

# Beacan & Knox Gamebridge - Presbyterian Churches

## The Link



### A Word from our Minister

In the early hours of August 16, 2016 I was taking some time to reflect upon scripture and pray. The scripture verse of that day was Jeremiah 29, verse 11 which says,

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

A day later I received a phone call from Rev. Linda Park, informing me that you fine folks wanted me to come down (or is it up?) to preach for call. It was a great day for it was the day the LORD followed up the promise with action. But now that I am here, it is clear that this promise is greater than being one for me in that it is for all of us. For the LORD has plans to prosper us as a church, and not to harm us. It is the LORD’s plan to give us hope and a future. This is something God has done, and is doing. Therefore, let us continually give Him thanks and praise!

In Christ our LORD,

Blessings,

*Rev. Henry Huberts*



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## An Update on Elders

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### **Beacan Adds Elders**

On Sunday, April 9, 2017, the Beacan congregation voted to elect four new Elders:

- Marian Cooper
- Gary Morrison
- Marilyn Pitcher
- Joy Raft

Following their ordination on April 30th, they will join Session with Tom Burnett (Clerk of Session), Norton Conklin, Martin Cole, Florence Fennell, Beth Ann Kenny, Edwin Page, and Horst Scheibelt. On Knox Gamebridge's Session, Roberta Mitchell serves as Clerk, and members include Herb Furniss, Barry Grant, Jan Toebes, and Jim Westcott. Rev. Henry Huberts is part of both Sessions, too, ex officio.

### **What Is an Elder?**

In 1 Timothy 3:1-7, the Apostle Paul provides a description of "Overseers and Deacons", noting that they

"must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,<sup>3</sup> not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.<sup>4</sup> He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity<sup>5</sup> (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),<sup>6</sup> and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.<sup>7</sup> And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Elders must also have evidence of the fruit of the Spirit (from Galatians 5:22-23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. An Elder should attend church regularly, actively serving their congregation, and openly and publicly identifying themselves as Christians.

### **What does an Elder do?**

In the Presbyterian Church in Canada, an Elder:

- Serves and leads the Congregation as part of Session
- Attends Session meetings and makes decisions on behalf of the congregation (including educational and devotional parts of the meeting)
- Reads the Bible and prays, alone and with others
- Stays in touch with individual members of the congregation
- Continues to grow in their faith

Please pray for and support the Elders as they serve you, Christ's Church.

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## Church Secretary Amy Howells

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In the Fall of 2016, we welcomed Amy Howells to serve as our Church Secretary. Amy is available at the Beacan office on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.). Amy's responsibilities are vast and varying—from producing weekly bulletins to taking calls to helping folks in need who show up at the doors at Beacan. Thank you, Amy, for sharing your awesome gifts with our congregations!

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## Poem by Past Secretary Kathy Henderson - "Message"

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There's a message that I now must share  
With all the people, everywhere  
Salvation comes from God alone  
By faith in Jesus, not of our own

There's a message swirling in my mind  
Of God's great gift to all mankind  
Free, but not without cost  
His Son He gave; we are not lost

There's a message beating in my heart  
As God's Spirit only can impart  
His sacrifice, His love so grand  
On this truth I take my stand  
There's a message present in my life  
On this I rest from morn to night  
I breathe each breath because of Him  
His precious blood removed my sin

My mind, my heart, my life, my all  
Should I stumble; should I fall  
His love won't fail, nor cease for me  
I am His child, will always be

Salvation's not a gift that's earned  
Ears please listen; hear and learn  
The perfect Son, the great I AM  
Redeemed us with his nail-scarred hands

No work or law could do the same  
Only faith and trust in Jesus' name  
Can save poor sinners from death and hell  
Alas, my soul, all is well

K. Henderson

## Planned and Legacy Giving

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*Janice Meighan, Development Manager, Stewardship and Planned Giving, from the Presbyterian Church in Canada provided a half-day seminar on April 1, 2017, and shared a message during the Worship Service at Beacan on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The following is excerpted from material provided by Janice and concludes with the chart on page 5. We thank Janice for sharing important information about a subject that is sometimes difficult to broach or personally deal with - legacy giving.*

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**By the power at work within us God can accomplish abundantly more than all we can ask for or imagine.** **- Ephesians 3:20**

How has the Church helped you live out your life and spiritual values? Why is the Church important to you? How has it shaped your faith and brought meaning to your life?

The Church has been a living and breathing part of key moment in our life, your family, friends, community and the world. It is also important in the lives of people and for the world in which we live today - and will be greatly needed in the future. How can we make sure the Church is there for people in the future?

Legacy giving is more commonly understood as gifts from estates, and there are many different ways to make planned and legacy gifts that can bring substantial tax benefits but, more importantly, bring deep and lasting satisfaction to you.

Like many faithful visionaries, you can support and direct the Church of the future by planning with grace and inspiring foresight. By choosing to include your congregation or a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in your estate plans, you can keep alive the Church's extraordinary mission and ministries in Canada and around the world. And you will:

- Keep your congregation or other areas of the Church you care about strong and safe into the future.
- Feel fulfilled knowing you have made a meaningful statement about what is important to you. You will be come a part of breathing vitality into the church... for generations to come.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada can help you do this by:

- Offering objective advice and working with your professional advisors to structure a planned or legacy gift to any area of the Church you care deeply about.
- Equipping congregations and helping facilitate gift to all areas of the Church.
- Being good stewards and ensuring safe management of your money.
- Handling all administration for more complex gifts, like gifts of securities... and much more.
- All of these services are enabled through funding to Presbyterian Sharing.

*If you have questions or want to discuss planned and legacy giving further, please talk to Rev. Henry or contact Janice directly at 1-800-619-7301, ext. 257 or by email at [jmeighan@presbyterian.ca](mailto:jmeighan@presbyterian.ca).*

## Planned and Legacy Giving

Ways to Give	Age	Benefits
<b>Cash</b>	Any Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate joy in making a difference</li> <li>• Tax benefit of receiving almost ½ back on gifts over \$200</li> </ul>
<b>Gift in your Will (also known as Bequest)</b>	Any age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live out your life values when you die</li> <li>• Simplest type of estate gift</li> <li>• Receive an estate tax credit for your gift to pass on to other beneficiaries</li> <li>• Flexible gift which can altered during your lifetime</li> </ul>
<b>Equities traded on major stock exchanges (Gifts of Stock)</b>	Any age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give an immediate gift to an area of the Church you deeply care about and realize a tax benefit by not paying the capital gains on appreciated securities (stocks)</li> <li>• Structure a gift that will enhance the lives of future generations</li> </ul>
<b>Charitable gift that pays income at a guaranteed rate for life (Gift Annuity)</b>	Best for age 65 and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a significant gift and a faithful statement of who you are and benefit those in the future</li> <li>• Receive guaranteed income for life (and your spouse if you wish) at a high rate usually with little or no tax</li> <li>• Be comfortable by never worrying about investment risk again</li> <li>• Be surprised by the immediate charitable tax credit you receive</li> </ul>
<b>Life Insurance</b>	Best under age 65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy peace of mind knowing a significant gift is in place for the Church for future generations</li> <li>• Make a large gift for the future with a small amount today</li> <li>• Can be structured so that you experience the tax benefits now and during your lifetime</li> </ul>
<b>Life Beneficiary</b>	Any age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be comforted by creating a lasting legacy for the future of the Church</li> <li>• Make the Church the beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF, life insurance policy or TFSA knowing your estate will receive a sizeable tax credit for other beneficiaries</li> </ul>
<b>Charitable gift for the future that produces income for life and a large tax receipt now (Charitable Remainder Trust)</b>	Best for those age 65 and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure a future gift that will enhance the faith and lives of future generations</li> <li>• Receive taxable income every year that you (or you and your spouse) live</li> <li>• Benefit immediately with a large tax credit that you can use to reduce other taxes in the current year</li> </ul>
<b>Endowment During your lifetime or when you die</b>	Any age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a bold statement by creating a gift that will keep giving far into the future</li> <li>• Fund the endowment now (or through your estate) and enjoy the tax credit you will receive now (or for your heirs)</li> <li>• Take pleasure in naming the fund after someone you have loved or admired, memorializing them for decades to come</li> <li>• Be content in living out your spiritual and life values</li> </ul>
<b>Donor Advised Funds</b>	Any age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with your financial advisor to create a “donor advised fund” that annually directs your gift to causes you care about deeply, like the Church</li> <li>• Recognize the efficiency of receiving a large tax credit when you most need it</li> </ul>

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## Beacan Church Gardens 2017 - Update from Karen Hakonson

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Another season of gardening has unveiled itself from all of Winter's snow and ice. The gardens have had a nice winter rest but I'm hoping for an early time to get into the gardens - it's always on my mind.

Always anxious to get my hands into the dirt, I thought I would remind anyone that if they have perennials they want to divide or remove from home gardens, please drop them off to me at the church or at my home so I can find a space somewhere in the gardens as soon as weather permits. I will never turn away a donation of plants or seeds so please just let me know when you have something to give.

I will be showcasing Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year in the gardens and have planted a large number of red and white bulbs that will bloom in the Spring and early Summer.

I will also be planting annuals of red and white amongst the existing shrubs and perennials so let me know if you have any special favourites or any sources of varieties that might work well in the church gardens.

Thanks to everyone with their words of gratitude and encouragement as I tend our church gardens.

*Karen can be reached by phone at 705-426-4407 or email at [khakonson@hotmail.ca](mailto:khakonson@hotmail.ca).*



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## Beacan's Faith Challenge

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To help Beacan balance its books, a Faith Challenge was set at \$50,000 for 2017, asking members of the congregation to find ways of giving over and above their usual contributions. If you do plan to contribute to the Faith Challenge or if you have creative fundraising ideas, please let Treasurer Doris Burnett know ([accounting@beacan.org](mailto:accounting@beacan.org)).

Most importantly, please be in prayer for God's continued financial provision, with thanks for all the many blessings He has given us.

## Bible Studies

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Our two congregations offer four Bible studies:

- Tuesday mornings Ladies' Bible Study at Beacan
- Alternate Wednesdays, morning and evenings, at Knox Gamebridge
- Thursday mornings at Beacan
- Sunday mornings at Beacan

All studies are open to any members of the congregations, and you don't need to be a scholar to participate. You only need to be wanting to know more about the Bible and God's love for you.

For more information, please speak with Amy Howells, Ray Coker, Horst Scheibelt, or Beth Ann Kenny (respectively) or Rev. Huberts.

## Did You Know...?

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... in early times, a leader who rode into a town on a donkey was indicating he entered in peace, not for war? (Abraham and other key leaders rode on donkeys, too.)

... Luke, the human author of one of the four gospels and the Book of Acts, is likely the only gentile writer in the Scriptures? (No one can say for sure; the book of Hebrews has no humanly-identified author.)

... the Bible has some versus missing? Well, they're not really missing, but some versions include versus that do not appear in the earliest manuscripts, from the Gospels, for example, Matthew 23:14, Mark 16:9-20, Luke 23:17, John 5:3-4.

... when Jesus was a newborn, there were likely many animals around and the shepherds arrived soon after His birth, but the wise men weren't there right away? And, the Bible never says there were only three wise men (but there were three specific gifts).

... Psalm 117 is the shortest Psalm; Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm, and Psalm 118 is the "middle" of the Bible? (If you open your bible to the middle, you're likely to find yourself in Psalms.)

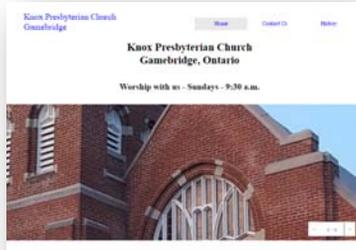
... the Bible doesn't say that Angels "sing" (i.e., they say lots of things, but never sing)? The Bible also doesn't record Jesus laughing; and the shortest Bible verse is John 11:35, "Jesus wept."

... some words that we use, like "love", "crown", "stone", and "friend", have different meanings throughout the Bible with the original language using different words where English uses the same words? This can really change the meaning of a text—think of "crown" meaning a king's "crown" (i.e., royalty) or an athlete's "crown" (i.e., a winner)...

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Weekly sermons are available online as soon as video production is complete (hoping for Sunday afternoons). Videos are loaded to YouTube and posted to the Beacan website, with links on Knox Gamebridge's site. Beacan's full service is also broadcast using Periscope (<https://www.periscope.tv/>) barring any WiFi constraints, beginning at 11:15 a.m.

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## Upcoming Events

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### Knox Gamebridge

- June 23 - Salad Supper
- June 25 - Anniversary Sunday
- October 6 - Beef Dinner
- November 25 - Bazaar

### Beacan

- May 18 - Spring Hot Luncheon
- June 4 - Communion Sunday
- October 1 - Communion Sunday
- December 3 - Christmas Bazaar
- October - Anniversary Service (exact date to be announced)
- December 3 - Communion Sunday

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## Contributing to *The Link*

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Email [mail@beacan.org](mailto:mail@beacan.org), drop off material to the Beacan office, or place your submission, marked for *The Link*, on the offering plate any Sunday. The Link will be published quarterly, depending on submissions and volunteer support.