

Service Hub and Knox Building update:

Advent (the weeks leading up to Christmas) is a time of expectation and waiting. Long ago the world was waiting for a sign of hope in a violent and heart wrenching world. The world was longing, aching for a glimpse of the holy. A baby was born and immediately a new story was begun, the story speaks to a different kind of world: a kinder, gentler world in which barriers of status, race, education, wealth fade, and in which basic human rights are respected for all people. Many are still waiting in our world for that vision to unfold... millions are displaced and waiting for a safe place to call home again, many wait for news about a loved one who has gone missing, or for news about a health crisis. This Advent, many are also waiting and excited for what is being birthed within the walls of Knox's building.

Service Hub update: (from Patti Fairfield)

The Ne-Chee Friendship Centre is anxious to start operating the new 24/7 Service Hub and are counting the days till it opens. Dalaney Smith, Manager of the Service Hub for the Ne-Chee Friendship Centre is busy getting everything set and ready to go for opening day.

A Greener Knox:

In November, Knox had an Energy Audit of our building done (the whole building) this November, which gave us a comprehensive report of recommended energy improvements to the building which will decrease our environmental footprint. A plan for implementation will be brought to the congregation for discussion in the new year.

Continued Gratitude:

Finally we continue to be ever so grateful to all the many neighbours who have pitched in to help us to temporarily find spaces in the community! Particular thanks to First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Gillons Insurance, and St Alban's Cathedral! Knox feels truly blessed by all who have helped in so very many ways and we look forward, first to the opening of the new Service Hub and then to our return to our own building! The projected date for the opening of the new Service Hub is February 1st and all hands are moving quickly to reach that deadline. We hope it will happen then, but we will really know the date when it opens! In the meantime meals are being provided for many by the Kenora Fellowship Centre, and by several churches, and other wonderful community partners. Temporary shelter is being provided at the NWHU. What a difference that makes in people lives.