

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 28, 2017

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VOLUNTARY: Moderato con moto Cèsar Franck

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:** 264 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

All: We come as families, large and small, seeking God's love.

One: God's love is here for you.

All: Help us to understand how we are connected to God.

One: We abide in Jesus Christ, in love and compassion.

All: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today. Amen

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 357 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" (vs 1-3)

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 357 (vs 4,5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, hope springs anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we want to stay in this euphoria forever. But you have called us to go into the valley, to those who need to hear of your love and to feel your caring presence. In his words of hope, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in your love. So we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness to your transforming love. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. Help us to face our weakness and your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins, and place us again on the paths of peace. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: If Ye Love Me Tallis
One of the most famous anthems of the English Renaissance, it was written by Thomas Tallis (1508-1585), who was composer for the Tudor monarchs.

John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "UNCONDITIONAL LOVE"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

SILENT REFLECTION

* **HYMN:** 226 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Jesus, Lead Thou On

Paul Manz

* **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:** 151 “Lift High the Cross”

* **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 in e minor

Johann Pachelbel

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!

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017
TODAY

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.

District Visitors, the Spirit Connection is ready to pick up. Also, please check the table in the Parlour to see if you are serving Communion on June 4th.

Wesley-Knox Spirit Wear will be for sale after worship this morning in the Social Hall. Polo shirts, T-shirts, ball caps and more.

This afternoon, Mysterium will perform two concerts at the Royalcliff Retirement Home, and at Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care where several of our members reside. We are very happy to be able to take a little of Wesley-Knox to our folds in the form of Music!

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 30 -

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

Rag Doll Workshop - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Social Hall

Wednesday, May 31 -

Senior Connection - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour - Arm Chair
Yoga with Karyn

Thursday, June 1 -

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

Friday, June 2 -

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

Movie Night - 7:30 p.m. - Parlour - "*The Light Between Oceans*"

GENERAL

The senior youth group on Sunday June 4th, are participating in the World Partnership Walk at Victoria Park . Barbecue to follow at the MacKinnon's. Grade 8's are welcome to join us for the walk and BBQ.

Congratulations to Mysterium for winning TWO trophies and TWO awards from the Kiwanis Festival! They received the Bill and Eva Bettger Trophy for Youth Choir and \$100.00 scholarship! And, as well, they won the RCCO trophy for Youth Choir & Pipe Organ and \$250.00 from Lutheran Social Services (London)! The hard work and fine musicianship of these fantastic young people were evident in their competition in March, which they won with a mark of 93. We are very proud of them!!

Next Thursday, Mysterium will be busking in Wortley Village! Check the WK website to find out what time we'll be on the road!

Junior youth will be meeting on June 25th. It will be the last one for this school year. Pizza and drinks will be provided. If we could get a few people to volunteer to bring some veggies and chips, that would be greatly appreciated. We will meet after church until 2:00 as usual.

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

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

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

London Conference Youth and Children's Retreat: Thursday, June 8th to Sunday June 11th, for Grades 3-8. To register contact www.londonconference.ca and click on "under 30". Registration is now open.

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

KAREN SCHUESSLER SINGERS present **TANGERINE TREES & MARMALADE SKIES – Saturday, June 3rd (8:00 p.m.) & Sunday, June 4th (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.

U.C.W. are collecting craft items for Camp Kee Mo Kee. Wool, plastic containers, craft paint, paper, cards, material, thread, scissors, paper clips, glue bottles, sticks, tape etc. Mary Anne van de Vooren will be taking the items to the camp for ladies day Monday June 19th. Collection box will be outside parlour kitchen.

Strawberry/Rhubarb Jam is now available! Large jar is \$5.00, small \$3.00. See Merry after church

On May 17th the Wesley-Knox Official Board accepted a report to reform the Governance Model as a pilot project for 2017. Copies of the report are available at the back of the church. Later today the entire report will be posted on our website and shared on Facebook. Here are some of the highlights:

1. The current structure of the "Council" and "Official Board" will be phased out with a transition team leading the congregation through the process
2. A nine member leadership team, which includes the Minister, will replace the current structure.
3. The number of Standing Committees will be reduced from eleven to six.
4. The six Committees will play an expanded role in the "Day to Day" activities of our church.
5. As a church member/adherent this is your opportunity to take an active role in the work of these six committees; may God lead you in this direction. Prepare yourself for a "Lunch and Learn" meeting after church on Sunday October 15th. Regular communication will be forthcoming from the transition team to ensure that you understand the

governance model being implemented and the process by which it will be implemented.

Wesley-Knox is excited to be hiring a Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Membership. This is a part-time administrative position to begin in August. If you have strong computer skills (including but not limited to Word, Excel and Social Media platforms), excellent verbal and written communication skills, and the ability to work as an active member of a team this may be a position for you. Please see the Wesley-Knox web-site for a complete job description or speak to Cathy Grasby. Application deadline is June 23, 2017.

Events in Worship

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| June 4 | Baptism, Communion
Celebration of Rev. Dr. Ross' 60 th
Anniversary of Ordination.
Owen Spicer, organ |
| June 11 | UCW Service with Sandra Stock,
UCW President
Four Shades, Marilynne McNeil,
soprano |
| June 18 | Rev. Dr. Doug Ross, preaching |
| July 9 | Birthday Celebration for Marjory
McLarty |

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