

**JULY
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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.

Sunday, July 5

There will be no Worship Service at Alsfeldt or Knox.
This will allow folks to attend Ayton and Howick Homecoming events or attend a church of your choice.

Sunday, July 12

10:00 am at Knox— 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Sue Hertell leading worship.

Sunday, July 19

10:00 am at Alsfeldt — 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Sue Hertell leading worship.

Monday & Tuesday,
July 20 and July 21

9:00am – 3:00pm at Knox – **Vacation Bible School** for those who have registered.

Saturday, July 25

8:30-9:30 am **Men's Breakfast** at Dell's Diner in Clifford.

Sunday, July 26

10:00 am at Knox — 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Vacation Bible School leaders and participants will be leading worship.

Sunday, Aug. 2

10:00 am Outdoor Service at the home of **Anne Matthews** – 5946 Normanby-Minto Townline, Clifford led by Rev. Sue.
Remember your **lawn chair**. Potluck **Picnic Lunch** to follow



Monthly Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Men, you are invited to a monthly breakfast from 8:30-9:30 am on the last Saturday of each month at Dell's Diner in Clifford.

Contact Lorne Underwood for more information 519-392-8573.



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.

Reduce/Recycle/Reuse as you reach out to others:

The Pastoral Charge continues to collect the items listed below. Please drop off your contributions in **the green baskets** at the entrances of each church.



Stamps - used; if you are able, please trim with ¼" of envelope around the postage stamp and put them in an envelope or bag.

Pop tabs - to help purchase wheelchairs through the sale of the aluminum.

Milk bags –the outside bag holding the 3 litres; please flatten and fold. The bags, when cut into strips are crocheted/woven into mats for the homeless.

Glasses – used eye glasses are given to the local Lion's Club to distribute as needed

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

Sometimes life's agenda takes over our best-laid plans. With PAR, you don't have to worry about writing a cheque or forgetting to donate because life has thrown you a curveball. By signing up for PAR, you make a clear statement of what is important to you. You also give the recipients of your gift the peace of mind that comes with knowing your help is stable and reliable.



Complete the **PAR Authorization Form** and give it to the treasurer in your church. You can indicate on the form how much your gift to your church will be, and how much you would like to give to transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world through Mission and Service.

If You Are Unable To Give Your Offering At A In-Person Worship Services You May-



*send to your church treasurer

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

Knox- Carman Weppeler, 5705 Minto-Normanby Townline, 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.**

From the Minister's Desk...



I am writing this note as my time chasing icebergs and other great things in Newfoundland draws to a close, and I can't help but marvel at God's creation! That includes the people that inhabit our great land and the communities that work together to make life meaningful. I have met some amazing people along the way and participated in some great conversations!

It turns out that I am not the only person who is chasing icebergs - there is even a Facebook page dedicated to helping people spot them in real time! They inspire awe and respect as we remember that they are thousands of years old, and that only 10% of each iceberg shows above the water line!

It seems to me that there is much we could learn from these ancient giants. As human beings, we often only know about the 10% that is visible in another person's life and what we see on the surface is not the whole story. Taking time to appreciate a friend, a family member or anyone that crosses our paths, and listening to their story with an open heart, can deepen a relationship and strengthen community.

As we participate in our summer activities and have more outdoor time to engage in family and community gatherings, may we give thanks for God's creation and seek opportunities to deepen our human connections.

Blessings, Sue



Clifford Pastoral Charge is Taking a Break for 2 weeks this summer!
There will be no worship on Sunday, August 30 and Sunday, September 6. The Pastoral Charge Board encourages you to worship at a neighbouring church, enjoy family time, explore your faith in other ways.

Below is a Knox Financial Update for the first half of 2026 from Knox Treasurer Carman Wepler. On the right is the first quarter for comparison.

KNOX FINANCIAL UP-DATE *January 1 to June 30, 2026*

Opening bank balance	\$ 40,365.46
Income	\$18,058.00
Expenses	\$36,520.00
Ending balance	\$21,903.00
M&S contributed	\$ 1,249.00

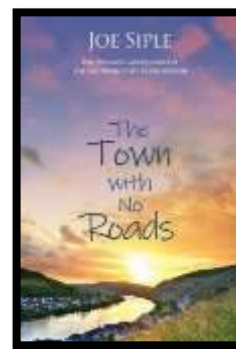
KNOX FINANCIAL UP-DATE *January 1 to March 31, 2026*

Opening bank balance	\$ 40,365.46
Income	\$ 6,051.71
Expenses	\$ 13,600.68
Ending balance	\$ 32,816.49
M&S contributed	\$ 319.50

Library Report

Hello Readers,

Back in March I introduced you to a new author to our Library, Joe Siple. The featured book was called "The Five Wishes of Mr Murray McBride". It was a story filled with unexpected turns and deep fulfillment that shines even through life's most difficult moments. It is a most heartwarming book and I hope you get a chance to read it. Our Library has a few books by Siple and this month I want to highlight his enchanting follow-up entitled, "The Town With No Roads". It is a story of forgiveness and redemption that explores whether unconditional love should hold us close or set us free.



"Memorable objects from Aspen Collins' childhood are appearing in the town square, accompanied by notes in her father's handwriting. The notes relate to things happening in her life now. But that's impossible – Aspen's father is in a coma.

The miracle brings chaos in the form of a ghost hunter, three different factions of people with conflicting beliefs about the miracle, and a television reporter who Aspen finds herself falling for. But when everything comes to a head, an impossible choice must be made. And the consequences of either decision could be too much to bear."

Heart and emotion are on full display in this thoughtful and often overwhelming story of love, loss, and forgiveness on many different levels. It is an easy book to read and is a perfect book to enjoy on a summer's evening as you relax on the porch after a busy day. You will find it under "S" for Siple in our Library.

Happy reading!

Jennifer Devlin



Clifford Pastoral Charge is again taking part in Clifford's Carnival Celebration on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 10:00am

- 3:00pm. We will have Knox's front doors open for washroom use, offer a cold-water drink and a snack of popcorn, and have lawn chairs available for a place to rest in the shade. **We are asking for**

volunteers to take a shift to greet folks, offer a snack, and check washrooms - 10am-12:30 or 12:30-3:00pm. Contact Ellen Underwood or leave a message at the church office.

At the start of the month our grade 6/7 class learned all about Carl Schaefer, a local Hanover artist born in 1903. Carl was known for his painted scenes of Rural Southern Ontario.

For a class project we then had to pick a building that was important to us and draw it using oil pastels. I chose to draw Alsfeldt United Church and it turned out really well!

Lyla Rehorst



We hold in prayer...

Please keep those of our congregations & community in your thoughts & prayers:

Joy Burnett

Joyce Cook

Saige Dosman

Elaine Field

Claude Field

Larry Grummett

Sam Matthews

Jim & Rita Measures

Sharon (Dunn) Stevens

All who mourn the loss of a
loved one

Our sympathy to Elaine and Claude Field and family in the passing of their brother-in-law Bob McTavish of Woodstock on June 19, 2026.



Happy Birthday to Claude Field who celebrated 90 years on June 24th. Pictured is Claude at his 87th birthday with Anson and Crystal.

If you or a family member are having a special birthday, anniversary, or event, please let us know so we may share with our congregations – leave a message at 519-327-8378 or email clifforduc@wightman.ca.



If you or someone you know is in need of some pastoral care, please let us know so we may respond. We would also

appreciate if you would let us know if anyone is having a celebration such as a special birthday, anniversary, birth.

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Congratulations to Louise McIntosh

who was inducted into the Gryphon Hall of Fame (University of Guelph) on Saturday, June 13th.

Louise and her curling team mates were Ontario Women's University Athletic Association -

Women's Curling Champions in 1977-1978 and 1979-1980. The event held at the University of

Guelph's Creelman Hall included a dinner and photos. Congrats, Louise!



June in Sunday School

We did it! Another successful year of Sunday School has come to a close for the summer and my heart is exceedingly full. I say this WAY too often, but where does the time go?

Over the course of these past 9 months or so, I have seen so much growth in our amazing youth and children. Big growth from our seven youth being confirmed and leading their very own service, to the smaller wins, like memorizing the 10 commandments, or 4-year-old Myla excited to participate in Sunday School all on her own! We have had such a memorable year and I'm so grateful to walk alongside our younger generation through their learning and growth in God's love!



We met together as a group on May 31st, June 14th and the 21st. May 31st was Trinity Sunday at Knox and as a group we studied *Psalm 118*. Verse 22 reads...

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"

The idea for this lesson developed when working to plant our vegetable garden earlier in this week. Our family needed to first restore our 4 garden boxes that, by the weight of the snow this winter, had sunk into the ground more than we liked. So, for each box: we disassembled all the wooden sides, removed the soil and placed old large patio stones on the 4 corners where each box would sit. We then rebuilt and placed the garden boxes on the reinforced patio stones and refilled them each with soil. Phew! It was quite the task that turned into a fantastic Sunday School lesson for Trinity Sunday ;). We need The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in all corners of our life. The LORD is our eternal cornerstone and He will strengthen our lives when we use Him as our foundation and build our life upon Him. Our group then went outside on a hunt to find hidden rocks; we painted them with a cross and then placed them in our gardens as a reminder that God is our strength and cornerstone.



June 14th we were back at Knox learning about *Matthew 9:35-38* ***"The harvest is huge. But there are only a few workers"***. When we know



God and we follow Jesus, we get to be the farmers. We get to be one of God's workers by being kind, helpful, and sharing the Good News of His love and light to all those around us. The great news is that anyone can be a farmer, no matter your age, your confidence level or even your profession; we can all play a part in God's Harvest! For our activity we





planted sunflower seeds (ours are now doing very well in our garden), did some coloring and practiced our harvesting skills with blocks and farming equipment.



Our final day together was on the 21st of June, Father's Day!

Proverbs 1: 8-9 tells us:

"Pay close attention, friend, to what your father tells you; never forget what you learned at your mother's knee. Wear their counsel like flowers in your hair, like rings on your fingers."

We learned all about Abraham and his journey with his wife Sarah. How amazing was their faith to follow God to a new life! The distance they traveled, not knowing, but trusting that God had a plan for them.



I love the quote in Genesis 15-5: **"Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, 'Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!'"** We watched a great



video all about Abraham and Sarah, sang the classic 'Father Abraham' song and played some fun outdoor games all about following and trusting in God. To celebrate all of our Father's in church and our final day of Sunday School, we shared ice cream bars and watermelon slices with everyone in the congregation 😊

Thank you to all for an amazing Sunday School

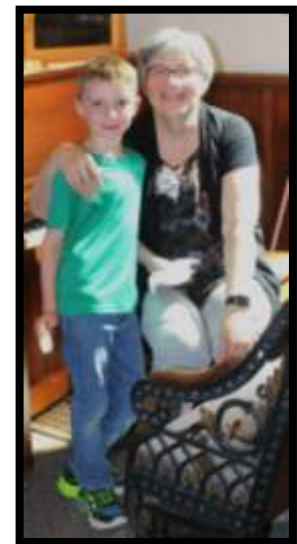
Year. To Rev Sue, Beth Ann & Jennifer for creating "A Road to confirmation" and to our entire congregation for always cheering on our children and youth!! THANK YOU!!!

Next up for July...VBS!! I can't wait for our **Space themed VBS on July 20th and 21st at Knox!** It's going to be a Blast!! Our VBS service is on **July 26th at Knox** where we will tell you all about it!!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

See you soon,

Kathryn Rehorst





Carol (McIntosh) Small attended worship at Knox and gifted them a Balaklava Church plate. And also chatted with Donald Douglas.

Rev. Kathy Morden led worship on May 31. She is seen here talking with the youth.

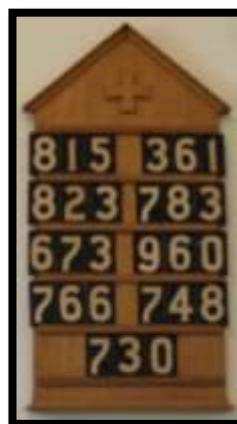


Margaret Hern travelled from St. Mary's to lead worship on June 7.



Leading worship on June 14 was Norm Eygenraam LLWL

Pastor Dirk Kramer led worship on June 21 and June 28.



How many numbers can you put on the Alsfeldt Hymn board?



The Knox flower urns filled with geraniums are looking beautiful thanks to Marg Shannon who has graciously volunteered to take on this task. Thanks so much!



Donations to the Clifford Food Bank may be left at Knox United Church or at the Clifford Library.

Clifford Dining Program hosted by the Seniors' Centre for Excellence is **Wednesday, July 29, 2026** at Knox United Church, Clifford. Doors open at 11:30am. Lunch at Noon. \$20 each. Guest speaker will be Serena Lowry (WCMA) Weird Cravings: Cookbooks and Recipes. **RSVP by Friday, July 24** at 519-638-1000 if you plan to attend.