



Knox United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

Ah... February... the month of Love mingled with the hope for Spring to return asap! Yes, folks, it's chilly out there but we find warmth for our soul with our faith family whether we're inside the church walls or out... This is part of what we do, yes? Show God's love to our family and friends, our neighbors and even the stranger we've yet to meet!

As we've been making our way through the Apostle Paul's letter to the Christian Church in Corinth, we've been preparing ourselves for all this love talk... In fact, as I write this article, it's the tail end of January and the passage for January 30 is from the "love chapter"- 1st Corinthians 13:1-13.

You've heard that "God is love", yes? You can read the words in 1 John 4... and if God is love and God created us in love, what better way to give thanks and honor and praise to our Creator than by sharing that divine, holy love? Sure, it's a lot easier to love those we already like... have you tried loving those you may not be so fond of? Those who are different from us? Those who speak differently, or look differently, or vote differently, or live differently?

Think about this: God, our Creator, looks nothing like us, speaks differently, thinks differently, lives differently, and yet, loves each of us unconditionally! Thanks be to God!

Further, God the Spirit has blessed us with gifts, presents to use to build the Kingdom! It's not like we've worked hard or done something well to earn these gifts... in fact, there is nothing we can do to earn these gifts. We're blessed simply because we exist. Are you in awe? Me, too!

So, have you discovered what *your* gifts are? Have you ever taken a Spiritual Gifts Assessment? We've got printed copies for you! Feel free to grab one next time you're →



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Church Office Hours

- Mon 1:00 - 4:30 pm
- Tue 11:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Wed 1:00 - 4:30 pm
- Thu 1:00 - 4:30 pm

at church or talk to Cheryl or me, we'd be happy to provide you with a copy. With the printed copy, you'll need to tally up your totals to discover your gifts, but, if you have access to the internet, you can take the quiz online. The site will tabulate your results for you. Just click here: [Spiritual Gifts Assessment](#) Or, you can also go to our website and click on the link. (If you're receiving this newsletter in print, ask us for a printed quiz copy.)

"Why should I bother learning what my gifts are???" So that we can put into practice the love we're to bless others with according to how we've been blessed with holy love. Let's go love 'em!

In Christ's love and mine,

Pastor Sheri



Words for Your Week

"As people who have been called from the hedgerows of sacred and ordinary spaces, we need to know that we believe we can accomplish more together than apart, that we believe God calls us from our solitude into community."

We need to see in this Epiphany Light that whether we are physically alone or physically together, we are emotionally and spiritually in communion with all of God's people.

We are thus strengthened to do God's work without wavering." - Mary Lautzenhisler Bellon

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Knox United Methodist Church Church Council 2022

Senior Pastor - Rev. Sheri LoCascio

Church Council Chair - Jack Miller

Church Council Vice-Chair - vacant

Lay Member to Annual Conference - Debbie Mix

Reserve Lay Member to AC - vacant

Lay Leader - Debbie Mix

Staff/Parish Chair - Mitch Martinkus

Finance Chair - Shirley Fosler

Treasurer - Marshall Garlach, Marilyn Hays

Trustee Chair - Lee McIntire

Trustee Treasurer - Sally Oliverius

Lay Leadership Vice Chair - Lyn Allen

Education Chair - Debbie Mix

Education Assistant - Georgia Pope

Recording Secretary - Shirley Fosler

At-Large Member - Melba Shilling

Ex Officio Members with vote:

Historian - Dan Miller

Men's Group - Jack Miller, Mitch Martinkus

Missions & Outreach Chair - Sandy Miller

Prayer Coordinator - Sandy Miller

Women's Group - Shirley Fosler, Lisa Nichols

Youth Representative - vacant

Ex Officio Members with no vote:

Financial Secretary - Cheryl Tellman



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**JANUARY 10, 2022**

January 10, 2022

Members Present:	Pastor Sheri Lee McIntire	Shirley Fosler Mitch Martinkus	Marshall Garlach Georgia Pope	Marilyn Hays Melba Shilling
Others Present:	Deb McIntire Lisa Nichols			

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Sheri; Pastor opened with a devotion and an opening prayer.

Last month's Meeting Minutes were read. Motion made to approve by Melba, and seconded by Georgia. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa shared financial reports as of December 31, 2021. All bills are paid to date.

The WKVI account will be renamed: WKVI/Marketing. Motion carried. The donations made for WKVI specifically are accounted in the WKVI dedicated fund and are used to pay the WKVI invoice. Grateful thanks to all who give financially to support our church and its ministries.

We discussed approving the budget for 2022. Motion made to approve by Mitch, and seconded by Lee. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Shirley reported nothing additional.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Lee reported that he received information about another insurance company; we will not change insurance companies.

Property Taxes will need to be filed; the County will send the Assessment form in the mail.

Drapes/blinds for the sanctuary will need to be replaced soon. Trustees will look into this.

We discussed advertising/signage for the church. Trustees will look into this in front of the church by the road.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We discussed when might be optimal to hold VBS 2022. The Starke County 4-H Fair will be June 25 - July 1; Knox Schools return during the first week of August.

WORSHIP REPORT

Grateful thanks to Deb McIntire and all who helped put together the 5pm Christmas Eve program.

Questions were raised in what we can do to bring in people of different ages and what programs can be developed. Seek to offer fun things to do and begin small groups, this can lead to getting others involved. Possibilities: kids choir, school tutoring, youth group, kids group. Consider: Who will help with future programs? What can we do now? Begin with a youth bell choir or youth choir or youth group. Ask for volunteers from the congregation. Interested people can see Shirley for information and discussion.

Current Worship Services need to increase energy level. Outdoor Worship during nice weather was suggested.

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (f/k/a Nominations)

Pastor reported nothing new.



MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Lisa shared that the next Food Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 18.

The monthly Game Day begins this month on Sunday, January 16. Game Day will be held on 3rd Sunday of the month following the Worship Service. Pastor shared that her son Jay, owner of Nu Yeer Games, donated several games to us. Game Day will include food and games or movies.

Thanks to the Men's Group for giving out the Holiday Baskets to local area families.

METHODIST MEN'S REPORT

Mitch shared that the Men's Group met yesterday, January 9; Dave Hays cooked and Lee provided the devotion. They also discussed ways of obtaining names for recipients of the Holiday Baskets for 2022. The next meeting will be on February 13 at 7:30am. Mitch and Lee will cook; Victor will provide the devotion. All men are welcome.

WOMEN'S GROUP REPORT

Shirley shared that the Women's Group met yesterday, January 9. They discussed upcoming high school and college graduations. The next meeting will be on February 6 at 8am in the library. All women are welcome.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor reported that year-end reports are due February 15. She handed out copies for completion to Treasurers and advised to return the completed pages to her where she will add Treasurer's paperwork to what she needs to complete.

Pastor shared information from District about two identical Leadership Training classes offered to all clergy and laity. This is especially appropriate for church leaders but will also invite all of congregation to participate.

STAFF-PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mitch reported that he and Pastor have met regarding Office Administration responsibilities and they will convey this to Cheryl, our Office Administrator. Pastor has an updated list of Office Administrative duties.

Mitch shared that anyone interested in learning/wishing to better understand and help out with duties in the church to see him. This includes duties done in the Office, Sound Board, etc.

We need to work together and help each other out, share ideas and information, and encourage each other to talk to church officers or to Pastor when confronted with conflict or concern. Love must abound in all that we do.

GOOD OF ORDER

Pastor reported that she and Lee completed and submitted the voting ballot in regard to the Boy Scouts bankruptcy case. The United Methodist Church and the BSA reached a settlement where churches affected by the BSA's lawsuit will be protected; we were instructed to accept the plan on the ballot. Also, the BSA bankruptcy case has been extended to next month due to the settlement.

Pastor has also been working with the Conference and the District and shared information regarding establishing a policy on service/therapy/companion animals. It was suggested to contact our insurance company for guidance and suggestions. We will review all the information shared, seek additional information, and discuss this at the next meeting.

The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00pm.

With no other business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by Pastor Sheri with Shirley closing in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Fosler

GAME DAY!

Join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month, right after Worship Service, for fun and games, fellowship and food! Here are some highlights from last month's Game Day!





The Food Bank of Northern Indiana's Mobile Food Pantry

will be at:

Knox United Methodist Church
201 S Shield St, Knox



Wed, February 16, 2022
10:00am - 12:00pm CT
(or until supplies run out)

If you can help,
let Sandy know
and plan to be to
church early.
Thanks!



**Weekly meetings are continuing at
Knox UMC on Wednesday mornings
at 9:00am through March 30.
Join us any Wednesday!
Questions? Talk to Lisa Nichols**

YOUTH HANDBELLS

Ring-a-ling!

Knox UMC is beginning a Children and Youth Handbell Choir! If you're interested and between the ages of 10 through high school, please call the church office (574-772-4228) during office hours (Mon - Thur from 1:00pm - 4:30pm).



FINANCIAL REPORT 12/31/2021**SUBMITTED BY MARSHALL GARLACH & MARILYN HAYS**

Knox United Methodist Church - Knox IN
Treasurer's Report as of December 2021 (Newsletter Financial)

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Page 1 of 1 Budget YTD
Income				
4.10.140	Tithing by Envelope & Checks	13,231.00	81,609.02	100,870.00
4.10.142	Use of Building	10.00	1,315.00	
4.10.143	Misc. Other Offering	0.00	2,578.79	
	Total Income	\$13,241.00	\$85,502.81	\$100,870.00
Expenses				
5.10.150	Conference Tithes	1,323.10	7,488.26	7,500.00
5.10.151	District Tithes	132.31	808.37*	750.00
5.10.152	Annual Conference Expense	0.00	595.55*	350.00
5.10.155	Pastor Salary	2,861.16	34,333.86	34,334.00
5.10.156	Custodial Salary	180.00	1,968.75	5,640.00
5.10.157	Musician Salary	300.00	3,600.00	5,200.00
5.10.158	Travel Reimbursement/Prof. Expense	300.31	1,457.71	2,000.00
5.10.159	Administrative Assistant	735.00	10,297.50*	10,000.00
5.10.160	Pastor Pension Expense	482.81	5,149.98*	4,508.00
5.10.170	Supplies (Alter & Communion)	0.00	83.07	100.00
5.10.171	Pulpit Supplies	0.00	0.00	100.00
5.10.172	Music (Copyright License, etc)	0.00	199.00	300.00
5.10.173	Advent/Lent Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00
5.10.180	Church Utilities - Gas/Electric	497.00	5,257.97	6,220.00
5.10.181	Church Utilities - Water/Trash	249.26	2,831.29	3,000.00
5.10.182	Church Utilities - Telephone	141.84	1,474.81*	1,350.00
5.10.185	Parsonage Utilities - Telephone	295.31	1,905.85	2,215.00
5.10.186	Passonage Utilities - Water/Trash	89.47	1,005.88*	1,000.00
5.10.187	Parsonage Utilities - Gas/Electric	187.22	2,354.21*	2,253.00
5.10.188	Insurance Church/Parsonage	0.00	9,225.00*	7,700.00
5.10.190	Office Supplies	103.48	434.64	450.00
5.10.191	Postage	0.00	278.00	300.00
5.10.193	Cleaning Supplies	98.07	214.81	500.00
5.10.200	Computer Programs/Updates	19.99	364.99	400.00
5.10.205	Equipment Maintenance	1,686.41	3,372.82*	2,000.00
5.10.207	Office Equipment Purchases	0.00	652.69*	500.00
5.10.210	WKVI	24.00	1,424.00	2,100.00
	Total Expenses	\$9,706.74	\$96,779.01	\$100,870.00
	Difference		\$3,534.26	(\$11,276.20)
				\$0.00

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5	Habo Runkle
10	Anthony Manning
11	Mark Krom
11	Sandra Miller
11	Robert Fort
18	Alexandria Scott
20	Elizabeth Darda
20	Mike Skinner
24	Dave Hays
25	Shirley Fosler

6	Raymond & Debbie Mix
16	Lee & Deb McIntire
27	Erl & Diann Henry
28	Geary & Bernadette Manuel

Don't Be Left Out!

We don't want to leave anyone out! Please help us by filling out one of the new information sheets which are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

This will help us to be sure we can stay in touch with you and include you on our birthday and anniversary lists. Thank you!



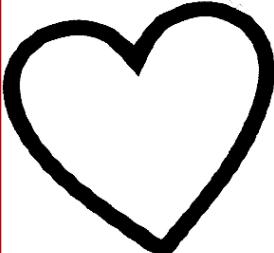
PUZZLE PAGE



Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



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Is **PATIENT**

Does Not Take Into Account A
Wrong **SUFFERED**

Is **KIND**

Does Not Rejoice In
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Is Not **JEALOUS**

REJOICES With The Truth

Does Not **BRAG**

BEARS All Things

Is Not **ARROGANT**

BELIEVES All Things

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

HOPES All Things

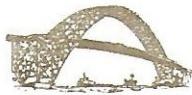
Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

ENDURES All Things

Is Not **PROVOKED**

OUTSTANDING MEMBERS STANDING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Presented by:



Community Services
of Starke County

311 E. Culver Road

Knox, Indiana 46534



Doloras Dan is our spotlight volunteer this quarter. Doloras has been a regular volunteer since April of 2011. She has served in the food pantry and the reception desk.

Ms. Dan has three children (Sandra Boldt, Mike Dan, and Christy Dan). She is a member of Knox United Methodist Church and has volunteered in many areas for the church.

She likes working puzzles. When time and weather permit, she enjoys being outside. Given the opportunity to sit and chat, she loves to talk about her four-legged buddy—Frankly. It is well known that he is huge company to her.

Doloras was employed in a broad variety of positions in the community over the years. One of her first positions was a Lutheran school teacher. She was once security at a nuclear plant. She retired after 25 years at Smith Farm Store.

Community Services of Starke County would like to thank Ms. Dan for her hard work and dedication to service for the community.”



“Our congratulations to the Community Services of Starke County Public Transportation Drivers. On December 17, 2021, they were awarded RIBTC 2021, Rural Mobility Champion: Frontline Hero.

Pictured left to right: Gail Staerkel with Drivers: Corbett Stamper, **Rose Raderstorf**, Michael Denney, Mary Myers, Joseph Loretto, and Ron Ottow.”



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"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



KNOX KNEWS

FEBRUARY 2022

Next month's submission deadline: February 18th

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