

**Knox Presbyterian Church**  
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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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**RURAL LIFE SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 30, 2017  
**FIELDS OF COURAGE**

\* *please stand as you are able*

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*"He's Got the Whole World"* (Traditional)

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* (Baloche)

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

**TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Call to Worship** from Psalm 104

One: Let us all praise the LORD.

ALL: **O LORD my God, how great You are!**

**O LORD, what a variety of things You have made!**

**In wisdom You have made them all.**

**The earth and oceans are full of Your creatures.**

**May the LORD's glory continue forever!**

\* Response *"Lord Most High"* (Harris & Sadler)

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

\*Hymn of Praise *"Creation Sings the Father's Song"* (Getty)  
We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles' Creed*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Children's Time

\*Song *"Creation Song"* (Pennings)

**We Prepare to Hear God's Word**

Scripture *Psalm 8 (p. 443)*

*Revelation 22:1-6 (p. 1022)*

*Joshua 1:1-9 (p. 177)*

Message

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

Hymn *"He Will Hold Me Fast"* (Merkel/Getty)

*"Step by Step"* (Beaker)

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

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

The service will conclude outside at the back of the church building as we bless our farms, families, our community and rural life.



## 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.*

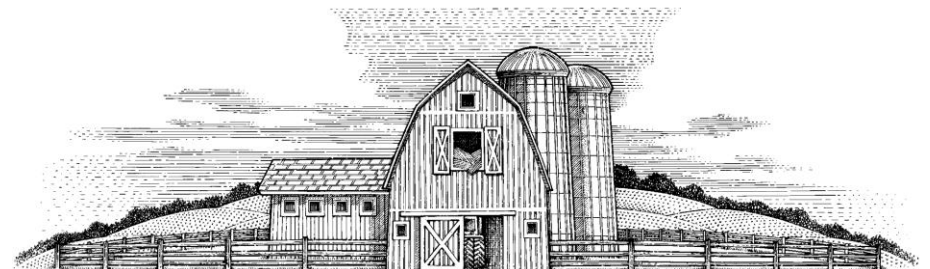


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## GOOD MORNING!

*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!*

*This morning is **RURAL LIFE SUNDAY**, a day of encouragement and blessing for creation, our farmers, rural churches and rural communities – all entrusted to us by the Lord, and all created by Him with plan and purpose to bless others and honour Him. This morning, in the face of much change, upheaval and questions surrounding farming and rural communities, we will turn to God's Word for guidance. The story of Joshua preparing to lead people into the land God was giving them is a message of **COURAGE** – and timely for us today.*





## 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!"

### NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Ron & Mary McCordic; Ken & Sandy Chiurko

## CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Let the photos begin! Next Sunday, these fine folks will be smiling for the cameras: Anna Herrington \*Ruth Slaughter\* Ron and Mary McCordic \* Ruth Hughes\* Susan Thuss\* Helen and Dave Hayter \*Peggy Smith and Josie Ansems\* Alyssa and Justin Soetemans and boys\* Val Harris\* Lee Hawkins\* Darlene Sheppard\* Grant and Marian Rumford\* Deanna Tebby\* Pauline Matheson\* Max and Isabelle Faulds Wendy Moffatt\* Marcia and John Tendlar\* Catherine and Jim Minielly\* Shirley Jamieson\* Esther McCleod\*

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# What's Happening

**Pastor Chris on retreat May 1-4**

**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

**"LAY IT OUT"**

*A MESSAGE ABOUT PRAYER*

**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.

**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!**



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.



## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Sunday, June 11

Sign up to be a host or a guest!

Sign up available today at both doors.

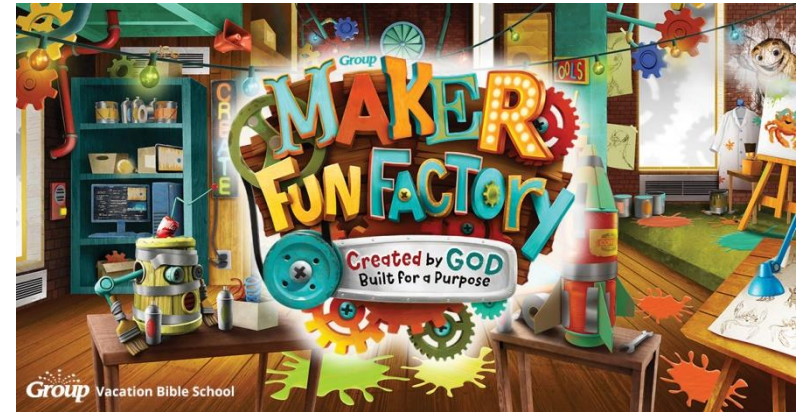
Guests Arrive: 5:00-5:15 pm

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*

*[juliestellingwerff@gmail.com](mailto:juliestellingwerff@gmail.com)*



## VBC is Coming!

August 21-25

Mark your calendars!

Pray about how you can be involved.

RETURNS  
MAY 21!!



## THE STORY

Read the story. Experience the Bible.

Know God's Story and your own.