

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, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Proclaiming the Word:

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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:** Let There Be Peace on Earth #3

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: This morning we are called to this place.
All: *We are called to come together as the people of God.*
One: We come to seek meaning for the everyday reality of our lives.
All: *We come to seek out the One who gives meaning to life.*
One: We come to share who we are and who we are becoming.
All: *We come to be embraced by the One who creates us and loves us.*
One: Together may we be a community of peace and love,
All: *and may peace begin with me!*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 703 "In the Bulb There is a Flower" (vs 1,2) #2

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 703 (vs 3)

ANTHEM: Sing Out a Joyful Song in Praise Wood
On this Welcoming Sunday, the choir offers an anthem of praise and thanksgiving to God for our wonderful church.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-9

One: For the Word of God in scripture, among us and within us.
All: *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE

SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN:** 509 "Here I Am Lord" #1

* **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: Toccata in F Major Buxtehude

A major German composer in the 1600s, Buxtehude (Bux-tuh-HOO-duh) was famous for his public concerts. Bach journeyed over 200 miles on foot to hear them in 1705.

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 the Leadership Council, and ice-cream Sundaes served by the Faith Formation team.

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!

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed in loving memory of Dorothy and Everett Smith, by their daughters Julie and Susan.

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TODAY

Welcome Back Sundae - come and have a delicious ice-cream sundae and see what's coming up new and exciting for the fall at Wesley-Knox.

Come join Youth Group this afternoon (grade 9 - grade 13+) for our first meeting of the year! We will get together for a backyard barbecue and campfire. Meet in the Youth Room after the service and we will walk to Brad and Susan's (5 Ingleside Place). Pickup is at 2:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK

In your personal prayers this week, please pray for the Wesley-Knox Community as a new church year begins with opportunities to open the doors to welcome people in and for all to go out to serve God's world. Pray that all might find a place of belonging.

Monday, September 17 -

Inclusivity Meeting - Social Hall - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18 -

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

Card Making - 1:30 p.m. - Social Hall

Wednesday, September 19 -

Seniors Group - 12:30 p.m. - Social Hall for a Welcome Back Luncheon

Leadership Council - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour

Thursday, September 20 -

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

Friday, September 21 -

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

GENERAL

Care to Care in a new way? Join our wonderful volunteer driver team to help those in need of a ride get to Church on Sunday mornings. With enough drivers, your commitment could be only once a month. This is a great opportunity to get to know

others better as well. If interested, please let Margo Bettger-Hahn know by calling 519-434-6157 or mbettgerhahn@rogers.com. Thanks!

This Thursday, September 20th is Bring-A-Friend day for the children's choir program. All Choristers are invited to "Bring a Friend and Get a Prize!"

Calling all children who like to sing! The Community Children's Choir program at Wesley-Knox has started again on Thursdays. Come out for a year of choir fun! Great songs, choir friends and gym!

Primary Choir - Gr. 1-3 - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Mallory Brennan, Director

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 - Gr. 8/9 - University - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Let Karen, Mallory of Mary Bee know you'll be coming, or just show up! Parents can register with Mary Bee Haworth during their children's rehearsal time. See you there!

Amanda Lynn Stublely and Martin Horak's band, The Heartaches Stringband, will perform a concert in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 23rd at 2:00 p.m. The Heartaches recorded their new CD at Wesley-Knox last year, and they're excited to share their music with you in this beautiful space! No tickets, admission by freewill donation. All are welcome.

The Top 20 Hymns!

Today is our last day of the count-down of the top 20 hymns of Wesley-Knox! Actually, it has been the Top 21 Hymns because there was an 8-way tie for the last bunch, with many more getting Honourable Mention below that. All your favourite hymns, 36 in total, are quite diverse and varied, indicating a strong hymn culture at WK. Today we are singing #3, 2, 1. We have been singing one a week throughout the summer, working our way up to our Welcome Sundae Sunday.

"Re-designing Your Life: A Practical Spirituality for the Second Half of Life"

will be a fall book-study offering a wonderful opportunity to engage in conversation and reflection on living the second half our lives with spiritual integrity, richness and what Jesus described as the abundant life. Books are NOW available in the office, \$25.00. Our first gathering will be Tuesday, September 25th, 7-8:30 p.m. at White Oaks United Church.

ELVIS is Coming to Wesley-Knox!

The Dynamic Rev. Matt "ELVIS" Martin will perform in concert at Wesley-Knox on Friday, October 12th. Rev. Matt's concerts are amazing! Lots of fun too! He is a past winner of the renowned Elvis Collingwood Competition! Due to his very full schedule as an Anglican Rector, Rev. Matt has cut back significantly on the number of concerts he performs, so this will be a great opportunity to see him live. You are all invited! Bring your friends too! Doors open: 6:45 p.m. Concert: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Children ages 6-12: \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Available through the Church Office at 519-673-4803, from Linda Woods and Ann Stokes, or at Tuckey's Home Hardware. This is a very important fundraiser for our UCW, for their vital church and community projects, as well as a donation to Camp Wendake in Rev. Matt's name.

Walking in the Word - Come and join us for a reflective walk around the Wesley-Knox neighborhood as we take pauses to hear Scripture. Where will you encounter God? Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am beginning September 18th. Meet in the church parking lot. For more information please contact Lisa Morris, Pastoral Care & Membership Coordinator at 519.673.4803 x204 or wesleyknoxpastoralcare@gmail.com.

Search the City Scavenger Hunt - Sunday, September 30th. Arrive at Wesley-Knox United Church at 2:30 p.m. to "Team-Up". A team can be a family (families can mix-and-match), friends or we can match you up with soon to be friends. Once our Teams are ready, they will receive instructions and a Scavenger Hunt List that will require you to search the city for items or photographic proof to check off your list. Each team will require: a responsible driver, camera, up to \$20, a cooler, plates and cutlery. Teams will return to Wesley-Knox by 4:30 p.m. to reveal your findings and to share in a meal. Let us know you are planning to attend and if you "Need a Ride or can Provide a Ride". For more information please contact Lisa Morris, Pastoral Care & Membership Coordinator at 519.673.4803 x204 or wesleyknoxpastoralcare@gmail.com.

SECURITY Choir security personnel needed 4-6:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Sign up sheet is located on the Stewardship bulletin board located across from the hall umbrella stand outside the parlour. Let's ensure the safety of all our community choir attendees.

Mark Your Calendars - Sunday, October 14th is a congregational lunch and congregational meeting. More details to follow.

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Events in Worship

September 23	Marilynne McNeil, soprano John McFall, baritone
October 7	Thanksgiving & World Wide Communion
October 14	Congregational Lunch and Meeting
October 21	Stewardship Sunday

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