



Knox Good News

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*Congratulations, and thanks a bunch to Reg Shawcross, winner of our "Name our Newsletter" contest!
If you have news to share, we welcome your submission to knox.secretary@sasktel.net*

Gary Gullickson Earns Order of Canada

This exciting news is taken from The Saskatoon StarPhoenix article, shared on December 30, that Gary was one of two Saskatchewan appointees to the Order of Canada.

Renowned in the music and arts community, Gary was honoured for his lifelong dedication to the city's music community. He served as a professor and eventual head of the University of Saskatchewan music department and has been a performer, educator and member of numerous boards and volunteer organizations. Knox has been the proud beneficiary of Gary's commitment as Choir Director from 1982-1998, and his ongoing involvement as a member of the Knox Choir. Gary said (in the StarPhoenix interview) that being named to the Order of Canada has given him a chance to reflect on the joy he's felt over more than four decades of teaching young people.

With in-person events postponed due to COVID-19 safety protocols, Gary will be honoured at a ceremony to be held at a later date. Gov. Gen. Julie Payette on December 31 announced 59 appointees to the Order of Canada.

Congratulations, Gary!



Photo by Gord Waldner /The StarPhoenix



Lectionary Readings

January 17 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

God calls Samuel

God has searched and known me

Your body is a temple of God's Spirit

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael



Minutes for Mission

A Fresh Start: Aria's Story

We all know what it's like to need a fresh start. But some of us have more support systems and opportunities in place to help us get the new beginning we need. Aria was in the third year of getting a law degree when she discovered she was pregnant. Without close family to lean on and limited financial resources, she had to take a break from school and go to work. To support herself and the child she was expecting, she took two jobs, arriving at the first at 6 a.m. and finishing the second at 10:30 p.m. "I was on the unstable side of things, trying to find stable housing and later, daycare. I just needed a start. I was on my own," she says. A social worker referred Aria to the Massey Centre, an organization supported by your Mission & Service gifts that helps pregnant and parenting adolescents aged 13–25. At the Massey Centre, Aria enrolled in maternity classes and motherhood programs, received help getting her driver's licence, and found stable housing. "As a young person, I was thrown into the world. I never had the start that I would have liked. I had to figure a lot of things out. The best part about being at the Centre is that I feel like I am in a safe, supportive environment, and I am around other moms in the same situation. The staff are like family to me. They show up for you, and that's important," she says. Aria is a proud mother of a happy, healthy 17-month-old boy named Amari. She is finishing the fourth year of her law degree and has important dreams. "I want to be a good mom. I feel that I am a good mother. But I want a good job so I can support Amari and help other people. I had a rough start in life. That's why I'm studying law. I'm hoping to be of some use as a lawyer to benefit young people who went through things like I did," she says.

Your gifts through Mission & Service give ambitious, intelligent young moms like Aria as well as their beautiful children the stability they need to thrive. Make a gift to Mission & Service today. Choose to give families a fresh start. Thank you!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

WPCU Bible Study 2021 - A daily Bible study on the theme of the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. **Mon. Jan. 18-25 from 12:15-1:00pm CST** (except Sun. Jan 24 at 1:00pm CST).

Hosted by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches, this study is free and open to all. A different Christian leader will guide us each day as we explore the theme "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9). The 2021 theme calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wpcu-bible-study-2021-tickets-135920448721>

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