

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 8, 2017

Proclaiming the Word: Lynda Laskey
Trumpets: Shawn Spicer, Kelly Webb

VOLUNTARY: Moderato, from the opera "*Hercules*" Handel

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:** 518 "As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 703 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (vs. 1,2)

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 703 (vs. 3)

ANTHEM: Sing to the Lord of Harvest Wolff

SCRIPTURE: John 6:1-14

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE:

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 603 "In Loving Partnership We Come"

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Allegretto, from the opera "*Riccardo*"

Handel

* **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: 227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

* **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: Allegretto Maestoso, from "*Sonata for Winds*" 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 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!

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GENERAL

TODAY

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 new friends Nawal, Samar and Mimi who arrived in Canada Thanksgiving weekend 2016. We are so grateful for the blessing they are to this community and for the many friendships they have made. Pray for all those who have or are transitioning to a new home, and for those who long for a safe place to call home.

Monday, October 9 -
Office Closed

Tuesday, October 10 -
Moms & Tots - 9:30 a.m. - SS Room
Card Making Group - no cards this week
Grief Support Group - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel
Unit #4 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Kitchen - Monthly meeting and pie-making session. Note: the meeting is in the afternoon this month.

Wednesday, October 11 -
Senior's Connection - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour - Overview of the New Governing Board of the church. Please read the report before you come. All questions will be addressed.

Thursday, October 12 -
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 13 -
Moms & Tots - 9:30 a.m. - SS Room

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.

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.

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.

Crossan Quote of the Week:

Now when you get something like in the Revelation to John, when this avenging God is going to have blood to the bridle bits for 200 miles, I don't think that's justice, I don't think that's Jesus and I don't think that's the God of Jesus. That's the killer God, and the trouble with the killer God is that it justifies us doing the same.

In his upcoming lectures, John Dominic Crossan will have quite a bit to say about violence—both in the Bible and in the world—a timely topic in the light of this week's horrendous events. Come and hear him Friday-Saturday, October 20-21. (Note that, on Saturday, the last lecture will end around 3:00 p.m. You will still have Saturday evening free!) Register online at www.crossan2017.com or with Registrars Neil and Margaret Eadie in the Social Hall after church today.

Please join us at Calvary United Church on Saturday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m. for a chamber music concert entitled "A Detroit Memoir" composed by Alan Torok and featuring Robert Riseling (clarinet) and Denise Jung (pianoforte). Admission is free, but donations will be accepted on behalf of Calvary.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Greetings Everyone. It's time to think about stewardship at Wesley Knox. Starting next week we will be 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 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

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 leanders@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.

Big thanks to those that volunteered to deliver flyers this week. We appreciate it very much, as it is important to keep in touch with our neighbours,
Membership Development

Events in Worship

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| October 15 | Book Kimber-Johnson, soloist
Junior Choir |
| 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 |