

## Who We Are

We are a church community that seeks to follow Jesus, welcoming and reaching out in the community as the love of God in action.

We are glad that God brought you here. If you are looking for a place to rest, to grow, to heal, to be challenged, to offer your gifts, there is a place for you in Knox United Church and this pamphlet offers a snapshot of who we are and what we do.

Knox is a vibrant community – there is always lots happening! Look for updates on activities through Sunday morning announcements, This Week at Knox (weekly), Reflections (monthly), our website, and the church signs.

We would love to get to know you over coffee or tea before our 8:45 a.m. service or after our 10:30 a.m. service in our gathering hall, which is also called the narthex

We invite you to be part of our church family!

*"For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."*

*Matthew 18:20  
Good News Bible*



## What We Do

### Worship

Our worship services connect us to God, our mission, and each other. We have two services each Sunday, September - June:

#### The Early Service @ 8:45 a.m.

This service is more informal and intimate, with many parts of the service led by members of the congregation. Music is a blend of traditional and contemporary, with guitar and piano.

#### The Late Service @10:30 a.m.

This is the larger of our weekly services, with a blend of music styles, often with choir or vocal group leadership. Jesus and Me (J.A.M.) classes for children are offered during this service.

From June to September there is:

#### Summer Worship @ 9:30am

This service offers a variety of worship styles and music. There is something for everyone so please feel free to bring your summer visitors!

**Special services** take place during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

*Audio tapes are available for some worship services and sermons are streamed on our website.*

### Baptism / Blessing / Confirmation

The Baptism / Blessing of infants and children is held during Sunday worship throughout the year. Baptism and / or Confirmation of youth and adults takes place prior to Easter.

### Holy Communion

All who seek the presence of Christ are welcome to share at the table. Holy Communion is celebrated at the Late Service a number of times throughout the year and at the Early Service on the first Sunday of the month.

### Jesus and Me (J.A.M.) at the Late Service

**J.A.M.** is for children ages 3-11 offers a blend of creative and fun learning methods. Children have a time with the minister during worship before heading to class.

**Youth Group**, for grades 6 and up, meets on Sunday evenings 7 - 8:30 pm. We are a diverse group of amazing people who gather to have fun!

### Ministry of Music

**The Adult Choir** leads in music at most of the 10:30 a.m. services.

Practice is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**SpiritSong**, our children's choir, is for any youth who can read.

Practice is Sundays at 9:40 a.m.

## Programs, Outreach, and Activities

**Outreach Ministries** extend our love and works beyond the church doors: we host a free monthly supper (C.O.M.E.); support the UCC Mission and Service Fund, Adsum House, Beacon House, Brunswick St. Mission, Christian Blind Mission, Elizabeth Fry Society, Hope Cottage, Metro Turning Point, Phoenix House, Street Connections, and many more.

**Adult Education programs** are offered throughout the year in various styles and formats. They are great opportunities to explore our faith, scripture, and callings as followers of Christ.

**Bible Fellowships** are a great way to meet people and learn more about *the Word*. Discussion Groups meet weekly.

**Christian Men in Fellowship** get together around meals or outings. They welcome you to join them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. at Tom's Restaurant, Sackville Dr. for breakfast.

**Pastoral Care** team members offer care and support through listening, prayers, drives to church, and visiting in hospital, at home, and in nursing homes.

**United Church Women (UCW)** is open to all women of the congregation. They meet monthly and provide service and support to the church and community.

The **Turkey Soup Takeout Lunch** is a delicious fund raiser held the first Tuesday of each month, October to May. If you like to make soup, buns, or cake this is a place for you. Even if you simply want to place an order.

If you like to deliver food or eat, there is a place for you! Take outs are delivered to local schools and businesses.

#### **We also have:**

- Annual Turkey Supper
- Dinner Theatre
- Funeral Visitation & Services
- Receptions
- Spiritual Yoga
- Time Out for Ladies Craft Group
- Yard, Craft & Bakes Sales
- Other FUNdraising Events

**Lower Sackville Nursery School** a licensed nursery school operating at Knox. For more than 30 years, it has been providing programs for children ages 3 and 4.  
<http://www.knoxsackville.ca/lower-sackville-nursery-school>

***Would you like to know more about our ministries and programs? Please check out [www.knoxsackville.ca](http://www.knoxsackville.ca), pick up a pamphlet or contact the church office.***

#### **Our Church Structure**

**Church Council** is our model of governance. The Council includes the minister and representatives from committees and groups: Spiritual Oversight, Ministry & Personnel, Fellowship, Outreach, Finance, Property, Communication, Presbytery, UCW and Youth.

**The Spiritual Oversight Committee** is composed of Elders, elected by the Congregation. Elders help to meet the spiritual needs of the members of the congregation. Each Elder cares for and acts as liaison between the Minister and the people. The Elders also serve on a variety of teams: *Baptism, Communion, Worship, Christian Life and Growth, Pastoral Care, Districts, Duty, Funeral Ministry, New Families, Memorial, and Healing Pathway.*

**Trustees** are elected by the congregation and authorized to carry out legal transactions on behalf of the congregation.

#### **Have questions?**

If you would like to talk with someone about your faith, our congregation, the United Church of Canada, joining a group, or offering your gifts please speak to the Minister or an Elder on Sunday morning or contact the church during office hours.

**We are here to help!**

#### **Key Contacts**

**After hours' urgent pastoral care**  
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#### **SpiritSong Director**

*Pat Galbraith*

#### **Property /Building**

*Mannie Lewis*

#### **Prayer Chain**

*Cathy Heighton*

#### **Youth Group**

*Jennifer Babineau*

#### **J.A.M.**

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You are always welcomed to drop by the church office,  
Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,  
September - June.  
Office hours are reduced in the summer so please call ahead.



**A Congregation of  
The United Church of Canada**

# *Welcome !*

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**OUR MISSION**

**TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:**

**showing mercy,  
promoting justice,  
offering forgiveness,  
acceptance, and hope.**

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