

OUR MISSION - OUR VISION

Transforming lives through relationship with God and one another
Wesley-Knox - a vibrant Christian community striving to live gratefully,
deepen faith and reach out to God's world

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018

Preaching: Gabrielle Heidinger
Proclaiming the Word: Helen Campbell
Soprano: Linda Olson

VOLUNTARY:

WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WORDS OF WELCOME
LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH
TRIBUTE
DOLLS OF HOPE**

WE APPROACH GOD

*(The * is an invitation to rise in body or in spirit)*

PRELUDE:

* **HYMN:** 664 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #16

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Great is thy faithfulness

All: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases*

One: God's mercies never come to an end

All: *They are new now and every morning.*

One: Let us consider how to stir up that love in ourselves so that we
might share it with others.

**All: *Encouraging one another in the Grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.***

One: For Great is they Faithfulness.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 357 "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus" (vs.1)

LEARNING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 357 (vs. 2)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:26-34

One: For the Word of God in scripture, among us and within us.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

SOLO: Ride On, King Jesus Spiritual arr Burleigh

MESSAGE: "FROM THE HIGHEST BRANCH"

SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 506 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* **OFFERTORY RESPONSE AND PRAYER: 539**
*God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN:** 660 "How Firm a Foundation"

* **COMMISSIONING & RESPONSE: 298**

*When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE: Symphony

*This piece was played for the Recessional of the recent Royal Wedding of
Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.* Boyce

Welcome Visitors: We welcome those of you who are visiting with us today and invite you to sign our guest books located on the back tables. If you wish office attention, please sign one of the Pew Cards and place it on the offering plate. After the service, please join us downstairs in the Social Hall for coffee, served by the Leadership Council.

There are activity packs for children who wish to colour during the service. Please return the packs to the table after the service, Thank you!

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THIS WEEK

Tuesday, June 19 -

Moms & Tots - 9:30 a.m. - SS Room

Friday, June 22 -

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GENERAL

Kim is looking for donations of egg cartons and 500 ml-750 ml pop bottles (or water bottles) for a craft project at Family Camp next weekend. If you could please drop off any donations at the church during the week, that would be fantastic.

The Reaching Out Committee ended their meeting on Monday night by planting an herb garden by the East entrance. The plants came from committee members' gardens and also by a kind donation from Tuckey's Garden Centre. The intention is for use for the Out of the Cold program and also for donation to the Food Bank, with their focus on fresh produce. Watering is by volunteer, meaning, if the garden looks dry, feel free to water it!

Rev. Tracy will be away on education leave from Monday June 4th until Monday, June 25th. In the event of a pastoral emergency please e-mail Lisa Morris (wesleyknoxpasotralcare@gmail.com) or contact Heather Westbrook in the office.

Strawberry & Rhubarb Jam - will be available to purchase on June 17th. Large is \$5.00, small \$3.00. See Merry Wester in the Social Hall.

"Re-designing Your Life: A Practical Spirituality for the Second Half of Life" will be a fall book-study offering a wonderful opportunity to engage in conversation and reflection on living the second half our lives with spiritual integrity, richness and what Jesus described as the abundant life. Books are NOW available in the office if you would like to add it to your summer reading list. We will

meet 8 Tuesday evenings in the fall of 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. beginning September 25th.

The Top 20 Hymns!

We have begun the count-down of the top 20 hymns of Wesley-Knox! Actually, it will be the Top 21 Hymns because there was an 8-way tie for the last bunch, with many more getting Honourable Mention below that. All your favourite hymns, 36 in total, are quite diverse and varied, indicating a strong hymn culture at WK. Today we are singing #16. We will sing one a week throughout the summer, working our way up and ending on Sundae Sunday, September 16th with the singing of the top three hymns.

Our ad hoc Inclusivity Committee held our first meeting on May 28th. It was very well attended and we had lots of great discussions! Our next meeting is on MONDAY JUNE 25th and anyone is welcome to join us. If you would like more information about our discussion topics or to join us, contact Mallory Brennan (mbrenn7@uwo.ca, 226-234-1767). Hope to see you there!

A New Audio System is on its way!

Almost a year ago, we asked you for ideas on what you thought the next project of the Growth Campaign should be. The overwhelming response was to improve the audio system in the Sanctuary. An ad hoc committee was formed and consultation with different members of our staff and others in the church took place. A wish-list was made that looked at our needs today as well as our best guess for the future, all while trying to keep things within a reasonable budget. Everyone wanted to ensure that the audio system we choose today can be expanded and that video can be added at a future date.

At last Sunday's church service, we announced the exciting news that the leadership Council has approved the project. A supplier has been selected - Horizon Solutions and a new audio system is being installed in the Sanctuary of Wesley-Knox this July. We will have improved coverage throughout the entire sanctuary, new wireless microphones, improved recording capabilities

and a fully digital system. We will improve the enjoyment of worship and other events. This will have a huge impact on overall hearing accessibility and enjoyment. It will also allow us to provide a well-equipped rental venue for community groups. This is going to be a significant expenditure, the majority of which will be funded by the Growth Campaign. To be able to do this, we need everyone who pledged to the campaign to fulfill their commitments. We are currently running behind on the money collected compared to the pledges that were made. As of December 2017, the money received compared to what had been pledged was approximately \$24,000 less. Please consider fulfilling your pledged amounts if at all possible. If you need a status update, please feel free to contact Sheila LeClair either via email at sheila.m.leclair@rogers.com or by phone 519-657-6901. If you were not a part of the Growth Campaign but are interested in donating specifically to the audio project, we would happily welcome your gift. Any gift you make for this project will be added into your charitable givings for the year.

Books!!! Please look t the surplus books we have and take home any that you would like. The remainder will be donated to a used book store.

Events in Worship

June 24	Gregory Smith, preaching Book Kimber-Johnson, baritone
July 1	Christian Haworth, baritone Ai-Linn Chua & Jen Paterson, duet
July 8	Gabrielle Heidinger, preaching Jen Paterson & Richard Yake, duet
July 15	Chris Mortlock, preaching John McFall, baritone
July 29	Christian Haworth, baritone