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# KNOX NEWSLETTER

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## Minister's Corner

This week in the English as a Second Language Bible study group that I lead, we read from Philippians 4: 6 & 13 – *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

Despite the many blessings in my life, lately I have been feeling a bit overwrought. I am concerned about my dad's illness and about various other friends with health and relationship issues. I wonder about our commitment as a community of faith when we struggle to meet our budget and when it is difficult to generate enthusiasm for projects that will express, enliven and help us to share our faith. I am afraid that we won't have a youth group if I can't find greater support for it. I confess that I worry about my family at home and about my church family at Knox. I am striving to let go of my anxiety and to truly live into the words in Paul's letter. My plan for the summer is to read and reflect on them daily – I encourage you to do the same. May the grace and peace of Christ guide you always. ... *Laura*

## New Members

Heading



Knox was extremely blessed recently with the inception of the following new members:

- Kay and Albert Bishop
- Ruth Kirk
- Maria Mutitu
- Ken Hsu received the sacrament of baptism and
- HeeJung Kim became a member by profession of faith.

It was good that Ken's dad Victor, could visit for a few weeks and attend his son's baptism.

## Congratulations

to Michael and Christine Yu and Victor Hsu in becoming Canadian citizens.

## Knox Youth

The Youth Group had their year-end party June 17 and many of them are going to Teen Camp in August. Please remember Camp VIP in your prayers. For more information on the Camp, visit their website at [campvip.org](http://campvip.org)

## Former Members

I am sure we all wonder from time to time how our former members are doing. In this newsletter we are happy to include some news from Gordon Taylor. Gordon now lives in Abbotsford and attends the Calvin Presbyterian Church. He is active once again in the choir. He was also invited to sing at the Surrey Church where Geoff Jay preaches.



Our choir participated in the Vancouver Island Festival of Praise May 29. This event was held at St. Andrew's Church where many other Island churches were represented. We are grateful for Rob's leadership and our choir who sing so beautifully for us each week.

## Knox Afternoon Group in Action

An extremely busy few months for the Afternoon Group. They hosted their annual potluck lunch on May 11, where delicious food, and good fellowship was enjoyed by all. A slide presentation followed by Edith Klimes. Edith did an excellent job of narrating her experience in the beautiful city of Nagoya, Ja-



Another successful Garage Sale was held on May 28. A grand total of \$1100 was made. Half of the money will be used for the church's general fund and the remainder to assist the Afternoon Group with local and foreign missions. Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the sale and to all of who worked so hard.

The annual Strawberry Tea was held June 11. The local berries are always a big hit, making this is a very popular event each year. It was good to see so many old and new friends enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.



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## Mission & Outreach - ALPHA



Following the success of last year's Alpha Program, another course took place this spring. There was also a study, 'Heart of Revival', for people, who had already taken the basic course. Both of these courses proved to be very successful. The Thursday evening sessions began by sharing an enjoyable meal. A video followed, presenting different topics each week; *Who is Jesus? Why did he die? How should I read the bible? How should I pray?* Two groups were then formed for an informal discussion. We hope for those who attended that their faith has grown with a better understanding of the Christian faith, building new friendships with other Christians along the way, or learning about the Christian faith for the first time. Another important aspect to our latest Alpha Program was the 'Holy Spirit' week-end, spread over Friday through Monday morning. During this time we explored the topic of the 'Holy Spirit', spending time in prayer and meditation, finishing with a small intimate communion service in the sanctuary. This was a particularly inspiring and meaningful experience for people, who had not been connected to a church for a while. Thank you to everyone who took part in this program, also to our volunteers who have made it possible, preparing the meal, setting up and clearing away.

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A big thank you to the Christian Education Committee and the Congregational Life Committee for organizing the Summer Pot Luck Bash on June 12 and the Social Events Committee for assisting with



clean-up. Everyone participated in the games, making for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.