

# What's New at Knox?

May 2018

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## Knox Events

May is busting out all over when it comes to Knox Events. We have 8 concerts in May which means big demand for volunteer ushers. Come join us for inspirational concerts and a sense of community through service. Here are the concerts where we still have the greatest need.

### Wednesday, May 9

Central Memorial School

### Friday, May 11

Bow Valley Chorus & Orchestra perform music by Haydn & Mozart

### Wednesday, May 30

Western Canada High School Spring Concert

If you can help, please contact Jill at [events@knoxunited.ab.ca](mailto:events@knoxunited.ab.ca)

## Mission & Outreach

The Mission and Outreach Group of the Community Life and Justice Commission held a meeting to disburse \$8500 of the 2017 Outreach Fund. We thank you for your generous support through your offering pledge to Mission and Outreach. The following agencies were chosen as recipients.

United/Presbyterian Campus Ministry  
CUPS

Calgary Alpha House Society

The Doorway

Kerby Rotary House

The Elizabeth Fry Society

Distress Centre

Horizon Housing

Simon House Recovery Centre

Thank you for your continuing support on Sandwich Sunday, the last Sunday of the month, by bringing a loaf of sandwiches for the guests at the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre.

## Healing Ministry



### Sign up for a session!

We at Knox United are creating win/win scenarios. A Healing Touch Program Apprentice joined the Healing Ministry in late April, making a total of 3 apprentices at Knox. Each apprentice must complete a total of 100 treatments, a combined total of 300. These treatments must be completed before the apprentice can move on in their training. In support of the Apprentices, we ask for the participation of individuals who are willing to sign up for 5 sessions in succession. The sessions will be documented so they can be shared with the student's mentor. Your name is withheld. All students are required to have a Qualified Mentor for a minimum of one year. As you can see, this is no small task.

Receiving a treatment from a certified Healing Touch Practitioner costs \$80-100 per session. Here at Knox we offer this service to the congregation. Wow! Please consider supporting your Healing Ministry. Healing treatments are given before and after service, generally 9:15 am or 12:00 noon. The ministry also does outreach support in the hospital or at the client's home.

### Healing Pathway Workshop June 9 @ High River United

Healing Pathway, another educational stream that our Ministry supports is excited to share that Rochelle Graham, founder of the Healing Pathway, will be speaking at an all day workshop on June 9th, at High River United Church. Practitioners of all healing arts are invited to spend a day of renewal and celebration. Register by phone at [403-652-3168](tel:403-652-3168) or email: [hruc@telus.net](mailto:hruc@telus.net)

### Read-a-Long Book Club Monday Nights

On Monday nights we have been hosting a read-a-long book club, Energetic Boundaries by Cyndi Dale. To date we have finished 3 chapters. Our reading out loud skills have greatly improved, once we got over an erroneous belief that we were not good readers. We have had many ah ha moments. One example: did you know the energy from your heart informs other people how to treat you? (page 36). Maybe that is why we are informed to love one another and Jesus was talking about world peace with these words. Feel free to come and join us!

# Knox Music



## RCCO 2018 Calgary Organ Festival

July 2 – 5, 2018

[calgaryorganfestival.ca](http://calgaryorganfestival.ca)

### About the Festival

This summer, the **Calgary Centre** of The Royal Canadian College of Organists will be hosting an annual national organ festival. These annual festivals, held in a different Canadian city each year, celebrate the pipe organ, its music, its players, its builders, and its appreciators.

Our Calgary festival is subtitled, *"Spirit Wind"* – words that represent two invisible entities, yet together they create movement, life and music. Both are found in the howl of chinook winds, the gentle breeze of singing voices, and the explosion of air through wind instruments and organ pipes. This is the spirit of the west, and this is the spirit of the festival!

### Behind the Scenes

The Festival Steering Committee consists of Jo-Anne Willment, Steve Miller, Colin Redekop and Chellan Hoffman. We are delighted that **Knox United Church is the main venue** for this festival and it has been a pleasure working with Sue to make this partnership a reality.

The Knox Choir is starting their preparations to sing in a mass choir for the July 4 concert with The Festival Chorus and Paul Halley. "Missa Gaia" (Earth Mass) is a stunning piece of contemporary world music, piano, organ, percussion with Brazilian and African rhythms.

### Volunteers

Since we will be welcoming musicians from across North America, we want to give people a festival to remember! We are putting the call out for volunteers to help us with logistics at the events on July 2-5. Here are a few categories where help is needed, and we would be grateful for your support.

#### Contact Jill Laforty:

[events@knoxunited.ab.ca](mailto:events@knoxunited.ab.ca)

#### Concert Ushering

July 2, 3 & 4 @ 8 pm

#### Contact Chellan Hoffman:

[choffman@knoxunited.ab.ca](mailto:choffman@knoxunited.ab.ca)

#### Set-Up

June 29 & July 2

Banner & Sign set-up / Decorating & Balloons / Room Set-up

#### Greeters / Guides

July 2

Welcoming registrants; meeting them at 3rd Avenue LRT Station, giving directions to Knox;

July 2 – 3

Giving directions to workshop rooms inside Knox

#### Registration Table

July 2 – 3

Welcoming pre-registered guests; processing new registrations, handing out delegate bags; handling single ticket purchases

#### Contact Chuck Curry:

[chuckcurry40@gmail.com](mailto:chuckcurry40@gmail.com)

#### Hospitality

July 2, 3 & 4 @ 9:30 - 11 pm

Serving at concert receptions

July 6 @ 8 - 10 am

Stampede Breakfast

July 2 & 3 @ all day

Management of refreshments in the Labyrinth

#### Helping in Other Ways

Publicize our Event! - spread the news about the festival – tell your co-workers, friends and family. Take a few green postcards "RCCO 2018 Calgary Organ Festival" from the shelves around Knox, and leave them at coffee shops, other churches, your place of work, etc.

Details about schedule and artists can be found online [calgaryorganfestival.ca](http://calgaryorganfestival.ca)

# Other News

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The pipe organ is a fascinating instrument – it comes from our distant past and yet, in 2018, it remains a compelling idea as a musical instrument, a work of art and a magical machine. Since it was

first conceived, it has made use of the leading technologies of the time. Today, it has become capable of being part of the Internet and it is technically possible to play the organ at Knox United Church from the

International Space Station!  
We ARE planning a “space encounter” at Knox – but it has more to do with ‘pipe organ space’ than ‘outer space’!

### **Knox Organ Report from Organ Technician, Steve Miller**

The time is approaching for the expansion of the pipe organ in the rear chamber of Knox United Church. In a few weeks, the facade will be temporarily removed so that the parts from the organ of Knox Metropolitan Church in Edmonton can be lifted from storage in the pit

into the chamber. Once this is done and the facade put back into position, many hours will be spent fabricating the new winding system, wiring the chests to a new control system, building the internal expression box and installing the pipes. At the same time, a two manual console

is being refurbished to play this organ (and the main organ) from the gallery. However, the plan is to start operation of this new instrument with the console on the main floor so that it may be used as part of the upcoming Festival. Lots of changes to Knox in these next months!



## **CMC**

### *Update on the Stone Restoration of the South Tower*

After due diligence on the specifications of work and repairs and soliciting bids from three masonry companies, representatives of the Church Management Commission and the Knox Trustees signed a contract with GA Masonry for the restoration work on April 4th. When the necessary permits are obtained from the City, GA will begin erecting scaffolding at the tower. Although the scaffolding will cover the 6th Avenue sidewalk, there will be a passage under it and the sidewalk will remain open during the restoration work. We also expect the 6th Avenue entrance to the Narthex to remain open.

Recall from past communications about this important work that Knox was successful in its grant applications to the City and Province for funding to support the work. At the completion of this phase Knox will pay approximately 39% of the costs. Some of this cost may be covered by a loan from the Air Rights investments.

The south tower is just the first phase in a multi-phased project over the next four years. This fall the CMC and Trustees will again apply for grant funding to support

restoration work on the west side of the tower. The north and east sides are to follow and then the low rise portions of the church building walls will be restored in the final phase.

What else are we doing in the 1100 Days? Remember the Community Kitchen plan? Our historic kitchen (dating back to 1913) desperately needs a make over. So the CMC will be making a grant application to the Province in the category of the Community Facility Enhance Program for matching funding for a completely new commercial kitchen. Right now, a private contractor is receiving quotes for equipment, flooring, electrical, plumbing and ventilation requirements. If we are funded for this project, we may have the kitchen renovation completed in the fall of 2019.

As always, if you have questions or comments on the work the CMC, please email Chuck Curry:  
[chuckcurry40@gmail.com](mailto:chuckcurry40@gmail.com)

# Other News

## Our Home on Native Land

Submitted by Sharon Montgomery

On Saturday June 2, Knox United will host a full-day workshop on decolonizing. This will help us on our journey to decolonize, one of the initiatives we have chosen here at Knox. We will gather to share our stories and think about the values embedded in the colonial mindset. This workshop is being coordinated by Dave Holmes and Sharon Montgomery. Members of the Justice committee, and Reconciliation working group, are serving as volunteers.

Registration is through Eventbrite ([bit.ly/2H3Eyq1](http://bit.ly/2H3Eyq1)) or for those who wish to register via Knox office, send a cheque for the \$30 registration cost to Knox United Church.

The registration fee includes lunch and reimbursement of parking costs. The workshop is designed for descendants of colonists, so we will share stories of our parents and grandparents (and further back if you know your family history). Each person will have four minutes to tell their story, after which the others at your table will state what values or beliefs or mindsets were implicit in the story. This way we will get to know each other better, and arrive at a wider understanding of colonialism.

The afternoon will start with a presentation by Dr. Troy Patenaude, Director of Cultural Development at Fort Calgary. This Looking Back section of the day will transition us from our understanding towards learning about UNDRIP, the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We will consider points in that Declaration and share our thoughts in table groups. We hope to form a working group to develop a longer workshop on UNDRIP next year.

This workshop is not aimed at indigenous people, but toward ourselves, as most people within faith communities are descendants of colonists. We start where we are. If indigenous people wish to attend, they will be welcomed and will participate equally with everyone.



Knox is getting a new website design and a simpler URL to go with it. Stay tuned for the new [kxcalgary.com](http://kxcalgary.com) website this month.

## June Newsletter

June newsletter deadline is May 27 with a June 3 distribution date. If you'd like something to be included, please send your article in to the Knox office or contact Marlene Hielema.

## Contributor's Corner

Donations: 83% YTD Plan

It's hard to believe but we're already more than a quarter of the way through the year! As I've said time and time again this will be a transformational year for Knox. There are many, many projects on the go and many, many balls in the air. The good news is that we have a dedicated group of volunteers and team members who are driving the change and landing results.

One of the challenges for me this year will be accurately reporting our financial situation on a monthly basis. Our projected expenses/revenues this year will show much larger month-by-month fluctuations than we're used to. For instance, once the stonework project start, that will require a monthly cash outflow of over \$100,000 for four months. Yowza. The expenses have been budgeted for but the month-to-month changes will be drastic. Therefore, every month I'll provide some highlights and areas of concern (if any.)

Donations are slightly behind budget at 83% of YTD plan (\$61,438 vs. \$73,750). However, that's not as drastic as it seems; in 2017 in Q1 our total donations were \$62,872 so we're only 2% off of last year's results. I'm confident that now that spring has finally arrived we'll see donations pick up in the second quarter of the year!

In April I was fortunate to be on ushering duty at the 6th Ave entrance. It was great to see all the new faces joining us in worship and in community. I wanted to extend my offer to everyone in the congregation, new and experienced, to please feel free to reach out if they have any questions about finances at Knox! In particular, I'm happy to talk to you about how you can join us in our mission with your financial support.

— Josh Gordon