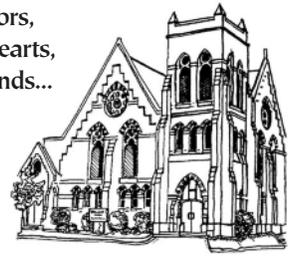


The Kindred Spirit Connection

Open doors,
Open hearts,
Open minds...



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Easter and Spring 2013

From Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler



It won't be long before, once again, we gather in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday to rejoice and sing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," and "Hallelujah!" I imagine many of you have a fairly clear picture of this in your mind. You know the energy, excitement and joy we will experience as we worship and celebrate new life in Christ. Some will wear new outfits, colours of spring will surround us, and the buzz of too much chocolate will be in the air!

Easter is a wonderfully joyous time in the life of any congregation. It is a time of hope, a time when we, as Christians, proclaim that love is stronger than fear, life is stronger than death.

At Wesley-Knox, we are an Easter people—a people who believe in new life, love and hope. And there are so many signs of new life in our church community. The energy, excitement and commitment I see on a constant basis is a wonder to me. Possibilities for new ministry continually blossom before us. New life is all around!

So, come and embrace the new life that is before us. Become involved. Fill your spirit with God's Spirit. Meet new people, discover more about yourself and your faith, and reach out into the community.

Join our communion celebration on Palm Sunday, March 24, when we reflect on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Share in the Last Supper at our Maundy Thursday Potluck, March 28. Recall Jesus' crucifixion at the South London Good Friday Service, 10:30 am at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. Join our young people for the 7 pm Good Friday Swell. Then

sing with joy on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 7 am and at 10:30 am, when wonderful music and new life will fill the air!

Our many faith journeys will continue in April and May. On Sunday, April 21, our Wesley-Knox youth will lead an energetic, faith-filled worship service. On Sunday, April 28, our Junior Choir will present its 2013 musical, *Oh, Jonah!* On Friday, April 12, the women of our church will gather to learn and enjoy one another's company at their annual retreat, this year called Praying in 3D. On Sunday, April 12, we will welcome new members. On Saturday, April 20, the Senior Choir will host its Annual Turkey Supper. On Wednesday, May 1, at a special workshop, our Stewardship Committee will help us explore leadership. On Saturday, May 11, UCW will host a tea, and on Sunday, June 2, we will celebrate as we confirm four of our young people. There will also be an environmental worship service in May.

This list of worship services and events does not include all the incredible music that is offered to us week after week, the life-giving children's and youth programs we offer, the movies, our study group, and our women's groups, men's group and meals that we serve to those in need. We are an active, engaged congregation, doing God's work. And there is a place for everyone here.

Easter people, let's embrace the life that is before us! Let's welcome one another—and new people too. Let's continue to listen to how God is calling us to be the Church in this place. Let's all experience Christ's presence in the work and witness of this congregation. Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

—Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler

Easter

I got me flowers to strew Thy way.
I got me boughs off many a tree.
But Thou wast up by break of day
And brought Thy sweets along
with Thee.
The sunne arising in the East,
Though he give light, and the East
perfume,

If they should offer to contest
With Thy arising, they presume.
Can there be any day but this,
Though many sunnes to shine
endeavour?
We count three hundred, but
we miss.
There is but One, and that One ever.
George Herbert (1593–1633)



From the Music Department



The musical life of Wesley-Knox continues to involve many people in many ways. First, I want to sincerely thank all who covered for me in January while I was in South Sudan. These include Bill and Eva Bettger (Margo's brother and sister-in-law and Matt's uncle and aunt), Neil Eadie, Kennedy Kimber-Johnson, Marilynne McNeil, Karen Pincombe, Brian Ratcliffe, Shawn Spicer and Richard Yake. Thank you, all of you, for taking such good care of the music program in my absence!

Since I have come back, we have had several exciting performances. On Saturday, February 23, the Junior Girls' Choir sang O Canada at the London Lightning's Basketball Game. I was so proud of them. They sounded like angels! There was also much fun that night as many choir and Wesley-Knox families stayed to enjoy the game that followed, rooting for the home team which won! Then, on Sudan Sunday, February 24, the entire Junior Choir sang a Swahili anthem to help us celebrate the work of the CASS–Wesley-Knox mission team. The choir sang the very anthem that we taught to over 300 children in South Sudan who also loved to sing it. What a neat connection with our congregation and our children! Also on this Sunday, Matt Hahn joined the African drumming group to give our service an authentic African sound! Then, on March 1, Mysterium, assisted by Matt's fine drumming, performed a snappy 45-minute set at the annual L'Arche Banquet at the London Hellenic Centre. Over 550 people were on hand to hear them. Mysterium values this community partnership and always looks forward to sharing its vocal talents to help L'Arche with its good work..

Now the calendar is clear for the Junior Choir to rehearse for its April 28 musical, *Oh, Jonah!* by Pote and McCann. Also in April, Mysterium and the Wesley-Knox Primary Choir will be rehearsing to compete in the London Kiwanis Music Festival.

The Senior Choir continues to inspire us (I know they inspire me!) week after week at our worship services. It's a circle of love that happens every Thursday evening and every Sunday morning. Choir members are also preparing for their Annual Turkey Dinner, which they will host on Saturday, April 21. Don't forget to buy your tickets early for the very best turkey dinner with all the trimmings that you can find anywhere! Blessings throughout this Lenten season and always!—*Karen Schuessler, director of music*

From our Sunday School Director



As March began, we finished up our rotation on the United Church of Canada *Song a Faith*. The highlight of this unit was making and selling M&S Bean Soup Mix. Through this project, our children raised just over \$170 for the United Church of Canada M&S fund. Later in March, we met the halfway point in our Lenten journey, "Reflections from a School Lunch Box", and shifted to a four-week exploration of baptism using lessons that drew on science, storytelling and art. One lesson even connected excerpts from J. R. R Tolkien's *The Hobbit* to Jesus' journey after his baptism. Our scriptural focus for all this was Matthew 3:1-17 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

If your family was away for a portion of March, please take some time to share this scripture with your child or grandchild. Also, revisit your own baptism story and talk about what baptism means in your family and our church community. And if your child or children were not baptized, share that story too. For many reasons, not every family chooses baptism.

Most Sundays, the grade 7-8 class, when they are not tucked away in their library space, can often be potted in Wesley-Knox hallways and stairwells with laptops and handheld devices. They are usually researching—gathering information and downloading Bible verses—and carrying out lively discussions. As our baptism lessons finish up, we will be even closer to our June 2 Confirmation Service at which four of our young people will make a public declaration of their faith and their continuing desire to grow in faith

On Sunday, February 10, confirmation classes at Wesley-Knox began with a "meet-and-greet breakfast" before church. In addition to four young people from Wesley-Knox, we were delighted to have two young people from Calvary United Church join us. Including parents, siblings and faith partners we hosted over 24 at this morning meal. Faith partners are a new addition to the confirmation process at Wesley-Knox. They are adult members of the congregation who have accepted the task of walking with a young person through his or her confirmation process. They are working hard to get to know their charges, sharing their faith, and praying for him or her throughout this process.

YouthQuest continues to meet regularly every Sunday in the Chapel. They reaped much benefit from the Sudan team being home, spending several Sundays before the Sudan service connecting with team members, hearing about their experiences and asking questions.

Two advance notices: Plan to take part in W-K Family Camp, Friday, June 21–Sunday, June 23, Pearce-Williams Christian Centre, Iona. Also note that, on the week of July 15, Wesley-Knox will offer a full-day Vacation Bible School for children in grades SK–6. More information in the next Kindred Spirit Connection.—*Barbara McGill, Sunday School director*

Easter and Spring 2013 Calendar

Special Services...

Palm Sunday, March 24

10:30 am
Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, March 28

5:30 am
Potluck Supper, Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 29

10:30 am
South London Good Friday
Service at Elmwood Avenue
Presbyterian Church
7 pm
Swell Youth Service at W-K

Easter Sunday, March 31

We celebrate Resurrection!
7 am
Sunrise service in the sanctuary
10:30 am
Glorious Easter service with choirs,
organ, brass and timpani!

Sunday, April 21

10:30 am
Spring Youth Service

Sunday, April 28

10:30
Junior Choir Musical
Oh, Jonah!

Special Events...

KSS Pathways to

Paradise Concert
Saturday, April 6, 8 pm

W-K Women's Retreat

Praying in 3D
Friday, April 12, 6-10:30 pm

Youth Forum Weekend

April 12-14, Pearce-Williams
Christian Centre, Iona

Annual Turkey Dinner

Saturday, April 20, 6 pm

UCW 2013 Garage Sale

Saturday, April 27, 8:30-12 noon

Colour Our Congregation Leadership Evening

Wednesday, May 1, 6-8 pm

Thames Valley Quilters Quilt Show

Friday and Saturday, May 3-4

Community Breakfasts

Saturdays, March 9, April 13 and
May 11, 8:45-10:30 am

Out-of-the-Cold Dinners

Sundays, March 24 and
April 28, 5:30-6:45 pm

Movie Nights

Fridays, March 22, April 5 and 19,
May 3 and 17

Wesley-Knox Council

Wednesdays, March 20 and
May 15, 7 pm

Wesley-Knox Official Board

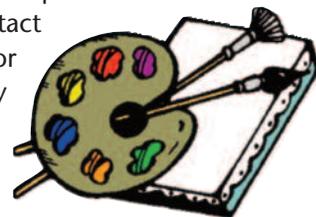
Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm

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

Colour our Congregation!

Once again, the Stewardship Team is shaking things up at Wesley-Knox! The team, in partnership with the Membership Development and District Visitors committees, is very excited to be hosting its first Leadership Learning Evening. We've called it "Colour Our Congregation" in recognition of each of us bringing a unique bit of colour to our church family. The goal of the evening is for each participant to have fun through games as we explore and discover our "leadership colour", how we like to contribute, and how that fits in with others.

Colour our Congregation will be held at 6-8 pm on Wednesday, May 1. Everyone is welcome and children are included because we all play a part. Child care will be provided for very young children if needed. A supper of submarine sandwiches will be served. Please bring your own mug to cut down on the use of disposable cups. It promises to be an enjoyable evening of laughter and discovery and we hope to see you all there. Please contact a member of the stewardship team, chair Marilynne McNeil, Trevor Johnson, Kathleen Brennan or Donna Goldhawk, or leave a note in the Stewardship Committee mailbox if you have any questions.—*Trevor Johnson, Stewardship Committee*



Are you new to Wesley-Knox?

If so, you are invited to a special evening for people new to our church! It's at 6:30-8 pm on Tuesday, March 19, in the Centennial Parlour on the main floor of the church. Come out to meet others, be introduced to Rev. Tracy and Cathie Banks who is our chair of Council and Board, and enjoy coffee and dessert. This will be a casual evening for all ages. Please bring your children as we will have child care for them. This is an opportunity to learn more about Wesley-Knox and for others to learn about you! Also, if you would like to inquire about joining the church, there will be a time to do so that night. RSVP to the church office, 519.673.4803, by Sunday, March 17!—*Membership Development Committee*

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Spring is just around the corner and our UCW is humming with activity!

Unit 2 has been busy making marmalade (\$4 for an 8-oz jar), and Easter egg (small \$1.50, large \$3). Both are now available in the Parlour after church, just in time for Easter.

Unit 4 has been busy making turkey pies. These will also be available after church. You can order by calling Debbi Jarvis or Mary Anne van de Vooren. Pies are \$3 each.

This year's Women's Retreat, on Friday, April 12, will be "Praying in 3D: Discover, Direction, Devotion". The \$25 cost will include dinner. Contact Linda Wilcox, Cindy Stewart or Karlene Kimber for tickets or more information. This retreat is open to all women of the church and their friends.

At 7 pm on Monday, April 8, in the Centennial Parlour, there will be a special UCW meeting for women of all units and their friends. Linda Wilcox will speak on her trip to Kenya, and Linda Olson and Susan Smith will speak on their experiences and work in South Sudan. Refreshments will follow the meeting and presentations. It will be great to meet as a single group. Mark your calendars now and plan to come.

Our Annual UCW Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 27. Start collecting your gently-used no-longer-needed items now. Proceeds from this sale will help purchase new chairs and tables for the Social Hall. These are very much needed.

Here are advance notices of three upcoming presbytery events:

- UCW Camp Kee-Mo-Kee Day, Monday, June 17
- UCW Summer Event, Siloam United Church, date TBA
- UCW Meeting, White Oaks United Church, Saturday, October 26

Check the UCW bulletin board in the back hall for more information and registration forms for these events.

A reminder that Unit 1 meets on the first Monday evening of every

month, Unit 2 on the first Tuesday afternoon of every month, and Unit 4 on the second Tuesday evening of every month. UCW membership is open to any woman who supports UCW's statement of purpose and is willing to contribute her prayers, gifts, and service for the work of the church in the world.—*Lynda Laskey, UCW president*

WESLEY-KNOX MEN

Our community breakfast meals are served on the second Saturday of each month, 8:45–10:30 am. Average attendance is about 95. 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.

We plan to discontinue offering breakfasts during July and August. We will resume offering breakfasts in September.

Approximately 200 attended our Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 12. Thanks to all who supported us by buying tickets and making donations. We were able to add about \$850 to our breakfast fund.

Men in the congregation are always welcome to join us for breakfast at the Family Circle Restaurant on the first Sunday of each month. On that day, after church service, in the Centennial Parlour, we serve refreshments to the congregation.—*Neil Eadie, chair*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have entered the Lenten Season. Sunday School has been learning about the Song of Faith. This statement of faith was adopted by United Church General Council in 2006. It is available on the United Church of Canada website. Time spent reading this is time well spent.

Living the Questions 2 has been running throughout the Lenten season. This DVD-based study and discussion group focusses on making Christianity

more relevant for today. A big thank you to Harry MacLean and Samantha Brennan for leading this group on Sunday afternoons.

On Saturday, February 9, 45 of our Wesley-Knox family went to River Bend near St. Marys for a terrific morning of tubing. Thank you to Jane Walker for organizing these wonderful family-bonding events.

By the time you read this, we will have had another Family Movie Night. Rio was our scheduled movie.

Friday night movies have now been scheduled right up to June. The full schedule appears in this Kindred Spirit Connection and is also posted on the main calendar in the back hall. A copy of this calendar may also be found at www.wesleyknox.com. Check out our website frequently. All of our church services and special activities are posted on our website.

On the weekend of February 1–3, our Senior Youth Group joined other youth groups from Southern Ontario at Worshiplude in Ottawa. We were fortunate to be able to attend The Point service at Dominion-Chalmers United Church, and on Sunday, attend worship at our host church, Rideau Park. At both services, our new moderator, Rev. Gary Paterson delivered the homily. A big thank you to Brian MacKinnon for organizing the two buses that transported us there and back.

Upcoming events at Wesley-Knox include the Swell, 7 pm, Good Friday, March 29. All are welcome to attend this dynamic youth-oriented service.

On May 26, 7–8 pm, we will host our annual rollerskating event at North London Optimist Centre. Come out and skate on one of the last wooden skating floors in Southwestern Ontario!

Have an idea or looking for a way to help at Wesley-Knox? Contact Barb McGill in the Sunday School office or myself at dwlumley@execulink.com. Wishing you the best as we celebrate Easter 2013 together.—*David Lumley, chair*

COMMUNICATIONS

As I take over the chair of the Communications Committee, I extend a sincere “Thank-you” to Harry MacLean for all of his work on this committee. Fortunately, Harry continues as a member of the committee, which also includes Trevor Johnson, Brenda Lausanne, Debra Coates-Lediet, Bob Read and Mary Anne van de Vooren. Recent work of the committee included editing, assembling and printing the 2012 Wesley-Knox Annual Report and assembling the 2012 Pictorial Review which was shown at the February 3 Annual General Meeting. A copy of the Pictorial Review is available in the Centennial Parlour where the camera is stored. The Annual Report is available on the Wesley-Knox website. The website, which is regularly updated with photos, sermons, and information about Wesley-Knox events, will be a continuing focus of our committee. Our website received 2283 visits in January—an all-time high. In the coming weeks, our committee will convene to determine its objectives and projects for the year. If you would like to become part of this work, please contact me at 519.660.0411, john.mcfall@rogers.com.—*John McFall, chair*

DISTRICT VISITORS

As I work on updating the District Visitors List with names of current visitors, I think back to the many visits and telephone calls I have made over the past few years. It takes such a short time to contact or visit the people on my list, and I am usually left with the feeling that I have made a difference to someone’s day by connecting with them. Sometimes I feel I have reached someone who is having a very busy day and may not have had time to talk, but at least I have reminded them that Wesley-Knox cares. You can help with this important work. There is always room for new visitors, and if you would like to join our team, I can explain what we do with no pressure to join us. Call me at 519.685.1714.—*Heather Bedford, vice chair*

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Help Needed!

We will be delivering flyers to the neighbouring community and would love to have some help. **Date is Saturday, March 16.** We will meet in the parlour for coffee at 9:30 am to lay out our routes. Flyers can be delivered that morning (preferred) or later in the week. The more the merrier! Bring your kids, your in-laws and your dog and plan to enjoy a nice outing!

Now that our fledgling committee is a standing committee of the Official Board, we are ready to take on the task of organizing Name Tag Sunday which will now be held only on special Sundays throughout the year



The Chili Cookoff: Heavenly but Hot!

Newcomers to Wesley-Knox: plan to join us on Tuesday, March 19, for an evening of coffee and dessert. You’ll have a chance to talk to members of our committee and to Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler and Cathie Banks, our Chair of Council and Board. Please bring your children. They can learn a lot about what is going on at our church.

Chili Cookoff

On Saturday, February 23, we entered the Old South London Community Organization’s first-ever Chili Cookoff. And although our entry—Heavenly but Hot—did not win a trophy, we believe this fun event helped put our church name out and into the community. Next year we would like to see a whole lot of you participating. Who knows?

We might even win the “People’s Choice Award!”—*Debbi Jarvis, chair*

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERY

At a recent workshop for members of Middlesex Presbytery, we learned about the relationship between Presbytery and incorporated ministries like United Church Council and Camp Kee-Mo-Kee. These are run by presbytery members, but we, as the church, are non-profit, we provide oversight to make sure that everything functions as it should.

We should support these ministries whenever we can with our talent, time and money. All information for Camp Kee-Mo-Kee is now online. It is our obligation to help the children and youth in our congregation know what a wonderful camp this is and how to register online. Last year, camp hosted 612 campers, had 13 leaders-in-training, and hosted another 1156 students from local schools. Kee-Mo-Kee also ran a program called “Reach for the Rainbow” which allowed 29 children with developmental challenges to experience camp life. Thanks to a generous donation from Westminster Foundation, 30 more children were subsidized so they could go to camp. What a great idea: “Help Send A Child to Camp!”

We hope to have more information about all of this at the April 21 Youth Service. In the meantime, take a moment to check out the camp website and see for yourself.

Other news from Presbytery and Conference includes a Breakfast Seminar on Israel and Palestine at 8:30-11:30 am on Saturday, March 23 at Lambeth United Church. Coffee and a light breakfast will be available at 8:30 am. For more information, see the flyers on the bulletin board in our back hall. Youth Forum is coming on April 11-14. Remember that funds are available for any young person that needs financial help. And Children at Conference for those in grades 3-8 will be held at Camp Kee-Mo-Kee on May 24. For more information, contact Barbara McGill. Registration will

In Memoriam

We thank God for the life and witness of

Donald Harold Swift
January 28

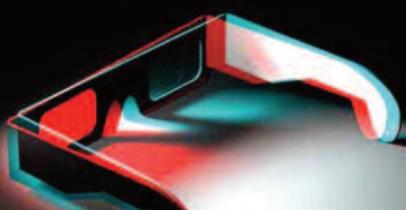
Dorothy May Pooley
February 4

Robert Lyle Ford
February 17

H. Alex Clark
February 27

be available at the Youth Conference website.

On Sunday, April 28, a concert will be held at Metropolitan United Church to support the construction of a daycare centre in Watville, South Africa. The sponsoring group has now been fundraising for several years and are just a little short of its financial goal. Tracy has information about this concert. They are looking for talent, so musicians, please apply and offer to help this good cause.—*Debbi Jarvis and Karlene Kimber, Middlesex Presbytery representatives*



Praying in 3D
Discover Direction Devotion

All women & friends of Wesley-Knox United Church are invited to join us for our annual Women's Retreat.

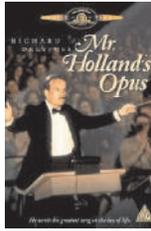
Friday, April 12, 2013

Dinner @ 6 p.m. sharp
Program 7:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25.00 per person
Facilitator: Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler

Please register & pay by Friday, April 5th by contacting:
Karlene Kimber 619-879-0962
Cindy Stewart 619-432-0040 or
Linda Wilcox 619-666-2449

2013 Spring Movie Schedule

7:30 pm in the Centennial Parlour



Mr. Holland's Opus - Friday, April 5
Richard Dreyfus, Glenna Headley

Revisit this wonderful movie from 1995. His goal was to write his magnus opus, but to make ends meet, life led him to teaching high school music. Then teaching became his life's career.

Here Comes the Boom - Friday, April 19
Kevin James, Salma Hayek, Henry Winkler

A less-than-enthusiastic biology teacher tries to rescue extra-curricular activities at risk due to lack of funds. His answer: Win a martial arts competition and donate the prize money.

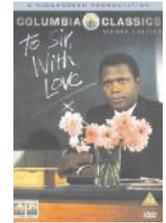


St. Trinian's - Friday, May 3
Talulah Riley, Rupert Everett

In the best tradition of movies about English schools, St. Trinian's "School for Young Ladies" meets all your expectations—or perhaps lack of expectations would be a better description. The girls come together to save their school from bankruptcy.

To Sir With Love - Friday, May 17
Sidney Poitier, Judy Geeson

Come home to this classic movie. Sidney Poitier is full of idealism as he begins to teach a group of white high school students. His struggles to cope and inspire have kept this movie relevant over time.



Hitchcock - May 31
Anthony Hopkins, Helen Mirren

The love story of Alfred Hitchcock and his wife Alma Reville. A snapshot in time during the filming of Psycho, a wonderful biographical drama set in 1959. Following this movie, Psycho will be shown as well.

Grease - June 14
John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John

Starting off the summer of 2013 with this summer hit from 1978 just seems like a great idea! If you want to sing along, that's OK too!



Movies include free popcorn, decaf and dessert!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee held an important training session in our sanctuary at the end of January. This session was facilitated by committee member Nancy Hardie. Her talk, "Wesley-Knox Ushers and Greeters Have More Impact than They Think." was intended to impress on our ushers and greeters the importance of their welcoming roles at our church. There was also training on the sound system led by committee member Harry MacLean. His overview was intended to give worship volunteers more confidence in pinch-hitting as sound technicians when this is necessary.

The Worship Committee assisted our minister, Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler, at the February 13 Ash Wednesday service that marked the beginning of Lent. Lent and Easter are very early this year. Please join us for dynamic worship throughout this Lenten season. Join us on Palm Sunday when our Sunday School children will distribute palm branches to the congregation. Join us in the Social Hall on Thursday, March 28, for our annual Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper followed by an intimate communion service. This year's South London Good Friday Service will take place at 10:30 am at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. Four neighbourhood churches

Sudan Notebook

Of the 16 members that comprised the 2013 CASS team that travelled and worked in Gordhim, South Sudan, 13 including CASS leaders Jane Roy and Glen Pearson and their son, Ater, were from Wesley-Knox. A record of their work and experiences may be found on the Sudan Notebook page on the Wesley-Knox website, www.wesleyknox.com.



Poverty, but also joy. Our people were welcomed everywhere.



Over 300 kids took part in music and arts camp. Note cool glasses!



This W-K choir sang at Sunday mass. Yes, they rehearsed on Thursday...



Rebecca and Bakhita, our two W-K sponsored girls, served as translators.



Safe water: All you need are clear plastic bottles and sunlight..



Goats provide income and food. A grateful family accepts a goat...

400 ringers prepare for a weekend of learning, ringing and fun...

Wesley-Knox Ringers are gearing up for another handbell festival! Seven ringers from Wesley-Knox will take part in the three-day festival being offered on **May 23-25** at Western University (UWO).

This Festival, entitled **Tribute—Back to the Future**, will be a musical tribute to the guest conductors that have led our massed ringers at festivals over the past 28 years. Massed and sectional ringing plus numerous workshops will inspire our ringers to improve their skills, teach them relaxation techniques, and improve their sight-reading abilities. To find out more about this weekend, visit www.tribute2013.ca.

At this festival, there will be two concerts open to the general public...

- Thursday, May 23, 8 pm at Metropolitan United Church—**Raleigh Ringers in Concert**. This is the Canadian debut of this dynamic American handbell ensemble. You will be “wowed” in every sense of the word. Check them out at www.raleighringers.com. Order tickets after April 1. Note that only 500 will be available. If you wish to pre-order tickets (\$20), contact Cathie Banks or Margaret Johns.
- Saturday, May 25, 7:30 pm at Alumni Hall, Western University—**Back to the Future Concert** with 450+ handbell ringers. This final concert of the festival, directed by David Harris of the Raleigh Ringers, will feature works inspired by past clinicians. **Wesley-Knox’s own Karen Schuessler will be MC for this concert.** Free parking will be available across from Alumni Hall. Tickets for this concert (\$15) are available now. Contact Cathie Banks or Margaret Johns for tickets.—*Cathie Banks*

will come together to mark this holy day. Easter Sunday, March 31, will begin with a 7 am sunrise service in our sanctuary followed by breakfast prepared by Cathie Banks and her

volunteers. At 10:30 am, our main Easter service will be alive with ministry and music as we celebrate the highlight of our Christian year: Resurrection of the Christ. Bring your family and friends

to share in this joyous occasion. Hallelujah!—*Sandra Fox, chair*

Deadline for reports and items for the next KSC is Sunday, May 12.

Meet our Neighbours—Village Harvest Bakery

In our new photo directory, available soon, you'll find something new: advertising! We thought it would be fun to profile our advertisers in the KSC. Sharon Landry and Doug Huskison opened Village Harvest Bakery in 1997, in the heart of Old South London's Wortley Village. Sharon's previous careers include banking and corporate relocation. Doug was a journalist.

When we opened our doors 15 years ago, we made a commitment to help build a stronger community. Our focus was and still is to make unique, delicious, healthy from-scratch products using local ingredients, seven days a week at a competitive price. We also wanted to employ young people and help our youth realize their full potential by finding them opportunities for skill development and on-the-job training.

Today, Village Harvest Bakery bakes 32 different kinds of healthy breads from scratch using local ingredients—flour from Hanover, maple syrup from Crinklaw, cranberries from Bala, jam from IN A JAM, cheese from St. Marys and fruit from Ontario. We also make pies, cupcakes, squares, cookies, muffins, tarts, granola, and pizza dough. Specialty items include hot cross buns and fruitcake. We have a party menu for catering. Weekly, products that are not sold go to the London Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Many not-for-profit organizations knock at our door and no one is turned away.

Over the years our toughest task has been finding dependable youth who would embrace our vision. Eight years ago, we began accepting placements from YOU, Youth Opportunities Unlimited. (We also have used the YOU recycling programme from its start. Recently, we have also accepted placements from Hutton House.) We all benefit when we find good young people who can learn a trade. We have been fortunate in being able to hire Hiwet and Eric, two YOU youth for the last 18 months. This past October, given just 48 hours notice, Hiwet and Eric were asked to produce 580 desserts for the Ontario Culinary Tourism Summit at the Convention Centre. Neither Sharon nor Doug was available and the two young people responded with "We'll do it!" when told what was expected. The job was done to perfection and the Summit was a huge success. Both Hiwet and Eric are involved in our recent apprenticeship program in collaboration with the Ministry of Training and Universities.

Village Harvest Bakery would not have survived these tough economic times without the support of our community. Many of our families have now been with us for 15 years. As we have watched beautiful families grow, lasting memories were instilled. We humbly thank you. It takes a strong community to support a village—"Hands helping hands..."

Our children love our mini-muffins and our stickers. Our dogs love our dog biscuits. Orders are welcomed, even recommended. Seniors and the unwaged receive 10% off daily. Cash or cheque is accepted. Please visit our website, www.villageharvestbakerry.com for a full list of our products.—Sharon Landry



Sharon and Eric: Village Harvest Bakery

Come to our 19th Old-Fashioned...

TURKEY DINNER!

Saturday, April 20, 6 pm
Wesley-Knox Social Hall

Adults \$18 | Children 12 and under \$8

- Hosted by the W-K Senior Choir!
- Only 200 places! A sellout in other years!
- A real homecooked dinner with all the trimmings, just like at Christmas or Thanksgiving, but without all the fuss!
- Special entertainment after dinner!
- Tickets: Tuckey Home Hardware, members of the choir or the church office, 519.673.4803
- Avoid disappointment!
- Order tickets today!



It's UCW's
2013 Garage Sale!
Saturday, April 27
8:30 am–12 noon

Please bring your treasures for
this sale to W-K on Thursday-Friday,
April 25-26, 9 am–7 pm

No clothing or upholstered
furniture, please

A Special Mother's Day Treat!



Wesley-Knox Tea Social

Saturday, May 11, 1–3 pm

Menu: freshly baked
scones, clotted cream and
preserves, assorted tea sandwiches
(turkey, hummus, red pepper and
spinach pinwheels) and desserts,
and a variety of teas

Cost: \$15 per person

Advance tickets and reserved tables
available in the Parlour after church