green rice krispie squares to the congregation in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day – The patron saint who brought Christianity to Ireland!



March 24th was an Intergenerational Service at Knox where the children participated in marching with their palm branches around the church and Holy Communion with Rev. Ralph Schmidt.

Happy Easter,
Kathryn Rehorst



March at Alsfeldt and Knox



Giving an Irish Blessing.



Jean Ersman celebrated a special birthday in March and is pictured with some family members



Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Easter Sunday Morning

