

SUMMER
2007

KNOX NEWSLETTER



MUSIC SERIES AT KNOX



The music concert planned for the second weekend of October this year will be the first of a winter music series to take place in our sanctuary. Four more high-quality attractively priced concerts are scheduled which will provide a variety of musical offerings. There will be a choice of a 7:30 pm Friday evening concert or a 2:00 pm Saturday afternoon concert. Refreshments will be provided.

The first concert brings two very popular musicians to Victoria from Washington State. **Bronn & Katherine Journey - Harp & Vocalist.** Bronn Journey writes that although his instrument, the harp, is well known, it is not "well heard" so his program begins with light, well-known classical pieces progressing to songs from musicals such as Phantom of the Opera, to movies, pops and spirituals. Katherine Journey who holds music degrees in both piano and voice will sing a variety of selections. It appears to be an exciting program and ticket requests are already arriving in our church office from fans who 'don't want to miss it!' Tickets are available at an advance sale price of \$15.00 until September 12 after which they will be \$20.00 - still a bargain!

A big part of this project is to introduce visitors to our church who also may be searching for a Sunday morning service. The warm welcome often attributed to Knox will be offered to the community at large. If you are interested in taking part in this exciting outreach venture, please speak to any member of the Worship Committee or Jake Schaffer who is helping to coordinate the series. Ongoing 'newscasts' will be available as plans proceed. In the meantime, tell your friends and mark your calendar for the following concerts coming to Knox.

October 12 and 13, 2007

Bronn & Katherine Journey; Harp & Vocalist

November 30 and December 1, 2007

Pacific Christian School Senior Choir

February 8 and 9, 2008

The Golden Violin; violin & piano

February 22, 2008

Pavel Egorov; a touring Russian pianist

May 23 and 24, or 30 and 31, 2008

The Scott Woods Show; old time fiddle music

The Worship Committee: John Callan, Janet Gibson, Margaret Schaffer, Steve Sturgess, Lorraine Whiting

MEMORIES



Robert Niven a long time member of Knox passed away recently at over 100 years old. Robert clipped articles of interest to him over the years and his family has made some of these available to us. Below is one of these articles:

THE BIBLE contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts binding, and its histories are true, Read it to be wise, read it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's comfort, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven is opened and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment and remembered forever. It involves highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labour and condemns all who trifle with its sacred contents.



Our building is a busy place

Beginning in September, we will have the following groups using our building:

Fairbank Calligraphy Society

Second Tuesday evening of each month (main hall)

Hardy Plant Group of Victoria

Third Tuesday evening of each month (main hall)

Newcomers Bridge Group

First and Third Thursday afternoons (main hall)

The Victoria Stroke Recovery Association

Every Friday from 10 am - 2 pm - (entire building)

Alistair Findlay Counselling Services

Saturdays and some Friday afternoons (vestry)

Bazaars that are planned for the fall:

- Saturday, October 20th - Victoria Chinatown Lions
- Saturday, October 27th - Voice of Concern for Animal Life
- Saturday, November 3rd - Pacific Rim Potters
- Saturday, November 24th - Victoria Chinatown Lions
- Saturday, December 8th - **Knox Presbyterian Church**

We are very fortunate to have made contact with these groups - they love the facilities here at Knox!! This does not include the dates that have been reserved for our special Concert Series planned for the fall and 2008 and the regular activities of Knox. Grace Presbyterian Church continues to meet in our building during the week for their Bible studies and prayer groups. Their worship service is on Sunday afternoon. If you are planning a meeting for your committee or a special activity, please check with the office to make sure there is a space and a time available for you and your group.



CALENDAR EVENTS AT KNOX FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Rally Sunday & "Finger Food" Lunch Presbyterial Mission	September 9
Fellowship Day at Sooke	September 11
Fall clean-up day	September 15 (am)
Anthem Music swap & shop	September 15 (pm)
Worship+Dessert	September 16
Session retreat at Cedar Shores	September 22
Presbytery retreat in Nanaimo	September 24 & 25
Piano celebration combined service with Grace Church	September 30
Oak Bay Lodge Service	September 30 - 2:30
Presbyterian Young Peoples Society weekend at Knox - Billets needed!	October 5 - 8
Thanksgiving & fresh fruit Sunday	October 7
Bronn & Katherine Journey - harp concert	October 12 & 13
Ladies' lunch at Romeo's (on Hillside)	October 15
Women's Retreat at Camp Imadene	October 19 - 21
Worship+Dessert	October 21



Sunday, September 30th marks the day for the dedication of our new grand piano. Knox and Grace Churches are joining for worship at 11 am. Plan to attend so we can celebrate together.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
[Psalm 98: 4]



When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

These verses from #630 of our hymnal are words that a friend in Edmonton said we should sing each week to remind ourselves that we are children of God – that *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.* [Psalm 24: 1]

The same attitude is presented clearly by Jean Calvin in his Institutes of the Christian Religion (1536):

We are not our own; therefore neither our reason nor our will should predominate in our deliberations and actions. We are not our own; therefore let us not propose it as our end, to seek what may be expedient for us according to the flesh. We are not our own; therefore let us, as far as possible, forget ourselves and all things that are ours. On the contrary, we are God's; to God therefore let us live and die. We are God's; therefore let divine wisdom and will preside in all our actions. We are God's; towards God therefore as our only legitimate end, let every part of our lives be directed...

As Christians we affirm that God is the creator, and therefore the owner, of all that is – that God made us, the land, the animals, everything. One Old Testament book reminds us that we are not owners of the land (despite what the deed to your house or vacation property may say!). In fact, we are considered by God to be aliens and tenants because the land belongs to God. [Leviticus 25: 23] Really and truly – nothing belongs to us – it is God's.

I was reminded of this when Tristan and other youth from the Victoria area returned from Creation Fest at the end of July. They had raised money in the months before their trip by washing cars and preparing meals, gathering bottles for return and offering to do odd jobs for you and your friends. But things went well and they came home with several hundred dollars left over!

They raised quite a bit of money and some of those participating in the fundraising worked hard, knowing they couldn't go on the trip. Each person also paid their own registration for the event – the money they worked for together was for transportation and food and things they hadn't planned for in advance – things that might go wrong.

I just assumed they would split it up to reimburse each person for the cost of their registration – not so I was told in a tone of voice that indicated I should have known better. "This money doesn't belong to us. We will use it to send at least one more teen to camp at the end of August. If there is still money after that we will set it aside for next year and encourage others to experience this faith building event."

They worked hard for the money – none of it was a handout – and yet they recognized that it wasn't their money – it belongs to God and is to be used for God's work. This is a mature understanding of our place in creation and the expectation that God puts on humanity in the garden. The teens were right – I should have known better because I know that we are not our own; we belong to God.

God call us to take responsibility for the world, to care for it. It is our theological belief that as Christians we must use wisely the gifts God has bestowed. Our time, our talents, our material possessions, and our accumulated wealth are to be used or given for the service of God. We call it stewardship – personal responsibility to care for that which we do not own. It begins and ends with the understanding of God's ownership of all: *Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.* [Job 41: 11]

God has a claim on each one of us and all that we identify as our property. *Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.*



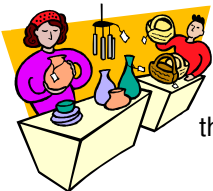
THE VICTORIA STROKE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION (VSRA)

This is a non-profit Association and is a branch of the Stroke Recovery Association of B.C. This group is designed to meet the needs of stroke survivors in rehabilitation, living independently, either alone, or at home with family or caregivers. The meeting on Fridays provides an opportunity for social activity for members, as well as physical exercise with a Registered Kinesiologist, speech recovery programs, and a small group with a Physiotherapist. The support group gathers for an hour of discussion and networking while classes are active for stroke survivors. Tea, coffee, juice and cookies are provided for social time. Members bring a camaraderie bag lunch! VSRA relies on grants, donations from service clubs, private donations and Association fundraising activities to support its mandate. This group is delighted to be situated at Knox Presbyterian Church every Friday. You are invited, and most welcome to join us for lunch at noon and the afternoon program at any time.

"There is Life after Stroke".

BAZAAR NEWS

Please mark December 8 on your calendar for the Knox Christmas Bazaar. It is not too soon to start saving your collectibles. Have a look in your attic and basement to see what treasures are collecting dust. We will not be having our usual 'rummage' area so please save your 'finer' items for the collectible table. Ladies, check those jewellery boxes as we would love to see anything that sparkles and glitters for our jewellery boutique. Knitters, get out those needles as small items for the craft table are appreciated. We also need your artistic talents to make Christmas crafts. The bake table is always very popular so dig out your favourite recipes and start thinking of what you can contribute. Plans are to have a book table and a plant sale. Watch out for more details in the next newsletter.



Convener Marianne Mortimer

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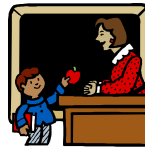


DID YOU KNOW that you have a mail slot just outside the entrance to the office? These are arranged alphabetically and also include special mail slots for "Board of Managers, Custodian, Clerk of Session, Minister, Newsletter, Office Secretary, Treasurer and Youth Coordinator". Correspondence from the office and items of interest are placed in your mail slot for you to pick up. Please remember to check your box every time you're in the building.

LADIES LUNCHEON



Ladies, mark your calendars for Monday, Oct. 15, to meet with friends from Knox. We will gather at Romeo's on Hillside at 12 noon. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex between September 30 and October 14.



SCHOOL START UP IN 1915 'TEACHERS WANTED'

The Revelstoke Review newspaper recently published a brief article which included a list of the rules by which teachers in that area had to abide in **1915**. From the list, it is clear that only women filled the teaching positions.

- You will not marry during the term of your contract.
- You are not to keep company with men.
- You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending school functions.
- You will not loiter downtown in any of the ice cream stores.
- You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the Board Chairman.
- You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
- You may not smoke cigarettes.
- You may not dress in bright colours.
- You must wear at least two petticoats.
- Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.
- To keep the school neat and clean you must: sweep the floor at least once daily; scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water; clean the blackboards at least once a day; and start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m.