

## **OUR MISSION - OUR VISION**

Transforming lives through relationship with God and one another  
Wesley-Knox - a vibrant Christian community striving to live gratefully,  
deepen faith and reach out to God's world

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018**

Guest Preacher:  
Proclaiming the Word:

Rev. Tom Hiscock  
Mike Ryan

## **VOLUNTARY:**

### **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

## **WORDS OF WELCOME LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

*(The \* is an invitation to rise in body or in spirit)*

## **PRELUDE:**

\* **HYMN:** 81 "As With Gladness, Men of Old"

## **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Look up; look way up. See the brilliant stars overhead.

**All: We know that God offers us guidance for the journey.**

One: Look ahead; look a long way ahead. See the path that leads to the future.

**All: We know that God has a dream for that future.**

One: Look within; look deeply within yourself. See the gift of God's Spirit shared for us all.

**All: We know that God is working within us and among us.**

One: Today we begin a new journey in a new year. Today we are open to being inspired by an old story with a treasured message.

**All: Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.**

*Bill Steadman, St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury*

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**UNITED CHURCH CREED:** VU Page 918

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 93 "When Heaven's Bright with Mystery" (vs.1,2)

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

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** (vs. 3,4)

**ANTHEM:** Mary, Did You Know?

Greene, arr Schrader

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 2:1-12

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE: "TOURISTS"**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

\* **HYMN:** 96 "Will You Come and See the Light"

## **PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\* **OFFERTORY RESPONSE AND PRAYER:** 539

*God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

## **PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**HYMN:** 43 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\* **COMMISSIONING & RESPONSE: #298**

*When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.*

## **POSTLUDE**

**Welcome Visitors:** We welcome those of you who are visiting with us today and invite you to sign our guest books located on the back tables. If you wish office attention, please sign one of the Pew Cards and place

it on the offering plate. After the service, please join us downstairs in the Social Hall for coffee, served by Unit #1.

**There are activity packs** for children who wish to colour during the service. Please return the packs to the table after the service, Thank you!

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018**

**THIS WEEK**

Monday, January 8 -

**M&P** - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

**Unit #1** - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour

Tuesday, January 9 -

**Moms & Tots** - 9:30 a.m. - SS Room

**Unit #4** - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour - All Welcome!

**Trustee Board & Finance** - 4:30 p.m. - Parlour

Wednesday, January 10 -

**Senior's Connection** - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour - Cards

Thursday, January 11 -

**Primary Choir** - Gr. 1-3 - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Junior Boys' Choir** - Gr. 4-7/8 - 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

**Junior Girls' Choir** - Gr. 4-7/8 - 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

**Mysterium** - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Gr. 9 - University

**Senior Choir** - 7:30 p.m. - Parlour

**Worship** - 6:00 p.m. - Chapel

Friday, January 12 -

**Moms & Tots** - 9:30 a.m. - SS Room

**GENERAL**

**ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS** there will be a special meeting of the board to be held directly after church on January 14<sup>th</sup> in the chapel. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on Remit #6. For further investigation of this vote, please check the United Church website under the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council heading, and remits.

**The Senior Youth Group** will be going to Stratford on January 14<sup>th</sup> for a horse drawn sleigh ride. Please meet at the church at 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The scheduled ride is from 5 to 6 p.m. We may stop on the way home to get something to eat (McDonald's?), so bring some extra money. We will be back at the church around 8 p.m.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>** is Worshiplude in Ottawa. The deadline for registration is January 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$110.00. Please go to the London

Conference website to register or talk to Brian MacKinnon.

***Welcome Back Senior's Connection Luncheon.***

Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlour.

Please RSVP to Paul Stewart at 519-432-0040 by Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>.

***THANK YOU! THANK YOU!***

Over 350 warming items have been distributed at the Community Breakfast and Out of the Cold meals in December. These items will help warm the hands, heads and feet of those in need. We will continue to offer hats, mitts etc. at the January meals. Especially appreciated - SOCKS AND MITTS.

**SOUPER SUNDAY** is our main fundraiser for the Out of the Cold meal program. Get your tickets today at coffee time for a hearty homemade soup lunch. January 21<sup>st</sup>, \$6pp or \$20 per family.

***NEW TO WESLEY KNOX***

We are holding a dessert and coffee info session for those of you who are new to Wesley Knox and for anyone else that would like to know more about our church community on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> after the service in the parlour. Any questions that you may have about church membership please contact Rev. Tracy Crick Butler in the office. For further info about this dessert event please call Debbi Jarvis at 519-471-6727. This is good time to meet other newcomers and the staff here at the church.

**New Members** - On Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> Wesley-Knox will welcome new members during Sunday morning worship. On Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship there will be a gathering for all those who are interested in making Wesley-Knox their church home or learning more about the church community. Please speak to Debbi Jarvis or Rev. Tracy if you are interested in attending this gathering.

**NOTICE TO ALL CHAIRS** - the Annual Meeting is fast approaching, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for the Annual report is January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please submit your report to Heather at [wesleyknox@bellnet.ca](mailto:wesleyknox@bellnet.ca).

**PANCAKES ARE COMING!** Yes, it's that time of year again for pancakes, baked beans, ham and make your own sundaes - Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets will be available soon!

**The Senior Youth Group** would like to thank the congregation for their recent support of our "Cookie Mix Jar" fundraiser. The youth group raised a total of \$352.75. The money raised will be given to Hannah Haworth for her upcoming trip to South Sudan in January.

**Wesley-Knox is pleased** to share that our Music Director, Karen Schuessler has been named to the Mayor's Honour List for 2018. This award is a reflection of Karen's leadership and the impact that she has had in our community. Congratulations Karen! We are very proud of you! For more details, check our website and Facebook pages.

**For Pastoral Care concerns**, please contact Lisa Morris, our Pastoral Care and Membership Coordinator, by Confidential Phone 519-673-4803, **ext** 204 or wesleyknoxpastoralcare@gmail.com

#### **INTERIM REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

We are excited to announce that the search for members to serve on the new Leadership Council is complete and we have assembled a team of committed and talented individuals all excited to be part of the new governance model. Over the course of the next few weeks please extend a few words of encouragement and thanks to:

**Cathy Grasby, Chairperson**  
**Bob Hahn, Treasurer**  
**Sheila Carson, Secretary**  
**Jennifer Cline**  
**Tony Haworth**  
**John Koreen**  
**Lynda Laskey**  
**John McFall**  
**Tara Pegg**  
**Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler, Ex-Officio**

The Nomination Committee has now turned its attention to the important task of finding members to serve on the six standing committees which are:

**Community Care**  
**Faith Formation**

#### **Ministry & Personnel** **Reaching Out** **Resources & Renewal** **Spiritual Life**

This is your opportunity to get involved and give of your time and talents. If you have an interest in serving on one of these committees please talk with Cathie Banks, Ian Hardie, Carl Hearn, Marilynne McNeil or Liz Phoenix.

**Mysterium is honoured** to have been invited by Peggy Sattler, MMP London West, to perform at her annual New Year's Levee and Volunteer Recognition Evening on January 18! Way to go, Mysterium!

**Get Your Tickets Now!!** Our wonderful Girls' Choir will be singing during the Half-Time Show at the London Lightnings Basketball Game against the Niagara River Lions on Saturday, February 3 at 7:00. We have 100 tickets to sell for this game. This is an important fundraiser for our choir programs! Tickets are at a discount for only \$15. See Maggie downstairs at Coffee Hour!

**Hand Drumming** - New Winter Session begins! A new 8-week Session of drumming begins on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>! Have you always wanted to learn hand drums? Now is your chance! Rob Larose offers hand drum lessons in a group setting on Monday afternoons at WKUC.

**Dates are:** January 15<sup>th</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-4:30 for Children ages 8-12 (\$50) and 4:30-5:30 for Adults and Teens (\$70). PLEASE NOTE TIME SWITCH. Hand drums will be provided. African, Cuban, Jamaican and Middle Eastern drumming will be explored. Beginners welcome! To Register, email Karen Schuessler at kasch500@rogers.com or call Wesley-Knox, (519) 673-4803, ext. 202 and leave a message.

#### **Events in Worship**

January 14	Kevin White, singer-songwriter
January 28	Book Kimber-Johnson, vocalist
February 11	New Members Sing On, Sisters! Girls' Choir
February 18	Lent 1 Mysterium
February 25	Lent 2 Sing On, Brothers! Boys' Choir
March 4	Primary Choir

