

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 22, 2017

Guest Preacher: John Dominic Crossan
Proclaiming the Word: Connie Hiscock
Timpani: Rob Larose

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:** 293 "We Praise You, Creator"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We praise the Creator who welcomes us into this place.

All: *As those who seek to know God more fully we come with hearts and minds open to be stirred.*

One: We follow the teachings of Christ who calls us to live into the kingdom of God.

All: *As those who long for abundant life we hear Jesus' teachings and live in hope.*

One: We are moved by the Spirit who inspires our ways.

All: *As those in search of healing for our world we open ourselves to the Spirit of peace.*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WESLEY-KNOX - A PLACE WHERE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" (vs. 1,2)

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 356 (vs. 3)

ANTHEM: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr Wilberg

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:7-13

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE: "THE GREATEST PRAYER"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 292 "Creating God, We Give You Thanks"

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: 678 "For the Healing of the Nations"

IRISH BLESSING:

Bob Chilcott

* **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 from the Water Music Suite

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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!

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TODAY

The senior youth group is going on a hike this afternoon at Komoka Provincial Park to enjoy the autumn leaves. We will be back at the church around 4:00 p.m. Next Sunday, October 29th, we will go apple picking at Great Lakes Farms near Port Stanley. Please bring a lunch and money for the "Fun Farm". Cost is \$7.00. We will also stop at Shaw's ice cream on the way home and be back at the church by 4:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK

In your personal prayers this week please pray for those who are attending the Grief Support Group that is being offered by Wesley-Knox. Pray that it might be a time of insight and healing for all involved, and pray for all those who are experiencing life's losses at this time.

Monday, October 23 -

Property - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

Tuesday, October 24 -

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

Card Making Group - 1:30 p.m. - Social Hall

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

Wednesday, October 25 -

Senior's Connection - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour -
Armchair Yoga with Michaela

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

Thursday, October 26 -

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

Unit #1 - 6:30 p.m. - Kitchen

Friday, October 27 -

Moms & Tots - 9:30 a.m. - SS Room - We're having
a Halloween Party

Unit #1 - 9:00 a.m. - Kitchen

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

Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m. - for Wedding on Saturday

GENERAL

Wesley-Knox would like to welcome Lisa Morris as the new Pastoral Care and Membership Coordinator. This is a 6hr/week administrative position to support the ongoing pastoral care work (by the Pastoral Care Team, Dr. Ross and Rev. Tracy) and engage members in the ministry of Wesley-Knox. Funds for this position were made possible through a donation to Wesley-Knox for this specific purpose. To be in touch with Lisa, please contact her during her office hours (Tues. 9:30-11:30), Sunday mornings or via e-mail at wesleyknoxpastoralcare@gmail.com.

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.

Next Sunday is the last Sunday for Wesley-Knox's 2017 Thanksgiving Food Drive. 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 to vote on the new Governance Model.

Thursday Choir Security - Volunteers needed each and every Thursday to provide security for our choir program. Please consider helping for a few Thursdays. Timing is 4:20-6:00 p.m. Sign up with Cathie during coffee time, or add your name to the list on the Stewardship bulletin board.

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 U.C.W. are selling United Church Calendars. Cost is \$6.00. Please contact Sandy Sershall at 519-433-2756 to purchase your calendars.

Cheese Is Coming:

November is cheese month at Wesley-Knox. Watch for the colourful posters. Order forms will be available October 29th - November 19th. Delivery date is Thursday December 7th, just in time for Christmas gift giving. All proceeds to the Out of the Cold meal program.

Warm Hands and Feet:

We are starting to collect warm hats, scarves, mitts AND socks to be distributed to our guests at the Out of the Cold and Community Breakfast meals in December. Please leave in the bins at the back of the sanctuary.

Remits Have Passed, What's Next?

This is a little bit of an update as to what happened to those 4 remits we passed as a congregation last Feb. The four remits were as follows:

1. A Three Council Model (from 4 courts to 3 councils)
2. Transfers and Settlements (to be rid of these practices)
3. The Office of Vocations , (establishing one to oversee all aspects of ministry personnel)
4. Funding a New Model, (changing the way services are funded). These passed nationally and now are endorsed as well by a special General Council 42 meeting held via conference calls on Sept 30th.

Two of the next steps to consider are:

1. To establish a timeline and it is recommended to go in effect Jan 1, 2019
2. To establish a Boundaries Commission to work out the boundary lines.
3. This Commission is in place and will actually hold a meeting in the London Conference area on Nov 15th to hear recommendations from Presbytery chairs. These Presbytery Chairs will be bringing input from the members of their respective presbyteries at this meeting. As well as deciding where the boundaries will be for each region it must be decided how to staff each region. I will keep you up to date on this process fares in the weeks to come.

Let the Adventure Begin!
Debbi Jarvis Presbytery Rep

The 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. To date, 20 pairs of shoes have been received. Thank you.

What is Mission and Service?

Mission and Service , the unified annual fund, is the compassionate response by the people of The United Church of Canada to God's call to mission and healing for the world. Watch for our bulletin board stories of the positive impact your contributions make on local and global initiatives.

Several people in the church have borrowed books and DVDs from Harry MacLean a who is now trying to round them all up! He is particularly looking for his Living the Questions DVD, the DVD of the PBS series, From Jesus to Christ, and a small paperback by Crossan called Who is Jesus?. If you have any of these, please contact Harry at macve3gro@rogers.com or call him at 519.473.1668. Thanks.

Events in Worship	
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 Glen Pearson, preacher Kevin White, vocalist
November 26	Handbells, Cathie Banks, director