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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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**“LIVE YOUR
WONDERFUL LIFE”**

DECEMBER 13, 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

* *please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

“Emanuel” (McGee) “While We are Waiting, Come” (Cloniger)

We Prepare to Worship...in prayer *the Bible is carried in*

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship Advent 3 –Joy

In that day you will sing: “I will praise you, O LORD!

See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid...” With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of

salvation! In that wonderful day you will sing: “Thank the LORD! Praise

His name! Tell the nations what God has done. Let them know how

mighty the Lord is! Let all the people ... shout His praise with joy! For

great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you.” from Isaiah 12

One: It’s getting closer. We are drawing closer to Him!

ALL: We long for Jesus to come!

One: The days are shorter, but the lights burn brighter.

ALL: We’re listening. We’re eager to hear good news.

One: We’ve gathered together in the House of God, a place of joy and good news!

ALL: We’re here to praise God with gratitude and joy.

One: We’re here to praise God with worship from our hearts and minds.

ALL: We’re here to praise God with all we have.

One: Today we light the candle of Joy.

(Light the third candle; pink for joy!)

ALL: We worship God with great joy!

* Response *“Now It’s Time to Light the Candle” (Spong)*

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

*Hymn of Praise *“Joy to the World” (Watts)*

*We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles’ Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

KID CONNECTION presentation

Children’s Time

*Song *“Christ Child’s a-comin’” (Adapted- Traditional Spiritual)*

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *selections from I Thessalonians (insert)*

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (Traditional)*

Prayers of the People

We Give our Tithes, Offerings and Lives

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (Wesley)*

*The Lord Sends Us with His Blessing

*Song of Blessing *“Go Now in Peace” (Besig & Price)*





**AN EXTRA PLACE
AT THE TABLE for DECEMBER**
 gravy (canned/mix), cranberry sauce, Christmas
 table supplies (tablecloth, napkins, Christmas
 paper plates, cups,) canned vegetables

CALLING ALL KIDS!



KID CONNECTION is for YOU! Join us downstairs after
 the children's time and song for stories, crafts, faith
 and fun!

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**SORRY FOLKS, WE'RE BOOKED SOLID ...
 GOD HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE
 TONIGHT**

Welcome to Knox Church!

Thanks for coming to worship today; we're been looking forward to being together! If it's your first time here, or first time in a long time, or you're here all the time, we hope you'll be encouraged: to think, to explore, to believe, to become, to take a step on the journey of life and faith with greater hope and a deeper desire to serve. 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 Jesus and the presence of God's Spirit with us always and everywhere!



Third Sunday In Advent

It's ADVENT...so we're in a new time zone: the beginning of the Christian year. The Christian year keeps us focused on God's time and presence and purpose...and begins with Advent, the weeks of waiting, watching, preparing and praying to welcome Jesus Christ anew in our hearts, homes and world. During Advent we "mark time" with candles, lighting one candle each week as a sign of the growing light that draws us to Jesus, the Light of the World. You may wish to adapt this practice at home as well!

Our worship series this year is **CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES**. Each week we'll look at one of the classic Christmas movies, and how that movie and the message of the Bible speak to us in this season. This week: **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE...**the classic tale of George Bailey in in the little town of Bedford Falls, and how life isn't so wonderful sometimes and yet...one life can make such a difference. And so does your life...so **LIVE YOUR WONDERFUL LIFE!**

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.

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! More information about worship and our church on the next page, and at our website

- Orange juice and bottled water are available on the back table by the front entry door.



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

Please sign up to serve in this ministry... as a children's greeter, nursery care, youth group snack provider...thank you! Sheets for sign up are available today!



Once again this year we are supporting Sarnia Women's Interval Home, a safe refuge for women and children escaping domestic violence. Donations of personal items, soaps, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, panty hose, gently used clothing, items for children (socks, kid theme toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, small stuffed animals, will be accepted until Dec. 20th. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary. THANK YOU!

WHEN LIFE IS ROUGH

PRAY

WHEN LIFE IS GREAT

PRAY

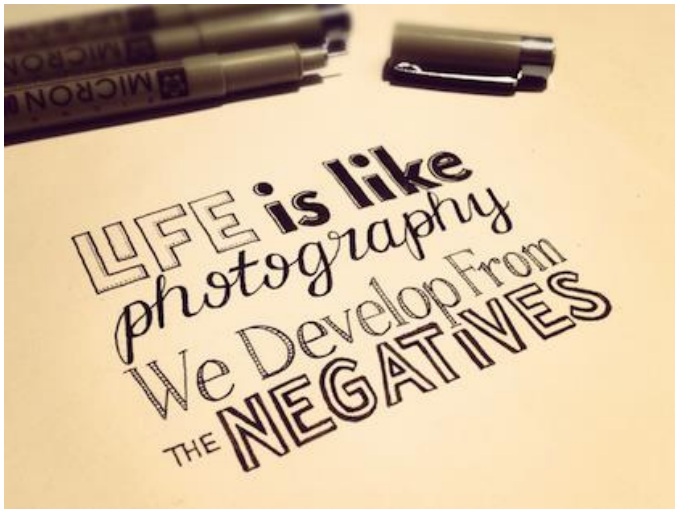
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ON CHRISTMAS DAY-----
Don't sit at home alone!
Join some of your church family for a family style Christmas gathering! Steve & Jeannette Stellingwerff are again hosting a get together at church on Christmas Day. **All WELCOME** --- It's Pot Luck -- Bring a hot dish -- Plus-- Salad

OR Dessert We will look after Coffee, tea, etc..
Time 12:30 PM and we'll eat at 1 PM followed by social time and stories. If you have a game that can be enjoyed by all, bring that as well. Questions? call 519-238-8557.



this week @ church

Sunday after worship coffee hour

Tuesday 1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters

4.00 p.m. Youth Group

6.00 p.m. Grief Share closing supper meeting

Wednesday 2.00 p.m. Movie: The Grinch Who Stole Christmas

Thursday 7.00 p.m. Movie: The Grinch Who Stole Christmas

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship & KID CONNECTION



Fourth Sunday In Advent

Christmas Communion

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES!



NEXT WEEK:

THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS!

Remember to watch the movie this week at your home, or

at Chris' home: Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m.,

Thursday evening at 7.00 p.m.!

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ADVENT: a season of waiting, preparing to welcome Jesus Christ in our hearts, our homes, our lives, our community, our world! It's always a special time here at KPC, and this year we have some new 'traditions' we'll share with you, along with our long cherished traditions.



Pick up your Advent devotionals for adults and kids. These will help you at home prepare and remember what the season is really about. You may access online devotions – a list with links will be provided at the back table, and on the church Facebook page.



A Quiet Christmas – December 21, 7.00 p.m. A gentle, candlelight service for anyone who needs peace, hope, healing and to re-focus on Jesus in this busy season.
Living Nativity – December 22, 7.00 p.m.



THE WISH BOOK – a Basel tradition brought to us at KPC, writing our prayers, wishes and hopes for peace kindness, healing and grace in our world, our homes, our community, our families. The book will be available here on Sunday, and then at Don Johnson Insurance office during business hours during the week. The Wish Book will be available through to January 10th.



LOS POSADAS – A Latin American tradition that we will adapt in our church family, especially in a year of world wide concern for refugees, refugee children, and violence. The Mary and Joseph figures from our knitted Nativity scene will travel from house to house, looking for shelter, through Advent up until Christmas Eve. They will be accompanied by a prayer card for you to use. You will arrange with the next host family to take Mary and Joseph and the prayer card to the next safe house. On Christmas Eve we will welcome Mary and Joseph to our church, and bring them to the safety of the stable. Please sign the calendar to host them in your home for a day/night.

ADVENT 2015!



CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES

JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF MESSAGES THROUGH
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS THAT WILL TAKE
FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS FILMS AND FAVOURITE
READINGS FROM THE BIBLE TO HELP US PREPARE TO
WELCOME OUR SAVIOUR, CHRIST THE LORD!

- * We will have a "CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES" gathering , where we'll enjoy a showing of the movie featured in the following Sunday service. There will be a "matinee" at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and an evening showing Thursdays at 7 p.m., all at Pastor Chris's home. Popcorn supplied! We encourage you to watch the movie at home – on Netflix or borrowing the movie.
- ***we are also looking for some people willing to make some good old fashioned popcorn strings and cranberry strings to decorate our large Christmas tree.**
- *You can speak with Catherine Minielly, Julie DeJong and Jean Peters to assist with any of these things. **THANK YOU!**
- * Why not invite a friend to come to any of our services or events during Advent /Christmas?
- *Upcoming movies: The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, and on Christmas Eve: A Charlie Brown Christmas!

