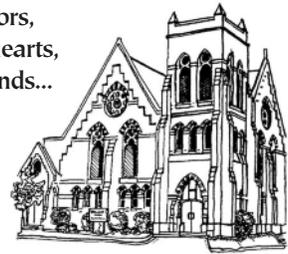


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Autumn - Thanksgiving 2013

From Rev. Tracy



I don't know about you, but for me, autumn is that time of the year when I think of new beginnings. Children, students and teachers are all returning to school, programs are starting up and the "busy-ness" of life is back in full swing.

At Wesley-Knox we are definitely in a season of new life and new opportunities.

The energy and enthusiasm in this place are palpable and ministry is unfolding on many fronts. Programs are beginning again. The choir is leading us in worship after a well-deserved summer break. We are thankful for that. And Council and Official Board are looking towards the future with hope. It is indeed a time when God's spirit is seen and felt in all we do.

In my time at Wesley-Knox, I have learned that one of the great spiritual gifts of this church is hospitality. People who come to worship here for the first time feel embraced by those who greet them, the welcome they are given and the warmth of the congregation. Often they have longed for place of faith where they can experience the sense of community that we offer, and they return.

In our world today, where there is often a lack of community and where people are searching for a safe place

to be themselves and find meaning in their lives, a church is a welcome refuge. Opening our doors and our hearts to newcomers as we do is a gift sought by many.

My prayer is that we will continue to do this, not just with newcomers but in our work together and in our play. Hebrews 10:24-25 teaches us, "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another..."

This fall, as we come together in committees, in our units and groups, as the governing bodies of our church and to sing, I pray that we will continue to be intentional about getting to know one another, sharing our stories and talking about our faith. I pray that the depth of our love for God and for one another will grow as we come together as God's people and share not only who we are, but *whose* we are.

I look forward to growing with you. I feel so blessed that my family and I are part of this community that is seeking to follow Christ as we live and move forward in this world. And I am excited about and grateful for all of the ministries and missions that are happening in our church. Thank you, each one of you, for who you are and for all that you do in God's name. Peace.—Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler

Our Three Summer Students



Mallory



Maggie



Mackenzie

We'll let the three students who worked at Wesley-Knox this summer introduce themselves to you! My name is **Mallory Brennan**. I am a student at Western and am studying music, writing and digital humanities. I have a green belt in aikido, a martial art, and am the incoming president of the Western Aikido Club.

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From our Music Director



We're off and running for another great year of music at Wesley-Knox! Choirs have begun, the energy is palpable, and we are welcoming new members into all our ensembles!

Plans for the fall include all choirs (except Cherubs) singing together on October 27, separate Singing Sundays for both the Boys' and the Girls' choirs, exciting new music for the Senior Choir, preparation for their December 7 Christmas Concert—mark the date!—great new music for the Handbell Choir which is still inspired by its participation in the province-wide handbell convention at Western University in May, and last but not least, a major performance by Mysterium. They will be singing a one-hour concert for L'Arche's Silent Auction Fundraiser on November 15. To be asked to sing at this event is a great honour (last year, Denise Pelley sang!) and the choir is definitely pumped to do its best for this, their chosen charity.

This fall, we are raising \$3000 for a three-octave set of handchimes. (You can learn about handchimes in Wikipedia. Just search for "handchimes".) Handchimes are the perfect way to introduce children to handbells. They are not heavy and do not require the tables and equipment needed with handbells. They will be a beautiful addition to our ministry for children.

To kick off our drive, on Friday, October 4, Margaret Ryan will perform a delightful concert of hilarious songs and skits. Also on the program: Cathie Banks on handbells and several of our young people—Sydney and Kennedy Kimber-Johnson, Owen Spicer, and Miryam and Christian Haworth. This will be a fun concert! People of all ages—including children—will love it! Tickets, only \$10, \$5 for children, are available at Wesley-Knox, Tuckeys and at the door. All proceeds to the Handchime Fund!

As usual, it's pretty dull in the music department here at Wesley-Knox! Not!—*Karen Schuessler, director of music*

From our Director of Children's and Youth Ministry



Our youth leaders kicked off the fall with a scheduling meeting. Representatives of YouthQuest, our youth groups and Mysterium took a close look at our merged youth calendar and once again concluded there is no lack of opportunity for youth at Wesley-Knox. Plus, youth is becoming a growing presence in the wider church. This creates even more opportunities for faith-formation for our Wesley-Knox youth.

At Wesley-Knox, we have an unwritten mandate to involve our children and youth in as much of church life as possible. We strive to keep our young people active and engaged in congregational life, and in relationship with people of all ages. As our schedule fills up, our children's and youth leaders are now stepping back and taking a look at the big picture. They are all taking a collective breath to carefully consider Sunday morning as they try to create quiet space for youth on our day of worship—clearing the way for them to study and learn together; to worship, pray and, with one another, grow in faith; and to integrate faith into their daily lives. You can help us do this by consulting the YouthQuest schedule before asking a youth to volunteer for a job on Sunday morning. They may just be busy!

As a result of the strong leadership provided by our summer students, much was accomplished during July and August. Over 30 children took part in our Vacation Bible School which was a huge success and also became an excellent community outreach. Attendance held steady in our Sunday School program and we even welcomed some new families during the quiet months of summer. With the help of our summer students, we moved furniture, got rid of garbage, updated rosters, organized books in the library and music in the cupboards, and worked on a few mission projects. No job was too big or too small for our exceptional group of young people. Plus having them around gave me much needed time to tend to other matters!

Some fall happenings: On Sunday, September 15, we hosted a Children's and Youth Ministry Volunteer Orientation and Screening Session. On Sunday, September 22, we officially welcomed back families with Sundaes Sunday and Sunday School registration. Registration continues throughout the fall. Please make sure you fill out a Sunday school registration form for each of your young people who wish to attend Sunday School. The forms have changed significantly and the old ones are now outdated! Forms may be found on the Wesley-Knox website, www.wesleyknox.com.

Upstairs in the Sunday School, this year will be anchored in "Wonder Stories" starting with Luke 17:11-19. Part of this year's rotation will include making t-shirts to send to Sudan in January. During our second rotation, based on John 6:1-14, the children will create a new bean soup package to raise money for Mission and Service. This project will be launched on Mission Sunday, November 3, and packets of soup will be on sale in the Centennial Parlour starting on November 17. Our Grade 7-8 leaders are planning an engaging year based on the parables of Jesus. YouthQuest (grades 9-12) has responded strongly to Rev. Tracy's call and will start its year by studying the Gospel of John.

Plans are well under way for the Christmas Pageant and party. Mark your calendars for the mornings of Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15. More in the next KSC!—*Barb McGill, Director, Children's and Youth Ministry*

Sharing the Story

The Wesley-Knox journey continues....

Last year, in our Fall Stewardship program, we talked about our journey and explored our gifts, aided by our trusty camel, Humphrey. We celebrated new beginnings and new opportunities.

This year our journey continues as we “Share the Story” of Wesley-Knox. Every one of us is a part of the Wesley-Knox Story. Each one of us is important to the Story. Each of our contributions makes a difference for the Story!

The Wesley-Knox Story has many parts, and over the next few weeks, starting on Welcome Back Sunday, September 22, we'll look at some of its parts—Learning, Reaching Out, Worshiping and Caring. Join us each Sunday as members of the congregation share their parts in the Wesley-Knox Story.

Dedication Sunday is October 20

Then join us on Dedication Sunday, October 20, as we worship and dedicate our gifts to the glory of God through our estimate of givings cards. Afterwards, join us as our whole faith community comes together at our **Celebration Coffee House!**

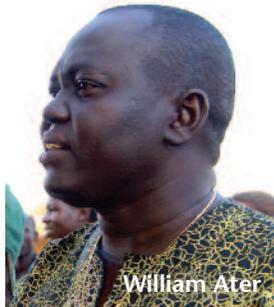
It's our Story—our Faith Story. Let's celebrate it!—*Marilynne McNeil, chair, Stewardship Committee*

Update on William Ater

In the last issue of the KSC we introduced you to William Ater. William is a South Sudanese man who believes strongly in his country, cares deeply for his people, and through his work with CASS (Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan) is striving to nurture seeds of hope in a land where, until recently, there was little.

Wesley-Knox will not be travelling to South Sudan in 2014, at least not literally. Still, our 2013 experience compels us to reach out to our sisters and brothers in that country who have come to know us and who served and cared for us when we were there this year. We believe that supporting the work of William Ater is the best way we can serve our new friends and help South Sudan overcome its challenges in the areas of education, safe water practices, and steps towards self-sufficiency. William is pivotal in implementing and overseeing CASS projects now that the civil war is over and independence has been achieved.

How can you help? The Mission and Service committee, along with members of the Sudan team, have established an annual goal of raising \$3000 to support William's work. Our next event is a Walk-a-thon at the end of October. Participants will be looking for pledges, and support in any amount will be gratefully received.—*Tony Haworth, chair, Mission and Service Committee*



In Memoriam

We thank God for the life and witness of

Vera Wasell
February 9

Marion Isabelle Murray
March 27

Alex Milton Whitfield
April 1

Robert Willoughby Johnston
April 3

Trevor Brooks
May 5

Nora Herbert
May 12

Ronald Herbert McVey
May 10

Roland Ralph Ellis
May 11

Laurel Marie Fortin
May 15

Ruby Powell
July 7

Eva Mary Bawden
July 26

Blanche Jarmain
July 26

Ralph Douglas Stoye
July 26

Sadie Margaret Whitfield
August 21

Robert Kendall McLarty
August 31

YouthQuest: Growing the Light of God in Each of Us!

In this group, we explore and discuss the Bible with a goal of learning how our Christian faith can be applied to our everyday lives. This group enjoys a relaxed, conversational environment where everyone is welcome and all questions are permitted. It meets in the Chapel next to the Centennial Parlour during Sunday service, under the leadership of Karen Pincombe, Mary Bee Haworth and Glen Pearson. If you are a young person in grades 9–12, come and be part of it!

—*Karen Pincombe*

Group and Committee Reports

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Our Wesley-Knox UCW is ready for fun, fellowship and some exciting events. Women 16 and over are welcome to be UCW members. We would love to have you in one of our three units—or all of them if you like.

UCW Meeting Times

- **Unit 1:** first Monday of each month, 7 pm
- **Unit 2:** first Tuesday of each month, 1:30 pm
- **Unit 4:** second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm

All meetings in the Centennial Parlour. Check the calendar on the Wesley-Knox website for latest information.

Major Fall Events

- **Middlesex Presbytery Fall Event,** 9 am–12 noon, Saturday, October 26 at White Oaks United Church. Guest speaker, fellowship, prayer and lots of music! Once again, we will collect women's toiletry items in reusable bags. A box for these items will be placed beside Parlour kitchen in October.
- **Harvest to Holiday Festival,** 8:30 am–12 noon, Saturday, November 2. More vendors are needed! For a table, please contact me at 519.455.7043, lyndal@centuralondon.com.—*Lynda Laskey, UCW president*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Welcome back from summer holidays. As we prepare to celebrate Worldwide Communion this October we have so much to be thankful for here at Wesley-Knox. Our committee gives its thanks to Barb McGill and all the dedicated work that has gone into getting our Sunday School organized and all the jobs filled with volunteers who lead our young people in the early years of their faith journeys. Also my personal thanks to members of the Christian Education committee whose encouragement and support are so important.

As we enter the fall season, we look forward to an active church life.

4 Friday Movie nights have been

planned for October 11 and November 8. A Hallowe'en Family Movie Night has been planned for October 25. Come in costumes and bring blankets and teddy bears. We will also host the Presbytery Youth Friday Fusion nights on October 18 and November 29.

Looking ahead, our much anticipated Parents' Night Out will be on Friday, December 6, and the Christmas Swell will be on Saturday, December 21. Also watch for Sessions 8–14 of the Living the Questions 2 study series that Harry MacLean and Samantha Brennan will be offering after Thanksgiving.

For details on these and all upcoming events, visit our website, www.wesleyknox.com.—*David Lumley, chair*

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome back to worship at Wesley-Knox! If you are anything like our family you have had a busy summer full of travel to visit family and friends and opportunities to enjoy a different pace and perhaps to enjoy worship with different congregations in new places. In August we attended a little United church in Lion's Head, Ontario, on the Bruce Peninsula. The congregation was very welcoming and a lay preacher led the service because their regular minister was on holiday. She had recruited her grandchildren to operate a laptop computer which projected scripture and hymns onto a bare wall for all to follow. One member of this congregation of 30 souls was celebrating her 95th birthday and all who attended that Sunday were invited back to the hall for a reception of sandwiches and cake catered by the local Lionesses. She had lots of tips on the best beaches and hiking trails to check out, and we who were visitors—including a young Asian who was doing a one-month internship at the local hospital—were made to feel we were an important part of this Christian family. Hospitality—a Christian virtue—was alive and well in this little church.

Hospitality is alive and well at Wesley-Knox as well. September brings us back to routine and, hopefully, your regular weekly schedule will include Sunday worship and fellowship in the parlour after service. Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler will be back leading our worship. There will also be special services led by our Stewardship Committee and Mission and Services Committee. Our Music Director, Karen Schuessler, will inspire our many choirs with new musical challenges and her choirs will enhance our services with delightful choral music. Come and worship with us! You will be glad you did!—*Sandra Fox, chair*

PROPERTY USE COMMITTEE

The calendar tells us that summer has officially ended and it is time to resume normal church activities. We can tell by the buzz that a busy fall is upon us. We welcome back all of our groups—both our own groups and outside groups. For that reason we remind everyone always to book meetings, activities, rehearsals, etc., with Heather in the church office. Even if you only need a small meeting room, please book it. Do not assume that the space you want will be available. [To save time before contacting Heather, check the General Calendar on the church website, www.wesleyknox.com, bottom of the right sidebar on the Home page. This calendar shows what meeting spaces are already in use at any given time.]

Our Out-of-the-Cold dinners have begun, as well as our Community Breakfasts. Also, our Spanish Church friends are busy in the Social Hall every Sunday afternoon. We appreciate everyone's co-operation so all these programs can run smoothly.—*Marg Henderson, chair*

DISTRICT VISITORS

I am writing this report on Sunday, September 8. On my way home from church today, I formulated in my mind what I would say, what was important for me to pass on to you. I had not been

to a Sunday service since the end of June and as I sat there, it became clear to me what I had missed. It was fellowship—the fellowship that I had just experienced at church—fellowship, before, during and after Sunday service.

I feel that friendship and fellowship at Wesley-Knox is vital to our church life and one aspect of that comes from District Visitors. As a visitor, making visits to other members of our church can be just as rewarding as meeting with someone at church. Many District Visitors have been members of this group for years—a sure sign that it is rewarding!

If you are not sure if serving as a District Visitor is for you but would like more information, call Brenda Smith, our chair at 519.672.5216 or myself at 519.685.1714) and we will tell you what is involved. We will simply give you the details and answer your questions. There will be absolutely no pressure from us to join!—*Heather Bedford, vice-chair*

WESLEY-KNOX MEN

Our Community Breakfast Program resumed on September 14 with 103 served. We will continue to offer breakfasts throughout fall, winter and spring at 8:45–10:30 am on the second Saturday of each month. Average attendance is always about 100 and our excellent team of men and women of all ages and backgrounds work efficiently to offer a full and nourishing meal. Of course, new volunteers are always welcome. Just speak to anyone on the team and join in!

The Annual Ham and Scalloped Potato Supper, held this year on Saturday, October 26, will help support the Community Breakfast Program. Mike Ryan is coordinator of this event. Be sure to get your tickets early.

Men in the congregation are always invited to join the group for breakfast at the Family Circle Restaurant on the first Sunday of each month. On that same day, following morning service, our members serve refreshments to the congregation in the Centennial Parlour.—*Neil Eadie, chair*

A Busy Summer!



Laurie O'Leary and Rev. Jim McKean at Laurie's ordination service, May 25 at Metropolitan United Church.



Wesley-Knox Family Camp at Pearce-Williams Christian Centre near Iona. Fun for all ages!



Something new at camp! Mike Walker brought uniforms and muskets and shared his love of historic reenactments!



Crafts were popular at the Everywhere Fun Fair Vacation Bible School. Some 30 young people took part.



Also popular—games in the parking lot!



Wesley-Knox young people led the way carrying our banner in the July 27 London Pride parade.



Bringing up the rear! Several United churches in Middlesex Presbytery took part.



September 8 worship. You know that summer is over when the choir returns!

Notes from All Over

- **Knitting needles!—keep them handy!** The Mitten and Hat Cane will magically appear in November, ready to be decorated-with scarves, mitts and hats. These items will be distributed at the December Community Breakfast and Out-of-the Cold Supper. All donations of heavy wool are greatly appreciated. Keep those needles clicking!—CB
- **Handbells!** Our handbell choir needs a few new members. Could this be a musical activity for you? You must be age 12-92, free on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 until 8:15, be able to read a bit of music, be willing to be a part of a multi-generational group, and most of all, possess the ability to laugh at one's self. Talk to Cathie Banks, 519.471.2351.—CB
- **Cheese, Cheese, Cheese!** November is cheese month at Wesley-Knox. Wesley-Knox Ringers will be selling cheese throughout November. Blocks will be selling for \$10 per 400g and there will also be delectable gift baskets to purchase. Pick up an order form after Sunday service from any handbell ringer, or from the church office. Delivery date is Tuesday, December 10, just in time for Christmas giving, and all proceeds will go to support the handbell program at Wesley-Knox, in particular the purchase of handchimes to extend the program to our young people.—CB
- **Friday Movie Nights!** Movie nights are a great way meet new friends, check in with old ones and spend a relaxing Friday evening. Movies are shown in the Centennial Parlour. Popcorn and soft drinks are free. There's dessert and decaf after the movie and movies are often followed by a second feature for night owls. Here's the remaining lineup for this fall:
 - September 20: **Quartet** with Maggie Smith and Michael Gambon
 - October 11: **Secondhand Lions** with Michael Caine and Robert Duval
 - November 8: **The Sapphires** with Chris O'Dowd and Deborah MailmanA poster on the church website, www.wesleyknox.com, gives additional details. Organizers are also offering a **Hallowe'en Family Movie Night** at 7 pm, on Friday, October 25. Wear costumes and bring blankies and teddy bears! Title TBA.—DL
- **Marcus Borg has accepted an invitation to return to Wesley-Knox next year.** He will offer lectures on Friday and Saturday, 2014 October 17-18, and conduct an open question-and-answer session and preach the sermon on Sunday, 2014 October 19. Marcus, who is currently speaking at the Common Dreams Conference in Canberra, Australia, is one of the world's leading authorities on Jesus and the Bible. His over 20 books—particularly **Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time**, available in the Wesley-Knox library—have helped hundreds of thousands gain new perspectives on their faith. In 2009, some 450 from all over Southwestern Ontario and beyond came to Wesley-Knox to hear Marcus. We expect the same again next year.—HM

Autumn 2013 Calendar

Special Services...

Welcome Back Sunday
September 22, 10:30 am

Worldwide Communion
Sunday, October 6, 10:30 am

Thanksgiving Sunday
October 13, 10:30 am

Dedication Sunday
October 20, 10:30 am

Mission Sunday
November 3, 10:30 am

Remembrance Sunday
November 10, 10:30 am

Advent 1
Sunday, December 1, 10:30 am

Special Events...

Ballads and Bells Concert
with Margaret Ryan and Friends,
Friday, October 4, 7 pm

Harvest to Holiday Festival
Saturday, November 2,
10 am–12 noon

Annual Concert for South Sudan
with guest speakers, Denise Pelley,
school choirs and band, Sunday,
November 3, 7 pm

Karen Schuessler Singers
Viva la Musica! Concert
Saturday, November 23, 8 pm

Movie Nights
Friday, October 11 and
November 8, 7:30 pm

Hallowe'en Family Movie Night
Friday, October 25, 7 pm

Community Breakfasts
Saturdays, October 12 and
November 9, 8:45-10:30 am

Ham and Scalloped Potato Supper
Saturday, October 26, 5–7 pm

Out-of-the-Cold Dinners
Sunday, September 22, October 27
and November 24, 5:30 pm

Wesley-Knox Council
Monday, October 9 (special) and
Wednesday, November 20, 7 pm

Wesley-Knox Official Board
Wednesday, October 16, 7 pm

Up-to-date information for all Wesley-Knox events is always available at www.wesleyknox.com.

New Tables and Chairs

After many months of searching for replacements for the tables and chairs in the Wesley-Knox Social Hall, UCW has found ones suitable for our needs. They are sturdy and well made. Total cost: approximately \$18,000. Here's the breakdown:

200 chairs at \$42.95 each. (made here in London)

35 tables at \$140 each. (made in USA)

4 dollies at \$230 each. (custom, for storage of tables)

All come with guarantees. Four UCW Garage Sales have brought in approximately \$8000 and now we need your help. Please consider donating to this project. Envelopes for donations are available on the table at the back of the church. Please make cheques payable to "Wesley-Knox Table and Chair Fund" and include your church envelope number.—*May MacAllister*



Update! On Sunday, September 8, UCW made its pitch to the congregation and, by next Sunday, Wesley-Knox members and friends had donated an additional \$4000 to the project! That means only \$6000 to go!

Living the Questions 2

Last spring some twenty Wesley-Knox members and friends took part in this thought-provoking DVD-based program. Offered by Harry MacLean and Samantha Brennan, it will continue after Thanksgiving. Here is the schedule:

October 20: **Restoring Relationships**

October 27: **The Prophetic Jesus**

November 3: **Evil, Suffering and a God of Love**

November 10: **The Myth of Redemptive Violence**

November 17: **Practising Resurrection**

November 24: **Reclaiming the World**

Here's how the program works: We ask you to fill out a registration form and give us your e-mail address. Before each session, we send you some material to read. At 3:30 on each Sunday afternoon, we gather in the Centennial Parlour to watch the DVD segment. After break for coffee and a treat, we regroup for lively discussion. We finish by 5.

Living the Questions has become a popular program in mainline churches (Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, United, and even some Baptist) all over the English-speaking world. It gives you information and asks you to think about it. For many, it has been a lifesaver, helping to make sense of a faith that often seems in contradiction with itself. Come and be part of it! Come and learn with us!—*Harry MacLean and Samantha Brennan*

Ballads and Bells!

Featuring
Margaret Ryan
Songs from Vaudeville!
Songs by Stephen
Sondheim, Cole Porter
and Anna Russell!

Also featuring
Margaret's friends:
Karen Schuessler,
Cathie Banks, Miryam
and Christian Haworth,
Owen Spicer, Sydney
and Kennedy Kimber-
Johnson, and more....



Friday, October 4, 7 pm

Tickets \$10, kids \$5 at Tuckey's and Wesley-Knox

All proceeds to the Wesley-Knox Handchime Project

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John Evelyn Maurice Hobson

sons of
Oliver Hobson and
Elizabeth Collingwood

Elizabeth Lenore Collingwood

daughter of
Edward and Sharon Collingwood

Frank Wade Gentile

son of
Wade and Nancy Gentile

Isaac Hamilton Watson

Robert Watson

sons of
William and Ann Watson

Robert Watson

son of
Robert and Martha Watson

Harrison Frederick John Young

Francis George John Young

sons of
William and Kelly Young

Ava Grace McDermott

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Deadline for materials for the next
KSC is Sunday, November 16.

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I enjoy music, especially singing and spend many hours each week singing in choirs. • My name is **Mackenzie Ferguson**. I am entering my grade 12 year at Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School. I wrestle, run track and play football at Banting and also play football for the London Junior Mustangs. I am the incoming president for the Student Athletic Association at Banting. I enjoy sports, travelling, meeting new people and getting to know our congregation better. • My name is **Maggie Morden**. I am a student at Western studying Sociology, Social Justice and English. I spend my free time on the internet and love social networking. I love working around the church with the kids, and during the year with the grade 7-8 Sunday School class.

Congratulations, Hugh John!

Congratulations to **Hugh John Cook**, recipient of Alumni Western's 2013 Community Service Award. Here is the article that appeared in the Alumni Gazette.

Each year, Alumni Western is pleased to recognize exceptional alumni at the Annual Alumni Awards Dinner held at Homecoming. The Alumni Awards of Merit recognize exceptional individuals who serve as outstanding ambassadors for Western...

Hugh John Cook grew up in a family where volunteerism was a way of life. As his career took him from Thunder Bay to St. Catharines to Cornwall, he found a variety of ways to serve his communities. Among his many involvements, he spent 36 years as a member of the boards of general hospitals. He also volunteered with library boards, health units, an employees' credit union, colleges, universities and the United Church of Canada. As a retiree in London, Ontario, he became involved in Meals on Wheels London, Western's Senior Alumni group and several other organizations. At nearly 80, he still volunteers with five community organizations. "I feel so lucky that life has treated me well, so I have a responsibility to reciprocate," he says.



Hugh John Cook

Saturday, October 26, 5-7 pm

Ham and Scalloped Potato Supper

**Includes Chuckwagon Beans,
Beverage and Dessert!**

Wesley-Knox Social Hall

Adults \$10 • Kids 10 and under \$5

Family maximum \$25



Proceeds support the Wesley-Knox Men's Community Breakfast Program