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OUR MISSION

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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.**

LENT is a season that calls us:

to fast from discontent and to feast on gratitude;
to fast from anger and to feast on patience;
to fast from bitterness and to feast on forgiveness;
to fast from self-concern and to feast on compassion;
to fast from discouragement and to feast on hope;
to fast from laziness and to feast on commitment;
to fast from complaining and to feast on acceptance;
to fast from lust and to feast on respect;
to fast from prejudice and to feast on understanding;
to fast from resentment and to feast on reconciliation;
to fast from lies and to feast on the truth;
to fast from wasted time and to feast on honest work;
to fast from grimness and to feast on joy;
to fast from suspicion and to feast on trust;
to fast from idle talk and to feast on prayer and silence;
to fast from guilt and to feast on the mercy of God.

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LENT 2017



EASTER
Sunday, April 16, 2017
Giving Up...“DEATH!”

** please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in dance and song!

We Prepare to Worship...

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! *“He is Lord!”*

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 118*

One: This is the day:

**ALL: when tears are wiped away;
shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.**

One: This is the day the Lord:

**ALL: rolls away the stone of fear;
throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made:

**ALL: death has no fear for us;
sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts
to fill us with life.**

One: This is the day - Easter Day!

ALL: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

* Response *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”* (Wesley)

*Prayer of Approach, Confession; The Lord’s Prayer
The Good News of God’s Mercy and Forgiveness

*Hymn of Praise *“Come, People of the Risen King”* (Getty)
We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles’ Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children’s Time

*Song *“Alive, Alive!”* (Traditional)

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *John 20:1-18 (p. 880) I Peter 1:3*

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn *“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”* (Getty)

We Gather at the Table of the Risen Lord

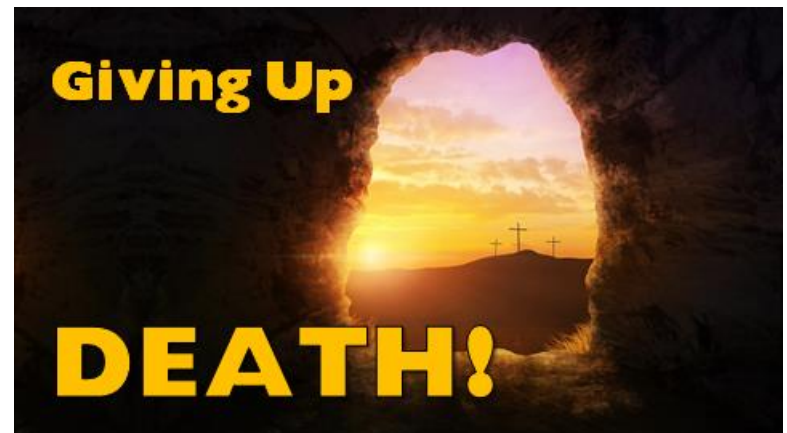
Hymn *“At the Table of the King”* (Getty)

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

Hymn *“In Christ Alone”* (Getty)

We are Encouraged and Blessed by God

Benediction *“Go Now in Peace”* (Besig and Price)



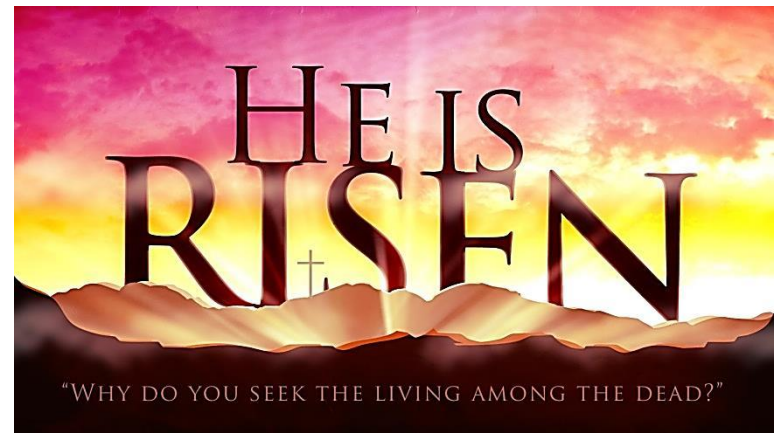
AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE

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

canned fish, tuna, salmon, canned meat, canned fruit, jellios, 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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HAPPY EASTER! 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've come through the 40 day journey of LENT, walking with Jesus Christ towards the cross. Our theme this year was **GIVING UP**; a familiar phrase in relation to Lent. We think of giving up chocolate, or Facebook, or dessert. But what would God have us give up for Lent? for life? Join us week by week as we practice a different kind of **GIVING UP**. This Easter morning, we rejoice that because of the resurrection of Christ, we're

GIVING UP DEATH!

A Word About Worship...



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: George & Dorothy Campbell;

Robert & Marcia Minielly

Children's Greeter:

Nursery Ministry:

Youth Group Snack:

NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Marty & Dianne Brown;

Maryellen and Campbell Brown

Children's Greeter: Anna Herrington

Nursery Ministry:

Youth Group Snack:



LEGACY CENTRE, THEDFORD

Saturday, May 6 10.00 a.m.

Guest speaker CAROL KENT. author of "When I Lay My Isaac Down" and "Between a Rock and a Grace Place"

Carol and her husband Gene lived in Port Huron, MI, until a phone call changed their lives forever. A powerful story of living faithfully when things don't work out the way you thought they would. Tickets \$35.

Available from Brenda Stewardson, Teresa Bakker

or at Ravell Insurance, Forest

What's Happening

Pastor Chris is taking a week of vacation time this week, but will be available for emergencies.

Tuesday 1:30 -3:30 Knox Knitters

4.00 p.m. Youth Group

7.00 p.m. Grief Share

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship & KID CONNECTION

Rev. Barry Van Duesen preaching

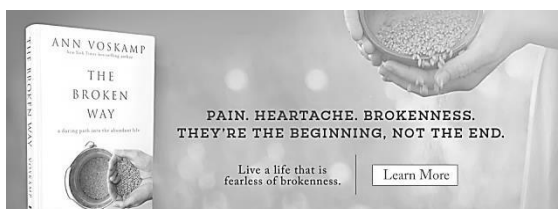
What Would You Die For?

small
groups
connect | grow | serve

THE BROKEN WAY

**Small Group Study on Ann Voskamp's
new book! 6 sessions**

**Starts MAY 10 afternoons 1.30 – 3.00 p.m.
evenings 7-8.30 p.m.**



Grounded in Faith.
Growing to Serve.

Our building project is proceeding; soon tenders will be sought, and after review, 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.

God is faithful, we are grateful! Your prayers and support have been inspiring. **A reminder that the initial pledges (due March 31) 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!**



Trivia Challenge !!! North Middlesex Youth For Christ invites you and your friends buy a table and test your trivia knowledge. Live auction for great hot food and local products (maple syrup, Mother's Day flowers & Playhouse tickets) and to support the personal and spiritual work provided the youth of North Middlesex. April 30th at the Parkhill Community Centre

from 3-6PM. \$20 per person or \$150 per table of 8. Call
Mary Schlichter @519-232-4767 to register & more info.