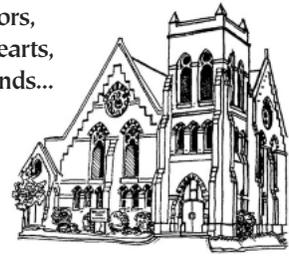


The Kindred Spirit Connection

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Easter 2012

From the Vestry

The kingdom of heaven is in our midst.

I have been privileged during my ministry to have served in several of the top ten pulpits of the United Church of Canada. In each of those congregations, preaching and the preacher were predominant. Those churches were known for their preachers. Excellent preaching was part of their congregational outreach. Excellent preaching drew people in.

One of the delightful surprises I have discovered about Wesley-Knox is that music is your outreach. Music is your mission. Not that the congregation does not appreciate good preaching, but that one of the dominant features of this congregation is the music.

Now you are probably thinking that I am thinking of the senior choir or the Karen Schuessler Singers. Well, I am not! They are excellent choirs and a big draw for Wesley-Knox, but did you realize that, in any given week, nearly 200 children and youth pass through our church music programs and Sunday School? Now that is an incredible



number of young people and a testimony to the outreach of this congregation and the quality of the programs that are provided. I can think of many churches that would gladly sell off their ministers and mortgage their buildings to obtain a program that would attract that many children.

This is a piece of Wesley-Knox that I suspect often flies below the radar. It does not demand a lot of attention and is therefore often overlooked when we think of outreach, especially local outreach. Even as I write I am still grappling with the weekly reality of the number of young people that we reach.

The largest children and youth ministry that I was ever associated with in one of the largest United Churches in Canada catered to 70 children and youth. Yet here, we have Wesley-Knox quietly and effectively ministering to almost 200 children weekly. Suffer the little children to come unto me, said Jesus, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

As we approach Easter I hope that you have the opportunity to attend one of our services: Communion on Palm Sunday. The Maundy Thursday potluck supper and service at 6 pm. This year's Good Friday service at Calvary United Church. The Good Friday SWELL that evening. Our Easter sunrise service at 7 am and our regular glorious Easter service at 10:30. May the presence of the Risen One accompany us as we practice resurrection daily by rolling aside stones, folding grave cloths and creating a new heaven and a new earth. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!
—Rev. David McKane

Wesley-Knox families on a fine February afternoon, tubing at River Valley north of London. A great time was had by all!



Baptisms

Janie Catherine Williamson
daughter of
Johnny and Jane



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 sun 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 suns to shine
endeavour?

We count three hundred, but we
miss.

There is but One, and that One ever.
—George Herbert (1593–1633)

WK Family Movie Night

Easter should be about joy and this movie—Hop—will bring a smile to your face! Put on your jammies, bring your blankets and stuffed animals, and your family, and head over to Wesley-Knox on Friday, March 30. Time: 7 pm!



From the Music Department



Spring blossoms forth with all things musical at Wesley-Knox! Following Mysterium's February 22 performance and participation in the Ash Wednesday worship at L'Arche London's Cana House, and a wonderful performance by Mysterium for the March 1 Annual L'Arche Banquet, our choirs are now preparing for their next events.

At 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 12, at the Education Centre, 1250 Dundas Street, London, our Primary Choir will sing in the London Kiwanis Festival. For a \$2 entry fee you can go and hear our beautiful choir show London the fine work done at Wesley-Knox by our children and director Barb McGill.

On Sunday April 22, Mysterium will be in the choir loft, leading worship and giving the Senior Choir the morning off after their major fundraiser, their terrific Turkey Dinner. An ad appears in this KSC. Have you got your tickets yet?

On Sunday, April 29, the Junior Choir (Boys' and Girls' choirs together) takes to the road to share their musical gifts with the congregation of Grace United Church in Sarnia. Grace is the church that organizes the SWELL hosted by Wesley-Knox. The choir will sing at Sunday service and at a luncheon afterwards. Meanwhile, at Wesley-Knox, our Handbell Choir will provide special music.

At 7 pm on Saturday, May 5, as part of the Annual Meeting of United Church London Conference, Wesley-Knox will host a Celebration of Ministry service for those who will be ordained and commissioned into the United Church. Our Senior Choir and other musicians will be in full force for this glorious worship experience which will be open to all!

And finally, on Wednesday, June 6, 3:30 pm at the London Convention Centre, our Junior Choir will sing for the opening of the National Convention of the Canadian Pediatrics Society. Some 500 pediatricians from Canada, the United States and beyond are expected to attend.

These performances, in general, are all in addition to our regular Sunday morning music ministry. They are opportunities to take the gifts that you, the people of Wesley-Knox, nurture within our walls, and share them with those in the greater London community and beyond.—Karen Schuessler, director of music

From our Sunday School Coordinator



Families have much to celebrate at Wesley Knox. During the dark days of winter we had three fantastic and well-attended outdoor family events: a visit to Westminster Ponds, tubing in St. Marys and skating at Storybook Gardens. Despite our mild winter, we had snowy, picturesque winter conditions for each of these events. And there's more coming up! Next is Family Movie Night on Friday, March 30. Thanks to the Christian Education Committee for planning and supporting all of these events!

The Sunday School is well into Unit 5, studying Lent, Holy Week and Easter through a variety of activities. We will also be hosting and ministering to the many extra children and families who will take part in our next two Community Choir Singing Sundays.

Our next unit of study starts on April 15. I hope you will consider accepting a volunteer position in our Sunday School. We are developing a really strong program and volunteers are enthusiastically taking on longer-term positions, partnering with friends and family to balance busy schedules while offering continuity and consistency to our youth and children. And our youth and children are thriving!

See Sunday School, continued on the back page...

Group and Committee Reports

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Happy 50th Anniversary, all United Church Women!

Many of our members attended the Middlesex Presbytery UCW 50th Anniversary Meeting at White Oaks United Church. Guest speaker was our national president, Betty Turcott. What an amazing lady! The banner made by Middlesex Presbytery UCW units was paraded into the sanctuary for everyone to see. Flora Rath, our Middlesex Presbytery president, will be taking this banner to the National Conference. We all look forward to receiving our 50-year pins, "The Tapestry of Love". I will let you know when they become available.

Our units have been very busy this spring making apple pies, marmalade and Easter eggs. If you are interested in purchasing an apple pie, please contact Sue Mennill. Marmalade and Easter eggs will be available in the Centennial Parlor.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 13: Our **2012 Women's Retreat: Rejoice, Reflect, Release**. Dinner will be served at 6 pm with program to follow. Facilitator: Rev. Tracey Crick-Butler. Cost will be \$20. Contact Linda Wilcox or Cindy Stewart for more information. Then join us and bring a friend. We guarantee you will have a great evening!

Saturday, May 5: **Annual Wesley-Knox Garage Sale**. Start collecting those treasures! Ask your friends and neighbours to help in this collection. All proceeds towards new chairs and tables for the Social Hall.

May 7: **Spirit of Spring Fashion Show**. Tickets \$15 in advance and at the door. Fashions from Kate Walker Designs, Sears, Northern Reflections, Zacks, and Mugford Shoes.

Please see the UCW bulletin board for all events coming up this spring and summer. Some events require advance registration. Forms are available on the bulletin board. Also check the Wesley-Knox website, www.wesleyknox.org.

Click on the UCW logo for information!

UCW Meeting Times

We welcome you! Come and see why UCW ladies are always smiling. Join us!

Unit 1: first Monday of the month,
7 pm, Centennial Parlour

Unit 2: first Tuesday of the Month.
1:30 pm, Centennial Parlour

Unit 4: second Tuesday of the month,
7 pm, Centennial Parlour

Please contact me if you need more information.—*Mary Anne van de Vooren, UCW president, 519.690.2284, Mav_misty@hotmail.com*

WESLEY-KNOX MEN'S GROUP

We continue our Community Breakfast Program on the second Saturday of each month, serving anywhere between 75 and 130 meals. Our excellent team of men and women of all ages and backgrounds work efficiently to offer full and nourishing meals. New volunteers are always welcome. Just speak to Ron Olson, Mike Ryan or Neil Eadie for more information.

As in other years, we will not be offering breakfasts in July and August. Breakfasts will resume in September.



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Approximately 140 people attended our February 21 Pancake Supper. Thanks to all who supported us that evening. About \$600 was raised for the Community Breakfast Fund.

All men in the congregation are invited to join us for breakfast at the Family Circle restaurant on the first Sunday of each month. Following the service on that same day, we serve refreshments to the congregation in the Centennial Parlour.—Neil Eadie, 519.471.2160

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School has been working on its Budding Artists project over the last few months. This has been great fun for the children and is designed as a fundraiser for our Journey with Sudan project.

Have you noticed the number of young families who have been checking out Wesley-Knox? Or families who are coming back? Barb has been working very hard to connect or re-connect with Wesley-Knox families.

Our youth groups have had a fabulous winter! We have skated twice, gone bowling, and joined the group that went tubing at River Valley. In spite of crazy winter weather, we had a perfect February day for tubing. It was lovely and mild, no grass on the slope, just four feet of snow! And for the first time in our long history, we enjoyed snack time out on the veranda in the warm sunshine.

Still, the highlight of our winter was our trip to Worshiplude in Ottawa. Twelve of us went on an extremely cold February weekend, and once again, we were hosted by Rideau Park United Church.

On the Friday evening we skated 8 km on the Rideau Canal. Saturday began with a visit to the Museum of Civilization, and ended at Dominion-Chalmers United Church and a mass youth worship service called The Point. An estimated 500 teens were in attendance. On Sunday, we attended worship at Rideau Park. During the service, Alex Walker thanked Rideau Park for its hospitality.

In the coming weeks and months, we will be hosting the Good Friday SWELL service, go on a retreat in Grand Bend, and offer our Annual Youth Service on Sunday, April 22. We hope that many of our teens will be able to attend the London Conference Youth Forum at Pearce-Williams Christian Centre in April. And we are very excited to have the opportunity to become host church for Presbytery youth gatherings that have, until recently, been held at the former Empress United Church. This makes Wesley-Knox “the church for youth events” in the London area. We host the SWELL, Conference events, and now Presbytery events. The first event is on Friday, March 23, and will offer games, cooking workshops, an art workshop and a first-ever guitar workshop. We have also booked a Coffee House for Friday, June 1. I am hoping to form a team of several adults to help Dave Lumley and me host these very special events.

Friday Movie Nights were popular this winter. Dave showed a good variety of movies, finishing with The African Queen on March 16. With our busy church schedule, we have only three Fridays available for movies this spring: April 20 (Titanic), May 18 (My Week with Marilyn) and June 8 (The Artist). Thanks to Dave for his dedication to this program.

If anyone has not yet been to a Movie Night, please try it out. We watch the movie—popcorn and pop is provided—and enjoy dessert and decaf afterwards. Usually we offer a second feature for “night owls”. This is a fun way to get to know members of your Wesley-Knox family, and guests are always welcome.—Jane Walker, chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

This is my first submission to the Kindred Spirit Connection as chair of the Worship Committee. Chris Mortlock is now chair of the Property Committee. However, we are blessed to have Chris continue as a member of our committee, assisting our minister by organizing worship leaders and

ministers for Sunday services. Thank you, Chris!

Over the past year, our Committee has worked diligently to develop a policy and procedure that would address the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians Disability Act. The policy we created was passed by the Official Board in November, 2011. The Worship committee, with the assistance of others, then created a pamphlet called **Wesley-Knox United Church: A Guideline to be Inclusive of People with Disabilities**, to be used by ushers, greeters, staff and all Wesley-Knox members. This pamphlet contains tips on how to effectively make those with disabilities feel welcome when they come through our doors. Based on this work, former Worship Committee member, Ingrid Hutchinson-Young created a Powerpoint presentation. After church on March 4, she led a training session explaining the new guidelines.

Pamphlets are now available at the back of the church.

David McKane, our Presbytery Appointed Minister, continues to lead us in meaningful worship as we approach this joyous Easter season. Karen Schuessler, our director of music, and Barb McGill, our Sunday School Coordinator, have impressed us with their growing children’s programs and wonderful gift of music. Mysterium and our Senior Choir particularly add to the excellence of all the music that is an integral part of our worship.

We are always looking for new members to add to our committee. We usually meet in the Chapel at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call me for more information.—Sandra Fox, chair, 519.681.7499

COMMUNICATIONS

The last two months were busy with the production of the Kindred Spirit Connection and Annual Report, and for John McFall, our church photographer, the production of the pictorial review for the Annual General Meeting. A big thanks to John for this. It was excellent as usual! In the weeks that followed,

committee members met with Lionel Morise to firm up the new Wesley-Knox website. At press time, the site was available on the web but was not live, as committee members begin to lay in text, pictures, troubleshoot and make adjustments. There is a learning curve here! Committee members hope that the public side of the new website will be available before Easter. More as things unfold!—*Harry MacLean*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Recently, the steam boiler for our heating system was upgraded with a new pressure regulator and double-check valve on the water supply side needed for safe, unattended operation of the boiler system.

During the last few months, through the efforts of our custodian, Sandra Alvarez, ably assisted by our Sip and Serve volunteers, several projects have been completed at very low cost. These projects could have cost us hundreds of dollars, but were completed at a small fraction of that cost by dedicated volunteers. The most evident: repairing the cracks in the stairs at the parking-lot entrance.

In the interest of safety, at each of our telephones, we are installing emergency instructions to be followed when calling 911. We are also installing placards identifying the location of all fire extinguishers.

Several volunteers and committee members keep busy with painting around the building as time and scheduling permits—not an easy task with the heavy use that our spaces receive in this active church. Volunteers are always repairing chipped plaster and refinishing the normal wear-and-tear around this busy building.

All of these tasks are completed in-house with only limited expenses for materials required, allowing our reserve fund to grow for those much larger expenditures which require us to hire outside contractors to complete. Projects that we are currently evaluating include replacing the fence around the parking area and addressing some security-related concerns.

If you have any suggestions, please leave a note in the Property Committee mailbox in the back hallway.—*Chris Mortlock, chair*

PROPERTY USE COMMITTEE

Thanks to all committee chairpersons who are booking their meetings and events through Heather in the church office. We ask that you continue to book early to avoid conflicts in booking spaces so our building will continue to be used wisely. Non-church groups must still consult with Property Use, produce proof of insurance and sign a contract prior to their events. This allows us to book custodial help and determine if and how different functions will impact on normal church use. Our facilities have been booked by several outside groups this year and we have some large events booked for this spring.—*Marg Henderson, chair*



And when they went into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, wearing a white robe, and they grew apprehensive. He says to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He was raised. He is not here. Look at the spot where they put him! Tell his disciples he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him..."—Mark 16:5-6a, Scholars translation

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERY

The last meeting of Middlesex Presbytery was held on February 18 at Riverside United Church, and the focus was on the youth of Middlesex Presbytery and London Conference. A lively worship service was presented by the Youth Forum band with Betsey Exley in the forefront with her wonderful singing voice. The music was upbeat and very moving.

Many changes are taking place within our Presbytery. The housing project on the grounds of the former Gethsemane United Church in northeast London will offer some 30 affordable housing units. Construction will begin in August. This project has taken years, but the wait is almost over. When completed, the ELUCO food bank will be moved back onto that site, as that was part of the agreement when Gethsemane closed.

The Division of World Outreach was proud to say that half of the \$120,000 needed to complete its Kare For Kids project—a daycare centre in South Africa—has been met.

Wesley-Knox was mentioned when we were thanked for saving the Friday Night Gym program that has been running for all youth in the Middlesex-Presbytery area for quite some time. Because of the sale of the former Empress United Church, the Gym Night group had no place in which to meet, but thanks to our Board which voted in favour of letting them use our church, this program is able to continue. It is so important to have these programs for our youth, and we should be proud of being a part of encouraging and supporting the youth and children of our area.

A final note about young people: Karen Low, UWO chaplain, wants our help in promoting her on-campus presence to all the students and young adults within our congregation. She is there to be a spiritual leader and support and promote the United Church, and everyone needs to be aware that she is available for those who need her.—*Debbi Jarvis, Middlesex Presbytery representative*

From Mission and Service

We're sending two South Sudanese girls to school!

Illiteracy is a big problem in South Sudan, especially for women with minimal access to education. Just 16% of the country's female population can read. This is why our congregation will be sponsoring two South Sudanese women by paying for their ongoing education. Their names are Rebecca Nyial Nuot Kol and Bhakita Adeng Lual.

Rebecca is a 19-year old young woman who has just graduated from primary school. She lost both parents in the war and grew up with her aunt and uncle. There were too many mouths to feed, so Rebecca went to the area Catholic mission to help the priests there. It is her desire to someday become a teacher or a nurse so that she can help others.

Bhakita is one year younger than Rebecca and is going into primary 8. She also lost her parents in the war. She had been abducted—taken from her mother—when she was little, but through the course of the war was able to return. However, shortly after her return, her mother became sick and she was left to fend for herself. She went to stay with her grandmother who was very old and sick. Bhakita wanted to become a nun, so she also went to the Catholic mission to help with the work of the nuns and priests.



Rebecca



Bhakita

Together we can raise \$31,000 for Mission and Service!

The above initiative is an example of a project unique to Wesley Knox. However, please remember that your contributions to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada support many deserving projects in Canada and around the globe. Last year our congregation contributed \$29,131 (our UCW raised another \$5,000) to support M and S projects selected by the United Church of Canada. Unfortunately, the need for help is not declining nor is the cost of funding projects. This is why, at our February 12 Annual General Meeting, our congregation set a 2012 objective of \$31,000 for M and S. We've given generously in the past. Let's keep the momentum going!

Journey with Sudan - an Update

So far we've had two "open" meetings for anyone thinking of becoming involved with the trip to South Sudan. The response has been extremely positive with more than a dozen people ages 16–82 expressing an interest. We're now starting to grapple with some of the details around raising funds, planning our work "over there", and keeping the entire congregation involved! We'll continue to meet monthly until we make the trip in January. Please keep this group in your prayers.

Recycle your Electronics!

Don't forget that the weekend of April 21 and 22 (Earth Day) is the time to bring your used electronics to the church parking lot for recycling. It won't cost you anything and this project will help fund the trip to Sudan. The recycling depot will be open from 10 am to 5 pm both days. We'll be paid for each ton we collect, so don't be shy about contributing your old TVs and computers. Please contact Tony Haworth if you need help getting these items to the church.—*Tony Haworth, chair, 519.438.5352*



Katy Whitfield Awarded Diamond Jubilee Medal

Wesley-Knox members **Alec and Sadie Whitfield** are very proud of their granddaughter, **Katy (Kathryn Laura) Whitfield**, these days. On February 6, Katy was one of the first sixty Canadians to be awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. His Excellency, the Right Honorable David Johnson and Prime Minister Stephen Harper presided over the ceremony which was held at Rideau Hall. Johnson said, "The recipients honored by this medal have made Canada better. Individually they have improved the well-being of many of our communities, and together, they have helped create a smarter, more caring nation." Katy, a teacher at Vaughn Road Academy in Toronto, was recognized for organizing an internet-based project that raised \$10,799 in only two weeks to help build a Free the Children school in Kenya. For the full story, visit www.freethechildren.com/blog/2012/01/pocket-change-heroes.php.



The Stewardship Journey Continues

The Stewardship Committee is working hard, exploring ways of helping Wesley-Knox prosper now and in the future. At Wesley-Knox we welcome children through baptism and watch as they grow and enjoy the Sunday School, Youth Forum, Confirmation and move on to all that adult life has to offer. Did you know that between our Sunday School, children's choirs, Mysterium, and our youth groups we have approximately 200 children and young people learning about the Christian faith and how to put it into practice in their lives? That's an astounding number of young people involved in our congregational life!

As a congregation, we enjoy the many aspects of our wonderful music programs and as a caring community we come together for mission and outreach—all part of our faith journey. We also want this to continue for future generations.

We should think of the legacy that was given to us by previous generations of Wesley-Knox people and then ask ourselves, "How can we ensure that this congregation continues to reach the next generation with our faith and mission in the world?"

One way is through Legacy Giving. That is what you can leave to help future generations grow our congregation.

Recently, we have seen some wonderful examples of this. The Sherriff bequest is being used to enhance our worship by funding musicians. The Kennedy bequest is being used to partly fund our Sunday School program over the next few years.

How do I learn more about Legacy Giving to the church?

Come to a Stewardship Seminar at noon on Sunday, April 15. There will be a light lunch followed by the seminar with guest speaker, Heather McLean from London Conference. There will be time for your questions.

What will your legacy to Wesley-Knox be? Registration forms for the seminar will be available on Sundays. It's free, so sign up, join us, and bring your questions.—*the Stewardship Committee*

Spring Movie Nights!

April 20: Titanic

Two young people from very different backgrounds share their journey on the maiden and final voyage of the RMS Titanic. This Oscar Award-winning film stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet and recounts the events that took place 100 years ago this month.



May 18: My Week with Marilyn

Starring Michelle Williams and Eddie Redmayne. From the diary of Colin Clark, his beginning as an assistant on the set of a movie starring Sir Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe.

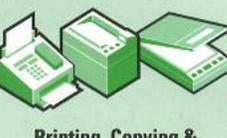
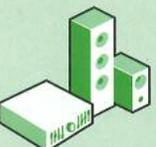
June 8: The Artist

Starring Jean Dujardin and Berenice Bejo. Winner of five Academy awards, the story of George Valentin, a silent movie actor facing the advent of talking pictures. Fabulous musical score.

All movies at 7:30 pm in the parlour followed by decaf and dessert.—*DL*

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Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22

Wesley-Knox United Church

91 Askin Street, London

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Church Ladies with Typewriters

OK. These could just as easily have come from men. But remember that in years gone by, church newsletters like the KSC were often assembled by church ladies. We must admit, though, that our Wesley-Knox ladies never allowed things like these to slip through! Please apply Christian tolerance and enjoy! Thanks to Al Pauli for finding and forwarding this material.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

There's lots more where these came from. Perhaps in the next KSC...—HJM

WESLEY-KNOX GARAGE SALE!

TOYS • BOOKS • HOUSEHOLD ITEMS • GREAT STUFF AT BARGAIN PRICES!

Saturday, May 5, 8:30 am–12 noon

Start setting your items aside now. Bring items to the church on Thursday and Friday, May 3–4. Then come and bring your friends to the sale and support our UCW!

Our Busy Sunday School

Sometimes it happens in the kitchen, sometimes in the Sunday School room upstairs. But there's never a dull moment!



Mysterium at L'Arche

Earlier this year, our youth choir, Mysterium, voted to adopt L'Arche London and create an ongoing relationship of support and involvement. L'Arche, founded by humanitarian and theologian Jean Vanier, provides homes and community for people with severe functional or intellectual disabilities. Rev. Dr. David McKane sits on the L'Arche London Board of Directors, and one of L'Arche's London houses, Cana House, is led by our own Mary Bee Haworth.

On February 22, Mysterium participated and performed in an Ash Wednesday worship service at Cana House. Then, on Friday, March 2, Mysterium offered the evening's entertainment at the Annual L'Arche Banquet and Art Sale held at the Hellenic Centre on Southdale Road. Some 500 L'Arche supporters and friends were in attendance.

Members of Mysterium are thrilled to have this opportunity to give back and to align themselves with this outstanding organization based on the kind of inclusivity and compassion that was modelled by Jesus. It is clear that we are growing stellar young people at Wesley-Knox. What a gift they are to the world!—*Karen Schuessler*



Holy Week, Easter and Spring Calendar

Special Services...

Palm Sunday, April 1

10:30 am: **Distribution of Palms and Holy Communion**

Maundy Thursday, April 5

6 pm: **Potluck Supper and Holy Communion** in the Social Hall

Good Friday, April 6

10:30 am: **Joint Service** with Calvary United, White Oaks United and Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian at **Calvary United Church**, 290 Ridout Street South, London

7 pm: **The SWELL UC London Conference Youth Service** with multimedia and band. It's an experience! All ages welcome!

Easter Sunday, April 8

7 am: **Sunrise Service** in the sanctuary followed by breakfast in the Social Hall

10:30 am: **We celebrate Resurrection! Glorious Easter Service** with choir, organ, brass quintet and timpani!

Sunday, April 22

10:30 am: **Youth Service**

Special Events...

Karen Schuessler Singers Night at the Opera Concert
Saturday, March 31, 8 pm

Annual Women's Retreat
Friday evening, April 13, 6 pm

Wesley-Knox Garage Sale
Saturday, May 5, 8:30 am–noon

Spirit of Spring Fashion Show
Monday, May 7, 7 pm

Community Breakfasts: Saturdays, April 14 and May 12, 8:45 am

Out-of-the-Cold Dinners: Sundays, March 25, April 22, May 27, 5 pm

Family Movie Night: Friday, March 30, 7 pm: "Hop"

Regular Movie Night: Friday, April 20 and May 18, 7:30 pm

Wesley-Knox Council: Wednesday, March 21 and May 16, 7 pm

Wesley-Knox Official Board: Wednesday, April 18, 7 pm

Spring Speakers Series

Sunday evenings, 7:30 pm. Open to the public. Freewill offering

April 15: **Rabbi Debra Dressler**, Temple Israel, on Judaism

April 22: **Dr. David Galston**, Brock University, on the Emerging Church

April 29: **Aubrey Harris**, Amnesty International, on capital punishment

May 6: **Raheel Raza**, Muslim activist, on Sharia law and honour killing

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Phase one of our Sunday School fundraiser is now drawing to a close and we are ready to let you in on this exciting project. On Jane Roy's last trip to Sudan, she collected 50 pieces of art from children who participated in their Arts Camp. Maria of Budding Artists and Jane then selected 12 pieces from the 50 to pair with art from Wesley Knox. On March 25 we will display all of this art work in the Centennial Parlour. We'll be offering three options. You may...

- purchase ceramic tile(s) made from a child's artwork and donate it back to the church to decorate the second floor,
- purchase a perpetual calendar that combines artwork from Sudan and artwork by the children of Wesley-Knox, or
- select a custom-made product using the artwork of your choice for gifts or for your own enjoyment. Products will include coffee mugs, trivets, luggage tags and more.

Samples of all products will be on display on March 25. 25% of all purchases will be donated to our Wesley-Knox Journey with Sudan mission project!—*Barbara McGill, Sunday School coordinator*

It's our Eighteenth Annual Old-Fashioned

TURKEY DINNER!

Saturday, April 21, 6 p.m.
Wesley-Knox United Church Social Hall
91 Askin Street, London

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

- Only 200 places! A sellout in past years!
- A real homecooked dinner with all the trimmings, just like at Christmas or Thanksgiving, but without all the fuss!
- Special entertainment after dinner!
- Hosted by the W-K Senior Choir in support of church projects!
- Tickets available at Tuckey Home Hardware, from members of the choir, or from the church office, 673-4803!
- Avoid disappointment! Order your tickets today!



Spring Speakers Series

Some six years ago, Wesley-Knox undertook a visioning exercise. Four important recommendations came out of the discussions, one being that Wesley-Knox become "a teaching church that, for all ages, feeds the mind and spirit."

Sunday School and Youth Forum have continued to serve our young people. For adults, Wesley-Knox has offered the Alpha Program, Living the Questions and similar DVD-based programs, major speakers like Marcus Borg and Bruce Sanguin, and a Winter Speakers Series.

We want to keep the momentum going. That's why, **on four Sunday evenings in April and early May**, Wesley-Knox will offer a **Spring Speakers Series**. We have four outstanding speakers lined up.

Sunday April 15: **Rabbi Debra Dressler** of Temple Israel, London, speaking on various aspects of the Jewish Faith.



Rabbi Debra Dressler

Sunday, April 22: **David Galston**, Jesus scholar and Ecumenical Chaplin, Brock University, St. Catharines, speaking on postmodern ways of thinking and the Emerging Church.



David Galston

Sunday, April 29: **Aubrey Harris** of Amnesty International speaking on the worldwide movement to abolish capital punishment.

Sunday, May 6: Muslim activist **Raheel Raza** speaking on Sharia law and its implications for wider society. She will also touch on honour killings, brought to public attention by the Shafia murders.



Aubrey Harris

We have heard each of these speak at other times, in other places. Each has an engaging presentation to offer and important ideas to share. Whether your interest is theology, social justice or interfaith dialogue, there is something here for you. **Presentations, 40–45 minutes long, will begin at 7:30 pm and be followed by 20–25 minutes of questions.** You can expect to be out by 9!



Raheel Raza

There will be no charge but we will accept freewill offerings. The series will be open to the public and we'll be advertising it in the London Free Press. It's yet another way of making friends for Wesley-Knox and bringing new people into our church.

Come and learn! Come to our Spring Speakers Series!—HJM

Deadline for submitting materials for the next Kindred Spirit Connection: Sunday, May 20.