

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 1, 2017

World Wide Communion

Proclaiming the Word:

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Piano:

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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:** 412 "This Is the Day"

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is the day that God has made.

All: *We gather together to rejoice and be glad in it!*

One: This is a day of praise and Thanksgiving

All: *as we come before God in gratitude.*

One: This is a day of celebration

All: *as we come to the table, ready to be fed.*

One: This is the day that God has made.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 468 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (vs. 1,2)

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 468 (vs. 3)

ANTHEM: The Ground

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,

Dona nobis pacem.

Ola Gjeilo

Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, that takes
away the sins of the world,

Give us peace.

SCRIPTURE: John 6:51-58

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE:

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 460 "All Who Hunger"

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.***

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: May God be with us.

All: *God is here among us.*

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: *We open them to God and to one another.*

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

(the prayer continues)

One: Therefore with all the saints of every time and place, we join the angels in their praise:

Sung Response: #941

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

(the prayer continues)

Tracy: We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection; we await with hope his coming again, to bring peace and justice to the earth; and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Sung Response: #942

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

(the prayer continues)

SHARING THE MEAL: 465, 459

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

HYMN: 481 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

*** 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:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

TODAY

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 #1.

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!

Kindred Spirit Connection is now available for pickup in the Parlour. You can also find it on line.

THIS WEEK

In your personal prayers this week please pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who will not be able to share in Communion this Sunday due to political strife, persecution, destruction or need. Pray that the love of Christ might be known even in the midst of struggle and loss.

Monday, October 2 -

Unit #1 - 7:00 p.m. - Kitchen

Tuesday, October 3 -

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

Card Making Group - no cards this week

Unit #2 - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour - Thanksgiving celebration and a chat with Rev. Tracy.

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

Wednesday, October 4 -

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

Senior's Connection - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour - for cards

Thursday, October 5 -

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 6 -

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

GENERAL

Hands Across the Table: Come out and share a potluck meal, today at White Oakes United, 6:00 p.m. on this World Wide Communion Sunday.

Unit #4 Apple Pies - are ready to be picked up after the church service - \$8.50 each

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.

Crossan Quote of the Week: Jesus called for nonviolent resistance and a just distribution of land and food. He was crucified because he threatened Roman stability, not as a sacrifice to God for humanity's sins.

We hope you are planning to come to our **John Dominic Crossan** lecture series. Dom has spent a lifetime studying Jesus, Jesus' ministry and the early Christian movement. Lately, he has turned his attention to violence, particularly violence in the Bible. Among his conclusions: Jesus believed in a non-violent God. Jesus' ministry was less about personal salvation than about creating a kinder, saner world. And the early Christian movement was largely a protest against an oppressive Roman Empire. He finds many parallels today. Now as back in the first century, what will it be? A world of violence, force and oppression or a world of non-violence, justice and peace? These lectures will challenge you. But we are sure of several things. After hearing Dom, you will hear the words of the Bible a bit differently. You will hear the words of Jesus and Paul a bit differently. And you will become more secure in your faith, the faith that sustains us all.

To learn more and/or to register online, please visit www.crossan2017.com. You can also register in the Social Hall today after church. Our registrars, Neil and Margaret Eadie, look forward to seeing you.—HM

RENEWING OUR VITALITY: Reforming Our Governance. Please Plan to Attend the Lunch & Learn Session – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th after service. A discussion session giving you the opportunity to hear about and engage in discussion about the new governance model. For lunch, we are asking you to bring Pot-luck sandwiches and squares (no nuts please) Names A-L: sandwiches Names M-Z: squares, beverages provided

Seniors Connection, October 18th - 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. Please let Paul know (519-432-0040) by October 15th if you wish to go. Only 40 spaces available.

Thursday Choir Security - Volunteers needed each and every Thursday to provide security for our choir program from 4:20 to 6:00 p.m. Sign up with Cathie or add your name to the list on the Stewardship bulletin board.

Wesley-Knox is very blessed to be able to share our building with community groups and renters. However that means it is even more important for all meetings and gatherings to be booked through the office so rooms can be assigned and if your meeting is cancelled you inform the office. Please remember to plan in advance so that if rooms are in use we are not interrupting meetings by walking through the space. Thank you.

The senior youth group would like to thank everyone that donated to the ELUCO walk last week. We raised a total of \$268.00. This weekend we are at Camp Kee-Mo-Kee with Trinity United. Next week there will be no meeting because of the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Renewal of Food Handler's Certificate - Several people from Wesley-Knox qualified for the Food Handler's Certificate in 2012, and those people need to take a refresher course to renew their qualifications to handle food in our church. A renewal course is being offered by the Middlesex London Health Unit at Metropolitan United Church on Tuesday, November 7th from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person which included all materials and

the re-certification test at the end of the session. Parking is limited at the church but there is more available at City Hall across the street. If you are interested, contact Louise Leenders at leenders@uwo.ca. Include your full name, name of the church or program, phone number and/or e-mail address. Please note that this course is ONLY for people who already have a certificate and wish to renew their qualification.

Many thanks to Wesley Knox for hosting a very successful Fundraising Concert on Sunday Sept 24th on behalf of PanAfric International Academy and Ethiopia's most vulnerable street children. We are very grateful for such a beautiful venue and for all the support we received.

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.

All the jam is sold out. Proceeds went to the Out of the Cold meal program.

Events in Worship

October 8	Thanksgiving Sunday Shawn Spicer, Kelly Webb, trumpet
October 15	Junior Choir
October 22	John Dominic Crossan, guest preacher

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