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**OUR MISSION**

*At Knox Presbyterian Church,  
we seek to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ  
and be led by the Holy Spirit,  
in worship, in daily life, and in serving God  
as we serve our community and beyond*

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## THE STORY

**Read the story. Experience the Bible.**

**Know God's Story and your own.**

Sunday, May 21, 2017

THE STORY

“Against All Odds, God...”

\* *please stand as you are able*

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

“Our God” (Tomlin) “The Heart of Worship” (Hughes)

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

**TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Call to Worship** from Psalm 98 (insert)

\* Response “Blessed Be Your Name” (Redman)

\*Prayer of Approach, Confession; The Lord’s Prayer

The Good News of God’s Mercy and Forgiveness

\*Hymn of Praise “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles’ Creed*



**THE STORY**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Children’s Time

\*Song

“My God is Powerful”

Everest VBC

**We Prepare to Hear God’s Word**

Scripture *Judges 2:10;*

*4:1-10 (p. 201)*

*6:1-16 (p. 203)*

*13:1-7, 24-25 (p.210)*

*2 Corinthians 4:7*

Message

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

Hymn

“Shout to the North”

(Smith)

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

**WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE**

Hymn

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

(Merkel/Getty)

We Receive God’s Encouragement and Blessing

Closing Song

“Go Now in Peace”

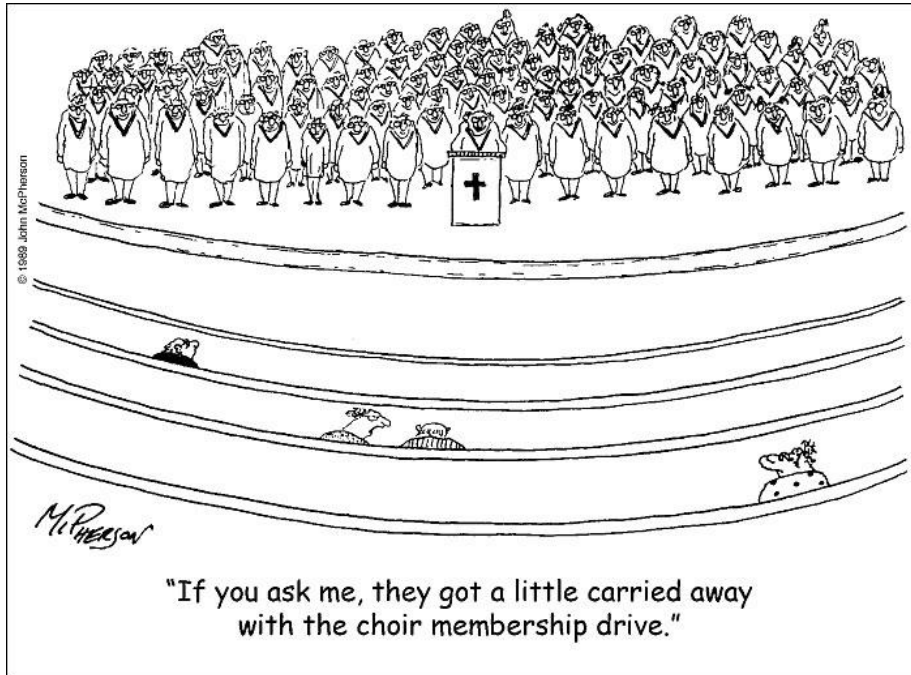


**AGAINST ALL ODDS,  
GOD...**

## AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE

**This month and next, Contact House is in need of any of the following items:**

*canned fish, tuna, salmon, canned meat, canned fruit, jellos, puddings, soda crackers and juice boxes for kids' lunches. On the non-food side: toilet paper, shampoo, empty dish soap/laundry soap containers.*



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## GOOD MORNING!

*We're so glad you're here today! If it's your first time, or first time in a long time, or you're here all the time, know you are welcome here! You'll find more about worship on the next page – if you have any questions, please ask the person who greeted you at the door! At KPC, you are among friends...God's grace and love abide...so come as you are, and come to know something about the life and love of the Risen Lord Jesus and the presence of God's Spirit with us always and everywhere!*

*We're back to **THE STORY** this week – our year long journey through the major stories and themes of the Bible. We're at Chapter 8 in The Story Bible which takes us into a book rarely really read or preached from – the Book of Judges. It's a tough book...but through it all, we see a faithful God. Today, three short stories of three people God used to do His work: Deborah, Gideon and Samson. None of them were perfect, none of them obvious choices...but Against All Odds, God...and against all odds, now, God is still at work!*



## A Word About Worship...

**WELCOME**

*You are welcome here. Really. You are among friendly people who care, who aren't perfect, but are on a journey of faith. If you are a guest, we don't expect you to give an offering; if you wish to do so, we're grateful. Join us for refreshments downstairs after worship. We hope you are blessed by being here, and that you'll come again!*



**KID CONNECTION** welcomes all children! Come up front for the children's time; parents welcome, too! Then join the group and head downstairs after the children's song. Children will rejoin us for the closing song. Feel free to accompany your child downstairs and then return for the message once they are settled. **NURSERY** ministry for those under school age is available downstairs as well.

**Washrooms** are at the back entry and in the downstairs hall; **baby change stations** are located in the back entry washroom and just off the front entryway.



We have hearing assistance devices available. Just ask a greeter or the staff at the sound booth at the back.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation following worship! Head downstairs after the service – You'll be welcome! Apple juice and bottled water are available on the back table by the front entry door.



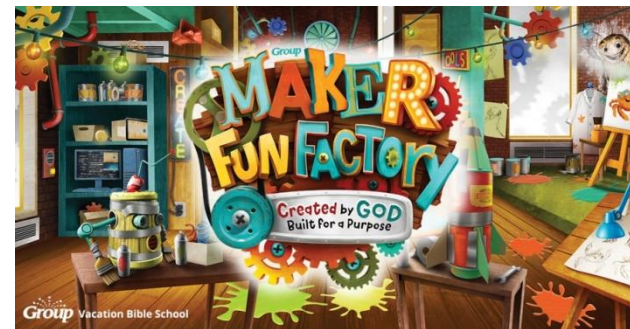
Hospitality is important for everyone who comes to KPC! Be sure to welcome one another! As one wise pastor said, "On Sunday morning at church, greet your friends and visit with the visitors!"

### THIS WEEK:

Greeters: Herman & Eleanor Bientema, Rick & Barb Doyle  
Childrens' Greeter: Mary Lou Glenn  
Nursery Ministry: Jackie Mellon  
Youth Group Snack: Shirley Jamieson

### NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: The Arnel Family & the Herrington-O'Neill Family  
Children's Greeter:  
Nursery Ministry:  
Youth Group Snack: Heather Frayne



## VBC is Coming!

August 21-25

Mark your calendars!

Pray about how you can be involved.

# What's Happening



**Tuesday 1:30 -3:30** Knox Knitters

**4.00 p.m.** Youth Group

**Wednesday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. DAY OF PRAYER**

**1.30 p.m. THE BROKEN WAY small group study (church)**

**7.00 p.m. THE BROKEN WAY small group study (home)**

**Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship & KID CONNECTION**

## THE STORY resumes

Chapter 9 in The Story Bible: RUTH  
or read the Book of Ruth in any Bible



## THE BROKEN WAY

### Small Group Study

**Ann Voskamp's new book! 6 sessions**  
**afternoons 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. (church)**  
**evenings 7-8.30 p.m. (Chris & Jesse's home)**

## CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

**TODAY**, these fine folks will be smiling for the cameras:

Colin, Cassie, and Aubrey Van Dam, Dianne & Bud Rice,  
Lois Jamieson, John & Leny Braaksma, Jack & Marion Tilford, Barb  
Fuller, Blair Williamson, Jackie & Doug Mellon, Gary & Marylou  
Glenn, Jack and Jan Fitchett, Mary Ellen & Dean Anderson, Charles  
Pearce, Phil & Marie Clark, Alice Francis, Herman & Eleanor  
Beintma, Don & Donna Stewardson, George & Dorothy Campbell,  
Don & Gail Johnson.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Marsha & Robert Minielly, Archie & Kathy Donald, Alice Francis,  
Kim & Rob Arnel, Tom & Jenny Sangster, Gary & Laurie Brown, Sonya  
& Peter Stanojevic, Ken & Sandy Chiurko, Janessa O'Neil & Myra,  
Ann Rossouw, Steve & Jeannette Stellingwerff, Nick & Carla Sitter,  
Mary-Lou McRae, Peggy & Herb Zavitz, Henry & Lily Jambrosinski,  
Heidi & John McIntyre, Rob & Fran Stoner, Jack & Marian Tilford

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**Grounded in Faith.**  
*Growing to Serve.*

Our building project is proceeding; soon tenders will be sought, and after review, we will announce the builder and starting date! We will maintain regular communication with the congregation...and are looking forward to a baby/toddler room, meeting room, youth room and Kid Connection rooms...very exciting days ahead! You can see blueprints on bulletin board in the sanctuary and at the back parking lot entrance.

**A BIG THANK YOU to all who have completed their initial pledges, and to those who have begun the regular pledges! A reminder that any remaining initial pledges are to be marked GTS – Initial Pledge on the OTHER line of your envelope. Regular givings to GTS should be marked GTS – Regular. Thank you!**



## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Sunday, June 11

Sign up to be a host or a guest!

Sign up available today at both doors.

Guests Arrive: 5:00-5:15 pm

Dinner Served: 5:30 pm Dessert at Knox: 7:30 pm

*Donation - good- will offering for dinner is appreciated, in support of Grounded in Faith – Growing to Serve.*

*To host a dinner, please contact Julie Stellingwerff*

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