

**SEPTEMBER  
2026**

# 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](mailto:clifforduc@wightman.ca) to be part of this communication.

**Sunday, September 6**

***There will be no worship services at Alsfeldt or Knox.***



**Sunday, September 13**

**10:00 am at Alsfeldt** – Creation Time begins.  
Pastor Ralph Schmidt will be leading worship.

*Saturday, September 19*

**9:00 am *Fall Church Clean-up at Alsfeldt.***

**Sunday, September 20**

**10:00 am at Knox**– Creation Time 2  
Rev. Sue Hertell leading worship.

*Saturday, September 26*

**9:00 am *Fall Church Clean-up at Knox.***

*Saturday, September 26*

***Cancelled - Men's Breakfast at Dell's Diner in Clifford.***

**Sunday, September 27**

**10:00 am at Alsfeldt** – 170<sup>th</sup> Alsfeldt Anniversary Service  
Rev. Sue Hertell leading worship with guest preacher Rev. Heather Leffler. Lunch and a time of fellowship to follow.

**Sunday, October 4**

**10:00 am at Knox** – Worldwide Communion  
Rev. Sue Hertell leading worship. Potluck Lunch and a time of fellowship to follow.

## Monthly Men's Breakfast

## Cancelled for September

Men, due to the closing of Dell's Diner from September 17<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
**Men's Breakfast will be cancelled for September. See you in October!**

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](mailto: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...



The colours of summer continue to warm us and entice us to enjoy God's creation to the fullest! I walked through this beautiful garden recently and felt very welcomed - four of us had gathered to have English tea together. A lovely treat! To be able to gather with friends for shared conversation and food lifted my spirits just after learning of the passing of one of our faithful, long-time people - Claude Field. What a gift we have in our supportive communities!

I think we have learned that supportive communities matter! Sharing in more depth, in safe places, matters! Soon we will be back to fall/winter routines when we make choices about where we will spend our time. My hope is that we will choose to be together as a worshipping faith community on Sundays at both Knox and Alsfeldt, and that we will invite others to join us - perhaps someone we haven't seen in church for a while... or perhaps a friend! Let's re-imagine how we can be a welcoming community within our own combined congregation, as well as to those who join us on occasion.

May God's Spirit lead us into this next season!

*Blessings, Sue*

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## Alsfeldt United Church

The congregation of Alsfeldt United Church  
invites you and your family to our

**170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Sunday, September 27, 2026  
at 10:00 am**

Rev. Sue Hertell will be presiding and  
Rev. Heather Leffler will be the guest speaker.

Our musicians will include Peggy Reist  
along with other Special Music.

Following worship, plan to stay for lunch  
and a time of fellowship.

Please invite family and friends who may be interested.



## 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Fall Church Clean Up!

Our church clean ups went so well in the spring we are going to do it again for fall! Grab your vacuum, swiffers and windex! We need your help to give Knox and Alsfeldt a fall freshen up! Pick a job (or two) that you enjoy and are able to do and join fellow members of the church family in tackling what can feel like a really BIG job. Please bring your own favourite supplies (vacuums, dusters, windex, mops, rags). Come and go as your schedule permits.

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Alsfeldt – beginning at 9:00am – Just in time for our Anniversary Celebration!**

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Knox – beginning at 9:00am – Just in time for the upcoming wedding celebration!**



## Library Report

Hello Readers,

It is so hard to believe that September is upon us and school holidays are over. A new school year, brings with it new adventures, and as students head back to school, we are encouraged to remind them that God goes with them into every classroom and that their best is always enough.

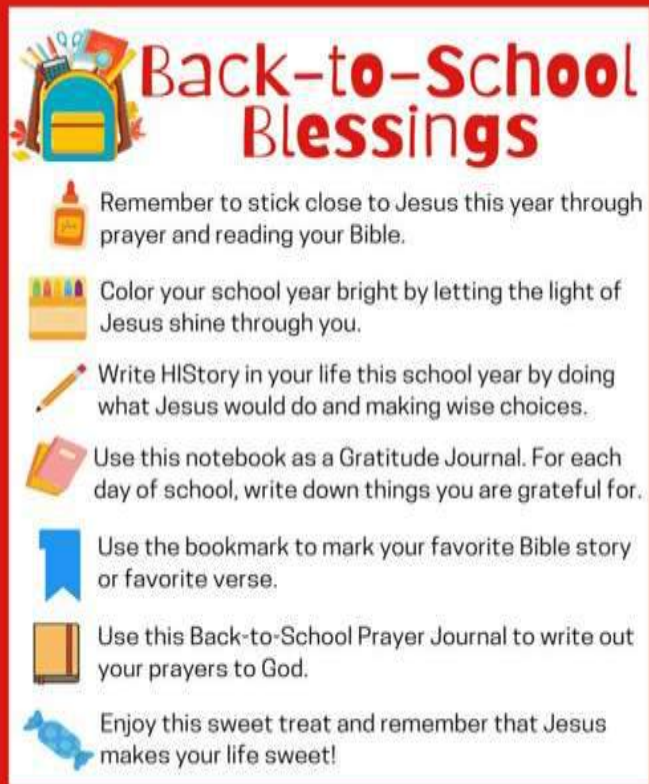
Hope you enjoy this poster I spotted on-line.

Hoping that our Library can provide our young folk with inspiration to learn, grow and shine.

If you would like to see certain books on the shelves of our Library, feel free to let me know.

Happy reading!

*Jennifer Devlin*



## THANK YOU

We did it! All costs for our 2026 SPACE Vacation Bible School Program have been covered!! We completed our amazing program with a total cost of \$30 per astronaut for the two days and with your thoughtful generosity, we were able to cover all costs!! It was a BIG VBS year and with overwhelming gratitude, we say Thank you!!

May God bless each of you,

***Kathryn Rehorst and Beth-Ann Wepler***





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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### **We hold in prayer...**

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

Joy Burnett

Joyce Cook

Heather Derbecker

Saige Dosman

Elaine Field

Larry Grummett

Sam Matthews

Jim & Rita Measures

Sharon (Dunn) Stevens

All who mourn the loss of a loved one

Family & friends of the late

Claude Field

**Our prayers and sympathy to the family of the late Claude Field** who passed away Monday, August 24, 2026 – Elaine, Crystal & Ryan, Anson & Trudy, and grandchildren.

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### **Folks at Caressant Care, Harriston**



***Joy Burnett enjoying St. Patrick's Day celebrations!***



***Larry Nancekivell enjoying a rousing game during an Activity Time.***



***Lynne Nancekivell enjoying lemonade and a lemon tart.***



## In Memory of Claude Field

**Wednesday, June 24th, 1936 - Monday, August 24th, 2026**

What more can be said about Claude? Family and friends have shared many of their wonderful stories and memories at the funeral home visitation, at his celebration of life service by Elaine and the grandchildren, and during the time of food and fellowship following. I think I will let the following pictures speak to Claude's presence and work we witnessed at Clifford Pastoral Charge.



## Celebrations and New Beginnings



***Rea Weppler, daughter of Beth-Ann and Carman, graduated Grade 8 from Minto-Clifford Public School with honours as well as the history award. Throughout her time, she actively participated on almost all of the school sports teams with volleyball, baseball and track and field being her favourite. She also took on role of bus monitor and was part of the skills team. In September, she will be attending Norwell D.S.S. Congratulations!.***



***On June 23rd Mason Rehorst, son of Matthew and Kathryn, received his Grade 8 Diploma from Mildmay Carrick Public School. Along with receiving a Level 5 Citizenship Award, he also earned the 'Highest Academic Standing Award' and was presented with the 'John E. Brendel Music Award'. Mason is off to Walkerton District Secondary School in the fall to start his Grade 9 year. All the best Mason!!***



***Lydia McIntosh, daughter of Stuart & Shelly, has graduated Grade 12 from Walkerton District Community School with the following awards: Senior female athlete of the year, OFSAA Sheild award, Colin Hood OFSAA school Sport award, antique bronze medal OFSSA, Riverhawk lifetime achievement award, transformation and domination award, silver slugger award, and WDCS school letter. Academic awards to come in October at Commencement. Lydia will be attending Conestoga College in September for Early Childhood Education. Lydia has also made the Conestoga Condors Basketball Team.***

### ***A Back to School Blessing from The United Church***

Loving God,  
parent and companion to us all, hold the precious children and young people in your loving care as they begin a new school year.

Nurture in them a sense of wonder. Keep their curiosity alive, their imaginations wide, and their hearts open to the joy of discovering something new.

May the spark of creativity, possibility, and adventure continue to burn brightly within them. Give them courage to ask questions, freedom to dream, and confidence to become who they are meant to be.

Surround them with people who see their worth and meet them with kindness, patience, and respect.

Protect them from harm, from cruelty and fear, and from words and ideas that diminish the dignity of others.

And may they be a source of kindness, courage, and welcome to those around them.

Bless them as they learn and grow, as they make friends, face challenges, discover their gifts, and find their own light.

May they shine in the ways that are uniquely theirs—and may every child be surrounded by the love, care, and hope they need to flourish. Amen.

## Giving Thanks this Thanksgiving



**Are you wanting to share some of the bounty that your garden has given you?** The Clifford Food Bank will distribute any of your donations. You are invited to bring any extra vegetables or fruits to worship on Sundays and we will see they are used.

**Clifford Pastoral Charge is inviting you to support our Thanksgiving Appeal for the Clifford Food Bank.** Each Sunday, leading up to and including Thanksgiving Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, we will collect any non-perishable food items and any monetary donations. We ask that items be not outdated and in original packaging. The Clifford Food Bank is always appreciative of donations.



## Outdoor Worship Sunday, August 16



**Sharing Our Faith quilt club** meets at Knox United in Clifford once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday to knot quilts. Their first meeting this fall is **Wed., September 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm** and you are welcome to join in. Please bring your lunch – tea and coffee provided – bring needles suitable for yarn, scissors and enjoy the fellowship while doing something for someone else. For more information contact Agnes Norris 519-338-3927.

Happy Birthday to Stan Newman whose birthday was Aug. 16.

**Clifford Dining Program** hosted by the Seniors' Centre for Excellence is **Wednesday, September 30, 2026** at Knox United Church, Clifford. Lunch at Noon. \$20 each. Guest speaker Danielle McIntosh RD (Bread is not the Enemy). **RSVP by Fri, Sept. 25** at 519-638-1000.