

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, OCTOBER 15, 2017

Proclaiming the Word:

Cindy Milne

Soloist:

Book Kimber-Johnson

Handbells:

Cathie Banks

Junior Choir

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:** 218 "We Praise You, O God"

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As your bodies settle into the pews, as your minds settle into
worship, come before God.

All: *Like the varied shades of autumn we come as unique
individuals ready to praise God.*

One: As you lift your voices in song and open your hearts in prayer,
come before God.

All: *Like leaves that drift to the ground we come as those ready
to fall into God's embrace.*

One: As you hear God's Word and greet one another, come before
God.

All: *Like breezes that blow we come ready to be forever moved
by God's Spirit.*

One: Let's come before God with praise and thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WESLEY-KNOX - A PLACE WHERE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lord, We Are Your People Patterson

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 589 "Lord, Speak to Me" (vs. 1,2)

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: (vs. 3,4)

ANTHEM: Kumbayah arr Soweto, Ratcliffe

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE:

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 649 "Walk with Me"

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.*

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN: 512 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

* **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:

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 Eclectic.

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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TODAY

RENEWING OUR VITALITY: Reforming Our Governance. Please plan to attend the Lunch & Learn Session – **TODAY** after service. This is a discussion session giving you the opportunity to hear about and engage in discussion about the new governance model.

The senior youth group will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. to make personal pizzas and watch a movie. Could everyone please bring their favorite topping for the pizza. We will be done at 9:00 p.m.

The Rheo Thompson Chocolate Smoothies are back! \$2.50 for dark or milk chocolate. See Helen Campbell in the Social Hall.

THIS WEEK

In your personal prayers this week please pray for our Stewardship Team who always seek to remind us that we are all called to be stewards of God's gifts. Pray that we might hear the messages they have to share, and respond by reflecting on how we can serve God with who we are and what we offer.

Monday, October 16 -

Unit #4 - 9:00 a.m. - Kitchen

FIA - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

Tuesday, October 17 -

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

Card Making Group - No Cards

UCW Loaf Baking Day - 9:00 a.m. - We could use your help. All supplies will be provided. Please come and join us! Contact Mary Anne for more information 519-317-1930.

Grief Support Group - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

Wednesday, October 18 -

Senior's Connection - 9:15 a.m. - bus trip to see the fall colours, stopping at Rheo Thompson Chocolates in Stratford. Then lunch at Anna Mae's in Millbank. Cost: Bus \$5.00, Country Style Dinner at Anna Mae's \$15.25 plus gratuity (debit or cash only). Bus will leave the Church parking lot at 9:15 a.m.

and return about 3:00 p.m.

Bells - 6:30 p.m. - SS Room

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

Thursday, October 19 -

Primary Choir - Gr. 1-3 - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Junior Boys' Choir - Gr. 4-7/8 - 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Junior Girls' Choir - Gr. 4-7/8 - 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Friday, October 20 -

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

Crossan Lecture Series - 3:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

GENERAL

Birthday, Get Well, Thank You, Sympathy greeting cards available 75 cents each or 5 for \$3.00.

Cards located outside office, in stairwell landing outside office and in social hall. All proceeds support U.C.W. projects.

Unit #4 Apple pies - are now available! Please pick up today after the Information meeting. This is an extremely important fundraiser for the UCW. Please place your order before they are all gone.

United Church Observer - if you wish to receive or continue to receive the Observer, please contact the church office or place \$25.00 in an envelope clearly marked "Observer" along with your name, and place it on the collection plate.

Donations are being collected for WK's Thanksgiving Food Drive - not just Thanksgiving Weekend but all October. Please place items in the cart at the front of the church. All items are gratefully accepted. Fresh root vegetables are especially needed.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday November 5th after worship, in the sanctuary.

Crossan Quote of the Week:

Explaining why John the Baptist's movement was unsuccessful while Jesus' movement worked: "John the Baptist had a monopoly. Jesus had a franchise..."

Last Sunday, one of our choir members heard an interesting reason for not coming to the John Dominic Crossan lectures: "I'm not a deep theological thinker."

Please be assured that Dom's lectures won't require deep theological thought. (They might require deep appreciation of Irish humour!) Dom's starting point is always history. He explains how societies evolve to favour the rich and powerful while oppressing the poor and weak. He explains how this played out in the Jewish homeland under Roman rule. He shares a strong belief that the ministries of Jesus, Paul and the early church were all a response to Roman oppression and violence—the same kind of oppression and violence that continues today. The only difference is that the Caesars of Rome have been replaced by the Caesars of big corporations and big governments. All this and more...

Hardly any of this is about theology. It's about describing how things were and how things are and how Christians ought to respond. It's not about what to believe but what to do next. This is your invitation to hear Dom and learn. You can register online at www.crossan2017.com or with Neil and Margaret Eadie after church today.—HM

P.S. This past week, we passed the 100 registered mark. We have people coming from Windsor, Hamilton, Ottawa and all points in between. One is even flying in from Maryland, USA!

Save the Date! Halloween Dance - Saturday, October 21st from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. \$25.00 per person. Silent Auction, card reading, costumes (optional), and prizes for costume. All proceeds to the Growth Campaign.

S.A.C.K. - Monday, December 11th to Saturday, December 16th. Contact Richard at 519-438-1597 for more information.

Greetings Everyone. It's time to think about stewardship at Wesley Knox. We are celebrating Wesley-Knox as "A Place Where Good Things Happen." Be ready to hear about the impact this church community makes near and far through the wonderful people right here.

The Men's Mission Store is in desperate need of men's shoes. If you have a pair of shoes you can

contribute, please bring them to Wesley-Knox and we will make sure they get delivered. Thank you.

The Division of Mission & Outreach (DMO) of Middlesex Presbytery invites you to our annual Fall Connections Event 2017. All are welcome to attend. The Journey to Reconciliation, Saturday, October 28th at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chippewa of the Thames Community Centre, 328 Chippewa Road, Muncy, ON Registration, coffee and tea from 8:30 a.m. Lunch included for those who can stay. Freewill donations accepted. Please pre-register by Oct 21st with Carolyn Murray: murray.carolyn4598@gmail.com or call (519) 652-5390

Did you know?...

Wesley Knox depends on charitable givings to provide the services and programs that benefit us all. Fortunately, Canada's tax system provides generous incentives to encourage Canadians to donate to charities in the form of tax credits for charitable givings.

For example, the first \$200 of donations for the year gives you a tax credit of about 25%. In other words, when you give \$200 to Wesley-Knox, it's really only costing you \$150 after you file your tax returns.

If you give \$500, you will get a much larger tax credit on the next \$300. All donations above \$200 give you a tax credit of about 46%. That additional \$300 will only cost you about \$162.

And remember - Wesley Knox issues official charitable receipts for donations of \$20 or more to enable you to reduce your taxes through these tax credits.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Wesley-Knox - both financially and with your time and talents.

Events in Worship

- October 22 John Dominic Crossan, guest preacher
- November 5 Remembrance; trumpet and Bagpipes
- November 12 Stewardship Sunday
Mallory Brennan, guest preacher
All choirs, Mallory Brennan conductor
- November 19 Faith In Action Sunday
Kevin White, vocalist
- November 26 Handbells, Cathie Banks, director

