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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, March 3 | 10:00 am at Alsfeldt – 3rd Sunday of Lent Rev. Diane Eurig leading worship followed by a time of food and fellowship |
| Sunday, March 10 | 10:00 am at Knox – 4th Sunday of Lent Rev. Arthur Hiley leading worship. |
| Sunday, March 17 | 10:00 am at Alsfeldt – 5th Sunday of Lent Rev. Kathy Morden leading worship. |
| Sunday, March 24 | 10:00 am at Knox – Palm Sunday Rev. Ralph Schmidt leading worship including Communion |
| Friday, March 29 | 10:00 am at Alsfeldt, Good Friday Janna Dodds leading worship. |
| Sunday, March 31 | 10:00 am at Knox – Easter Sunday Rev. Kathy Morden leading worship. |



**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- Donald Douglas, 45929 Huron-Bruce Road, Clifford, ON N0G 1M0

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

Clifford Pastoral Charge, P.O. Box 205, Clifford, ON N0G 1M0

***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**

- March 3:** Northside-Cavan Pastoral Charge, Seaforth
- March 10:** Southampton-Mount Hope Pastoral Charge
- March 17:** Calvary-Zion Pastoral Charge, Listowel
- March 24:** Lucknow United Church
- March 31:** Grey Dufferin Pastoral Charge, Badjeros





Rev. Dr. Arthur Hiley – **Pastor Art - will be visiting on Friday, March 8, 2024 and Saturday, March 9, 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, March 9, 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; ††Caressant Care, Harriston; †Hamilton Hometown Retirement, Harriston, or in hospital.

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

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



UCW Collections: The UCW are continuing to collect the items listed below. Please drop off in **the green baskets labeled 'UCW'** at each church.

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 and people sleeping on the streets in Canada.

WOW UCW Event – Celebrating our Camps

On Saturday, February 10th, 2024, Western Ontario Waterways UCW had a virtual gathering with the theme – Celebrating our Camps. If you were unable to attend on Feb. 10th, there is a recorded video that you are invited to view. Click <https://youtu.be/jkydMTvfTzQ> to go to the recording. There were exceptional presentations of three area camps – Silver Lake Camp, Camp Bimini, and Camp Menesetung.



Some of Silver Lake's Need's List includes:

To make a financial donation, send a cheque to Silver Lake Camp, 94 Kildonan Cres., Waterdown ON L8B 0P8. Please note on cheque if it is for general expenses or to the 'Dining Hall Rebuild' fund. If you are thinking about how you can support the camp even during the winter- here are some items that will support our summer ministry. You can email our directors and purchase ahead of time! Please reach out to Emily by emailing: slcdirectors@gmail.com

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| Upright, bagless vacuum cleaner | Long sleeved shirts |
| Hoses | Foldable wagon for transporting items |
| Extension cords | NEW sprayable bug spray and |
| Good quality children's books | sunscreen Baby Soap for slip and slide |
| Quality used clothing items: sun hats | Scent Free Shaving Cream |
| (child) child/youth/adult | Compass Teaching Tool |
| Closed toed shoes child/youth/adult | |

Church Library

The church library located at Knox has been moved to the main floor in the basement. It's brighter, roomier and more accessible. Thanks to Lorne Underwood and Donald Douglas. The many fiction books are on the shelves as are the teenage and children's books. The fiction books are in alphabetical order according to the authors. There is a table down the center for you to sit at if you want to do any research.



Taking out a book- There is a book on the desk for you to write the name of the book and your name. There is no time limit to bring it back. When you bring the book back just leave it in the box there and stroke off your name. You do not need to be a church member or church goer to take out a book.

Some books that have been donated recently are books by Gretzke, Obama, Bill Cosby, Billy Graham

Sunday School in February

Can you remember from our January write-up who we are studying this month? Here's a wee hint...This Prophet was born a Hebrew, raised in the Egyptian court by the Pharaoh's daughter and was a heroic leader for the Israelites. I don't want to give away all the juicy details of this brave man's life but yes, you've got it... it's Moses!!

We left off in January just scratching the surface of our *Journey with Moses*, studying his miraculous beginning and the privileged upbringing of this Hebrew baby.



On February 4th we met at Knox to dive into Moses in his young adult years. He was all grown up now and curious about who he was and where he and his descendants had come from. He lived like a Prince but his people were slaves – who was he? One day, when out in the hills, Moses saw a bush in fire. It was God! And he explained everything to Moses. Moses

was afraid but he knew that he could trust in God and that his word was good. Exodus: 3 tells us – “God Talks to Me” and all we have to do is listen and trust in Him. Using a variety of different crafting materials, we made our own burning bushes on this day.



February 11th, we gathered at Alsfeldt to jump into our next chapter of our *Journey with Moses*. Today it was all about the terrible plagues that God sent upon the Egyptian people. My goodness our young children sure do like talking about bugs, frogs, flies and locusts. We got right to work on this day making all kinds of bugs out of clothes pins. We then enjoyed black bottom cupcakes (a delicious Jean Field recipe) and juice.



Our final time together in February was on the 25th (as the 18th we stayed in church to participate in communion to mark the first Sunday of Lent). We met at Knox for a “Double Lesson” of Moses while the Annual Meeting took place. Oh, the time we had to talk all things Moses and wrap up our journey with God’s heroic Prophet. We started at the Red Sea, where Moses and his Hebrew people were trapped. They had travelled many miles through the desert only to find themselves blocked by the Red Sea and Pharaoh’s angry army that wished to bring them back to Egypt. But God was there! He was there to part the sea and bring the Hebrew people safely to the other side. He gave them food to eat, water to drink and special instructions on how they should live and worship our one-and-only God. During our Sunday School time together, we read about Moses in our Bible in segments and watched short videos to illustrate each Milestone. To demonstrate crossing the red sea further, we transformed a simple popsicle stick to look like Moses and then used his staff to ‘part the sea’. We sprinkled pepper in a small cup of water, dipped Moses’ staff in dish soap and then placed the staff in the peppered water. Immediately the pepper separated and repelled away from the soap covered staff! Brilliant! Science



can build up an appetite, so we made the parted red sea using blue icing and a graham cracker to snack on.



We then dove into the Ten Commandments – Learning how to live in God’s way according to the special instructions God gave Moses on top of Mount Sinai. After we had a fun time memorizing the Commandments and creating a poster board, we made our own Commandment stones using graham crackers, white icing and smarties.



So that's it for Moses, a Prophet who spoke to our Lord and lived his life showing his faith in God for 120 years. A teacher and leader to those who continuously thought that they had no way out, no way to their promised land. It took strength, community and a whole of a lot of faith and patients in God. But a happy ending for all!

See you in March,

Kathryn Rehorst



I believe churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2am car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers, etc. Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church, we need to be the church.

On February 26, Kindred Works held a ground-breaking ceremony for a new redevelopment project at St. James United Church in Waterdown, ON. The United Church of Canada established Kindred Works to repurpose church properties to respond to Canada's housing crisis and create lasting benefits and a legacy for future generations.

Janet McCausland, Senior Advisor for Kindred Works, describes the ground-breaking: "The sun was out as we broke ground on the St. James United Church redevelopment project, bursting with new hope for the future. The mixed-income housing project, developed with partner Kindred Works, will build 44 rental homes in three-storey apartments and three-bedroom townhouses.

"The project also includes a children's play area and a community garden, along with adding a new daycare space in the church. The site is in close proximity to many amenities and is located near the Aldershot GO station, so residents will enjoy convenient and efficient access to the greater golden horseshoe through Metrolinx regional transit system.

"The development is sustainable - climate safe, designed for the 2050 climate and uses carbon reduction strategies, and accessible - with one third of the homes available at below market rent. The congregation is excited to see their efforts over a number of years finally come to life, offering new revenue and community engagement opportunities to keep its ministry strong and vibrant for many years to come."

To find out more, visit: <https://kindredworks.ca>



February 24th marks two years since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Nearly 30,000 lives have been lost and millions displaced. As this sombre anniversary approaches, Canadian Christian leaders have joined voices, urging support for refugees and for peace. Their message? Pray, advocate for diplomacy, aid refugees, remember the invasion's impact, and hope for reconciliation.

Donate to Mission and Service and stand with Ukraine and those suffering through this ongoing crisis. Read the full news story and ecumenical letter: <https://united-church.ca/.../peace-and-ukraine-ecumenical...>

"Bear with one and other in love" from Ephesians 4:2 is the theme selected by the women of Palestine for this year's World Day of Prayer. The women write that Paul, in this passage, speaks to how God's saving grace is for all people, and all of very different backgrounds. In our relations with others, we are called to act with humility, gentleness, patience and grace in order to live together in a unity of spirit. Do we hear echoes of the seven sacred teachings of humility, love, respect, truth, honesty, wisdom and courage? Their struggles for land and resource justice, for protecting the well-being of children and families, and for respect for cultural, linguistic, and spiritual differences are familiar to Indigenous peoples in Canada. So this World Day of Prayer we pray in solidarity with those courageous women of Palestine and Israel who bear with one and other in love and work for justice and peace in their sacred lands.

