

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 24, 2018

Preaching: Gregory Smith
Proclaiming the Word: Melissa Page Nichols
Baritone: Book Kimber-Johnson
Piano: Oliver Prentice

VOLUNTARY:

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WORDS OF WELCOME LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

WE APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE:

* **HYMN:** 18 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God. This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness. It is a place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives, to offer us the mystery of holy love. This is no ordinary gathering. This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God. We come, like Abraham and Sarah, and John the Baptist.

All: *People with vision.*

One: We come, like Job, Thomas and the Samaritan woman,

All: *People with questions.*

One: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah and Mary,

All: *People with self-doubts.*

One: We come, like Joshua, Deborah and Stephen,

All: *People with courage.*

One: We come, like David, Mary Magdalene and Paul,

All: *People with regrets.*

One: We come, like Rebekah and Samuel,
Like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha,
Like John, Mark and Priscilla,
As the people of this church community,

All: *People with a part to play in the story of faith.*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 337 "Blessed Assurance" (vs.1,2) #15

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 337 (vs. 3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Compassionate One, hear our prayer: Stretch out your hand in healing love.

All: *Create in us a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within us.*

One: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who comforts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding and forgiving. Amen

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:57-80

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

SOLO: At the River traditional, arr Copland

MESSAGE: "PREPARING THE WAYS OF GOD"

SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 901 "Blest be the God of Israel" (different tune)

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ottawa Valley Song

Court Stone

*** 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:** 569 "You Call Us Out"

*** 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: Toccata

Theodore Dubois

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 Unit #4.

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!

We give thanks for the many years of Life and Witness of Ken Crowe who entered the presence of his Lord on June 17th.

THIS WEEK

Monday, June 25 -

Inclusivity Ad Hoc Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

Tuesday, June 26 -

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

Friday, June 29 -

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

GENERAL

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!

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.

Merry is looking for small jam jars and their twist-on lids. If you have any, please give them to Merry.

"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 #15. We will sing one a week throughout the summer, working our way up and ending on Sunda Sunday, September 16th with the singing of the top three hymns.

Congratulations to Kennedy Kimber-Johnson! On Tuesday, June 19th, Kennedy played the noonhour organ recital at St. James (Anglican) Cathedral in Toronto. Best wishes to Owen Spicer who be playing the noonhour organ recital at St. James, Toronto, this coming Tuesday, June 26th. Wesley-Knox music people are making a mark far beyond the walls of our church! Something to be proud of...

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

July 1	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

WESLEY-KNOX UNITED CHURCH

91 Askin Street, London, Ontario N6C1E7

519.673.4803

www.wesleyknox.com | wesleyknox@bellnet.ca

Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler, Minister, ext 201

revtracy@wesleyknox.com

Rev. Dr. Douglas Ross, Minister Emeritus, ext 200

Lisa Morris, Pastoral Care Membership Coordinator, ext 204

wesleyknoxpastoralcare@gmail.com

Karen Schuessler, Director of Music, ext 202

kasch500@rogers.com

Kim Stark, Director Children's and Youth Ministry
ext 203, Wesleyknoxchildrenandyouth@gmail.com

Paul Stewart, Seniors Connection, ext 200

Heather Westbrook, Office Administrator, ext 200

Chris Nichols, Church Custodian, ext 200

Amy Scott, Church Custodian, ext 200