

## **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 MAY 14, 2017**

**CONFIRMATION - CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**

Proclaiming the Word:  
Flute:

Miryam Haworth  
Kim Eyre

**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:** 409 "Morning Has Broken"

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This morning we come to praise God for a new day; a day filled  
with possibility and hope.

**All: A day when we can come together as a community to seek  
God's presence and hear God's Word.**

One: It is a day of celebration as our young people confirm their faith.

**All: It is a day when we can all claim our faith as God's Spirit  
moves in and among us.**

One: May this day be one of inspiration and joy.

**All: Praise be to God.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**ANTHEM:** I Was Glad Parry  
In this famous setting of Psalm 122, Jerusalem has a meaning broader than  
the actual city. In the Holy City of Jerusalem, God is seen and felt, as a

tangible presence. "Jerusalem" means "to see peace" and is a metaphor for  
a perfected world. It gives us a vision of what life might be.

I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 352 "I Danced in the Morning" (vs 1-3)

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

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 352 (vs 4,5)

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 13:31-33

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

\* **HYMN:** 375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

### **THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**

*This morning, together with their families, we celebrate the Confirmation  
of Lauren Wren, Hannah Haworth, Monika Gibson, Maya Bansal,  
Hopelyn Butler and the Affirmation of Faith of Meriel Reed.*

**UNITED CHURCH CREED:** VU 918

**INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFIRMANDS**

**QUESTIONS OF INTENT**

**CONGREGATION RESPONSE**

***We will continue to support you,***

***Walk with you and grow with you.***

***With God's help, we will live out our baptism  
as a loving community in Jesus Christ;***

*nurturing one another in faith.  
Upholding one another in prayer,  
Encouraging one another in God's work.*

#### **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

After each person is confirmed we invite you to remain seated and sing:

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*I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.*

#### **PRAYER OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING**

##### **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

#### **PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Reflection on "Beach Spring"

arr Anne K. Organ

\* **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 GOD'S PEOPLE**

\* **HYMN:** 245 "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"

\* **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:** Allegro (Sonata no. 7)

Handel

**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 Community Breakfast Team.

**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!

**SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017**

**TODAY**

***Thank you to our faith partners:***

Melissa Page-Nichols	Lauren Wren
Janet Fleet	Meriel Reed
Linda Imrie	Hannah Haworth
Brian MacKinnon	Monika Gibson
Amandy Lynne Stublely	Maya Bansal
Jane Walker	Hopelyn Butler

***Pick up for Children's Worship*** (grades JK-8) is in the Social Hall after the service! Your young person will meet you at the back of the Social Hall at 11:45 a.m.

**THIS WEEK**

In your personal prayers this week, please pray for our newest members of Wesley-Knox United Church and for Meriel as a member of Metropolitan United Church. This amazing group of young women will teach us much about living their faith as they actively take part in their church homes. They truly are a blessing. Give thanks to God for these young people in our midst.

**Monday, May 15 -**

**M & P** - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour

**Tuesday, May 16 -**

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

**Card Making** - 1:15 p.m. - Social Hall

**Membership** - 6:30 p.m. - Chapel

**Unit 1 & 4** - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour - for an informative talk by local naturalist, Bruce Parker, who has written a book on butterflies. He will give a slide presentation about Monarch butterflies and concerns regarding their habitat here and in Mexico. All are welcome to come out and enjoy this interesting presentation.

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**Wednesday, May 17 -**

**Senior Connection** - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour - *Guest: Bob the "Fossil Guy"*

**Official Board** - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour

**Thursday, May 18 -**

**Mysterium** - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Grade 9 - University

**Senior Choir** - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Parlour

**Friday, May 19 -**

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

**Movie Night** - 7:30 p.m. - Parlour "*Hidden Figures*"

**GENERAL**

***Help is needed*** for the Childrens' tent at the Gathering on the Green, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up sheets are now on the bulletin board outside the Parlour. Please call Debbi Jarvis at 519-471-6727 for more information.

***Camp Kee Mo Kee*** located about 15 minutes west of Wesley-Knox. This year they are offering a First Nation Heritage Week, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Check out the camp at [www.keemokee.com](http://www.keemokee.com) or look at the booklets at the back of the sanctuary.

***Summer Day Camps at Wesley-Knox:*** for children entering grade 1 through entering grade 6, July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration information is available at [www.wesleyknox.com](http://www.wesleyknox.com) on the homepage under "Advance Notice" For more information email Barb at [mcgill4556@gmail.com](mailto:mcgill4556@gmail.com). Also see....

***New this summer:*** ages 7-12 half-day camp/drop-in July 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-12:00 Hand Drumming, Art, Games, Cooking.

***London Conference Youth and Children's***

***Retreat:*** Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>, for Grades 3-8. To register contact [www.londonconference.ca](http://www.londonconference.ca) and click on "under 30". Registration is now open.

**Seniors Connection** - Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual Trip to Mackies in Port Stanley and Shaws  
Ice Cream Parlour. Bus will leave the church parking  
lot at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.00 for the bus, lunch and  
ice-cream are extra. Please reserve your seat with  
Paul by Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Hello from Manitoba** from Mallory Brennan - This  
summer I am participating in the Explorer Program  
through the United Church. I am in Minnedosa,  
Manitoba and will be here until July 31. I arrived  
safely last weekend and start work this week. While I  
am here I would love to receive letters from people!  
My address is:  
Mallory Brennan, Box 487, Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0

**Camp weekend June 16, 17 and 18.** Registration  
forms will be available soon. Contact Cindy Stewart  
if you have any questions 519-432-0040.

**Rain Barrel Pick-up** - volunteers are needed to help  
with the distribution of the rain barrels. If you can  
help, or to get more information, please contact Chris  
at 519-639-1766.

**KAREN SCHUESSLER SINGERS** present  
**TANGERINE TREES & MARMALADE SKIES –**  
**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (8:00 p.m.) & Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**(3:00 p.m.)** at Wesley-Knox. A fun evening  
celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' "Sgt  
Pepper's London Hearts Club Band" featuring  
vocalist, Jean Meilleur with Stephen Holowitz, piano  
and band. Tickets \$20 adult, \$18 senior (\$22/20 at  
the door), student \$10, child (13&under accompanied  
by an adult) Free. Get your tickets today at Coffee  
Hour.

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** - Pastoral Care  
team meeting at Dundas St. Centre United Church in  
the Resource Centre.

**Rag Doll Workshop** -Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 -  
3:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. We'd love to have you  
join us! It's great fun and all are welcome - women,  
men and youth alike! We need 338 dolls for the  
House of Commons. Our April 4th and 25th  
workshops were amazing! In total, sixty people  
attended from a number of churches, including 53  
women, 5 men, 1 thirteen and 2 eleven year-old  
girls! Thirty-one dolls were completed and many  
more begun. If you don't sew, it doesn't matter.  
Come help us trace, cut and stuff. Coffee, tea and  
treats will be served. We're thrilled that our numbers  
are ever-growing! We do need to plan accordingly,  
so please be sure to register ASAP with Ann Stokes  
at PH: 226-700-0923 or email:  
annstokes@outlook.com. Remember to bring a pair  
of scissors with your name taped on.

### **Events in Worship**

May 21 Owen Spicer, piano  
May 28 Chris Mortlock, preaching  
Sheila LeClair, organ  
June 4 Baptism, Communion  
Celebration of Rev. Dr. Ross' 60<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Ordination.  
Owen Spicer, organ  
June 11 UCW Service with Sandra Stock,  
UCW President

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