

# “News for the Pews”

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Minister's Musings

Christmas Eve we hung the Star of Bethlehem in the Sanctuary. Actually, Arlene caught me, the week before Christmas, with my fishing pole trying to cast two little lead weights through the ceiling framework. Have you seen the video on Facebook?

The star is in place, ready for the season of Epiphany, which started on January 6th. Epiphany is the season of light and it's the light of the star that guided the wisemen to the cradle. The star is a great symbol for Wesley-Knox at this time because we, too, are on a journey. Guided by the star, the congregation will search out new directions in ministry.

Please don't confuse the new minister with baby Jesus. Your new minister will be only one person in a team leading the congregation. We probably should hang many stars in the sanctuary and put them over the leaders that have stepped forward and the leaders yet to be found in our midst. Keep your eye on the stars.

~ Rev. Tom Hiscock

*The sermon this week will be given by Chris Mortlock, with the message and Scripture being changed from what is printed in the bulletin.*



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## **Moving in the Spirit...**

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in the world.**

## *Office Hours:*

Monday	8.30 am – 2.30 pm
Tuesday	8.30 am – 2.30 pm
Wednesday	8.30 am – 2.30 pm
Thursday	8.30 am – 2.30 pm
	(1-hour lunch at 12 noon)
Friday	8.30 am – 12.30 pm

July & August reduced hours





Region 7 - Antler River Watershed

**PRAYER CYCLE**

**January 12 is:  
Talbot Street**

Prayers for the people and animals of Australia; that they receive the weather conditions needed to control the wildfires, and that all of the firefighters stay safe.

Prayers for improved relations between Iraq and the United States.

The family, friends, and colleagues of 63 Canadians (including 4 Western University Students) who died in the plane crash on Wednesday near Tehran.

Prayers for our church families enduring grief, loss, or loneliness.

If you wish to submit an article for the newsletter, simply email it to the office

at: [wesleyknox@bellnet.ca](mailto:wesleyknox@bellnet.ca)

Hand written submissions are also welcome for folks who do not use email.

**Deadline:**

12:00 pm on Wednesdays

**URGENT INFORMATION NEEDED!!!**

IF YOU GAVE AN  
“IN MEMORIUM” DONATION  
FOR ALICE EVANS, PLEASE CONTACT  
THE OFFICE.

THERE WAS ONE ENVELOPE  
WITHOUT A NAME ON IT, AND THE  
AMOUNT OF THE CHEQUE WAS  
NOT NOTED! THIS PERSON LIVES  
ON “GARDENVALE CRESCENT”,  
WHICH DOES NOT MATCH  
ANY GIVERS IN OUR RECORDING  
SYSTEM. THANK-YOU!

**Seniors' Connection**

**Senior's Connection for  
Wednesday, January  
15th**

**is CANCELLED.**

**Please watch  
the newsletter  
for updates.**



# Prayer Wednesdays

Days and Time: Alternate Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Start Date: Wednesday January 22, 2020

Finish Date: Wednesday April 29, 2020

Location: Wesley-Knox Chapel

Purpose: To invite members and non-members into the Wesley-Knox community of faith for a time of openly sharing our faith through prayers mid-week to keep momentum going and to keep hope alive in an open, non-judgmental format. Share your own written prayer, read one aloud, bring a prayer, or spirit-spoken prayers from the heart.

## Format:

- Lighting of candle
- Opening prayer and words of welcome
- The speaker or one praying aloud will hold the feather while others listen
- Allowing 10-15 time frame for each of
  - Prayers for the World (the larger picture)
  - Prayers for Self and Others
  - Prayers for Our Church and the Church
- 2 minutes for silent prayers
- Discussion, requests, suggestions (group leader takes notes of requests for next time)
- Special requests for prayers during the week
- Group closing prayer and extinguishing of candle
- Availability of resources (i.e.) a prayer to take home or a recommended book to read

Possibility of a prayer tree whereby people place a prayer request on a prayer tree and one attending the group takes a prayer request, reads the prayer aloud in the group on behalf of the one not in attendance



## Family Corner

The Family breakfast scheduled for this **Sunday, January 12th, has been cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances and will be rescheduled.

Thank you for your understanding.

### UPDATE ABOUT “THE SWELL” YOUTH EVENT (Teenagers and Young Adults)

We had the privilege to host the Antler River Region SWELL Youth Service on Friday January 3rd. We have hosted this service twice a year, for many years. The SWELL is created by the leadership teams from Grace United in Sarnia and Strathroy United. It draws young people and their leaders, from all over South Western Ontario. The service is designed to reach the youth through music, testimonials and drama. Rev. Brad Morrison, from Strathroy, summed it up well in this Social Media post:

“Thank you to my ministry colleagues for taking the time to bring your congregation’s young people to the Swell last night. We know from experience that the investment of time pays off. The drive to and from the event opens so many conversations that strengthen our shared ministry and mission. In this busy time of year, there are so many other demands on your time. So your contributions to this mission-critical piece of congregational health is appreciated. Last night had around 30 youth involved in leadership. From communion servers and offering collectors to sound, lighting, and video projection techs. From set-up and take-down crews to real-time visual artists and photographers. From the lunch and reception crew to pit bands and soloists. From the drama team and spoken word poets to the rehearsed and impromptu liturgists. You all rock!”

#### *Note from the Office Administrator:*

*The next SWELL event is on Good Friday, April 10, 2020. If you previously made cash donations directly to Jane Walker for the purpose of purchasing supplies, you may now submit those donations directly to the office.*

*On Sundays when using a pew envelope or your numbered envelope, simply indicate the amount you want directed to “The Swell”. It will be included in your year-end tax givings.*

## UCW Unit 4 Reminder:

We will be meeting

**at 1 PM**

in the Parlour

for the months of

January and February!

See you there!



## Call for Counters!

If you have a few hours to invest every 4th week, and have basic math skills, consider joining the Counting team! This is a “valuable” ministry in the life and work of the church.

Please contact Rob Reid at  
519-495-3249 or rreid\_rcl@icloud.com



## **Ever thought you'd like to try bell ringing?**

**The Wesley Knox Ringers have 2  
openings for our winter season.**

**If you are free on Wednesday  
evenings and  
would like to give  
it a try, call Cath-  
ie at 519 471  
2351.**



**We will arrange a  
lesson before you  
join up with the  
rest of the group.**

Our new copier center will be installed next week. If you have any printing to do, consider getting it done on the week-end, or wait until later in the week. This will be a learning curve for all of us, so your patience is appreciated!.

Remember to use your printer code(s) for the appropriate committee or group, as the cost of those copies will be charged back to your Standing Committee Budgets.



## *This Week @ WKUC*

12 JAN-SUN	<u>Note: Family Breakfast and Congregational Meeting have been cancelled</u>	
	10:30 am Sanctuary	Worship with Rev. Tom Hiscock & Chris Mortlock
	3:00 pm Sanctuary	Celebration of Life
13 JAN-MON	7:00 pm Chapel	M&P Committee
	7:00 pm Parlour	Reaching Out Committee
14 JAN-TUE	9:30 am Nursery	Moms & Tots
	1:00 pm Parlour	UCW Unit # 4
	4:30 pm Parlour	Trustees
15 JAN-WED	09:30 am Chapel	Staff Meeting
	1:00 pm Parlour	CANCELLED Seniors' Connection
	7:00 pm Parlour	Leadership Council
15 JAN-THU	4:45 pm Choir Room	Jr Choirs (Boys 4:45 pm, Girls 5:15 pm)
	5:00 pm SS Room	Primary Choir
	6:00 pm Parlour	Spiritual Life
	6.00 pm Choir Room	Mysterium
	7:30 pm Parlour	Sr. Choir
17 JAN-FRI	9:30 am Nursery	Moms & Tots
18 JAN-SAT	9:30 am Social Hall	Search Committee meeting
19 JAN-SUN	10:15 am Sanctuary	Congregational Hymn Sing
	10:30 am Sanctuary	Worship with Rev. Tom Hiscock

Please remember to check the Google calendar on line or printed on the office door  
to ensure your booking request does not interfere with a rental booking.

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## *Upcoming Worship Schedule*

	JAN 12	JAN 19	JAN 26	FEB 02
Sunday Service @ 10:30 am	1st after Epiphany	2nd after Epiphany	3rd after Epiphany	4th after Epiphany
<b>Worship Team</b>	Rev. Tom Hiscock & Chris Mortlock	Rev. Tom Hiscock	Rev. Tom Hiscock	Rev. Tom Hiscock & Glen Pearson
<b>Music Team</b>	Karen Schuessler	Karen Schuessler	Karen Schuessler	Karen Schuessler
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Trevor Johnson	Heather Greenfield	Debbie Jarvis	Michael Cottam
<b>Usher Captain</b>	Team One with Sandra Fox	Team One with Sandra Fox	Team One with Sandra Fox	Team Four with Jason Taylor
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Team 4 Ted & Nina Leitch May McAllister	Team 1 Rob Reid Paul Spence	Team 2 Mike Ryan Eileen Cook Hugh John Cook	Team 3 Doug McCabe, Michael Cottam
<b>Coffee Time</b>	Breakfast Team	Leadership Council	UCW Unit #4	UCW Unit #1

## *Upcoming Special Events*

- Friday, January 10                   --ANNUAL REPORTS WERE DUE IN OFFICE
- Sunday, January 19               --Congregational Hymn Sing @ 10:15 am (prior to worship!)
- Sunday, January 26               --Congregational Meeting @ 11:30 am
- Sunday, January 26               --Lunch & Learn @ 12 pm
- Sunday, February 02              --Game Day and Pot-Luck dinner (lead by Youth Group)
- Sunday, February 09              --Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- Annual Congregational Meeting with Souper Sunday fundraiser

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