



Knox Presbyterian Church

Theedford

FAMILY TALK

Dear KPC Family,

The elders have been discussing, exploring and praying about the future for our mission and ministry here at KPC. We are so thankful for a caring, growing church family. We are dedicated to serving God. We are privileged to care for each other. We recognize the 'growing pains' we are experiencing, and are working on ways to help people know one another better. We are firmly committed to serving our community.

We are also aware of some of the physical needs in our building. We value the heritage in this place, and the vision our forefathers and mothers had to build Knox Church in 1877. We also recognize that much has changed since then – and that we want to carefully consider changes that are needed in our facility. We have had some preliminary discussions at Annual Meetings. The last few months, elders and board members have been talking and praying about our building and property. We believe we need to improve what we have to meet the needs we also have, and those we anticipate into the future.

To that end, elders (and some who are also Board members) have visited some area churches, talked with some of their members, and have more visits ahead. We are looking at what other churches have done to expand and/or renovate their buildings.

We will continue to do that. Some of the things we have talked about include : improved seating and storage in the sanctuary; some dedicated space for our children and youth; a smaller meeting room/library; a multi-purpose area that would serve our own congregation and our community for recreation.

We have a great kitchen, we are fully accessible; we have a fine room for meals. We have a beautiful place to worship, and have added technology and renovated over the last twenty years. We are taking stock of all these things as we explore possibilities. We may proceed and do something; we may maintain the status quo. No decisions have been made at this time. When the elders have a proposal crafted, we will present it to the entire congregation for consideration. Should we proceed further than that, an official meeting will be held and a vote will be taken.

In the meantime, we ask

- ⊕ for your prayers – pray that the Holy Spirit will give us all faithful wisdom, discernment, vision, and courage
- ⊕ for your patience – to not jump to any conclusions, speculation, or gossip. There is nothing secretive going on.
- ⊕ for your participation – to talk with your elder or a Board member, or with me, to ask questions, to thoughtfully share your ideas and suggestions.
- ⊕ for your positive outlook – we serve a great God who has done is doing and will do great things. I am doing my best to serve you and God well, and while yes, I am no longer 30, I am not dead yet, have lots of energy and vision and anticipation, and seek to serve fully and faithfully for many years yet, God willing.

I hope this 'Family Talk' letter will both keep everyone updated as well as make sure we are all accurately informed of matters in our blessed family!

with joy and much love,

Chris