

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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# THE STORY

Read the story. Experience the Bible.  
Know God's Story and your own.



Sunday, February 26, 2017  
**"CROSSING JORDAN"**

\* please stand as you are able

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*"How Great is Our God"* (Tomlin) *"Ancient Words"* (DeShaza)

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

**TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Call to Worship**

ONE: God was with the people of Israel  
when they left Egypt.

**ALL: God is with us now.**

ONE: God gave the people hope  
as they travelled through the desert.

**ALL: God gives us the courage to step out in faith.**

ONE: God is with us wherever we go.

**ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord.**

\* Response *"Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"* (Evans)

\*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**

A Question of Faith *"Scripture" Our World Belongs to God*

Children's Time

\*Song *"Jesus Loves Me"*

(Warner)

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

Scripture *Psalm 48 (p. 462)*

*Matthew 23:1-12 (p. 801)*

*Joshua 3:7-17 (p. 178)*

Message

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

Hymn *"Every Promise"*

(Townend & Getty)

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

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

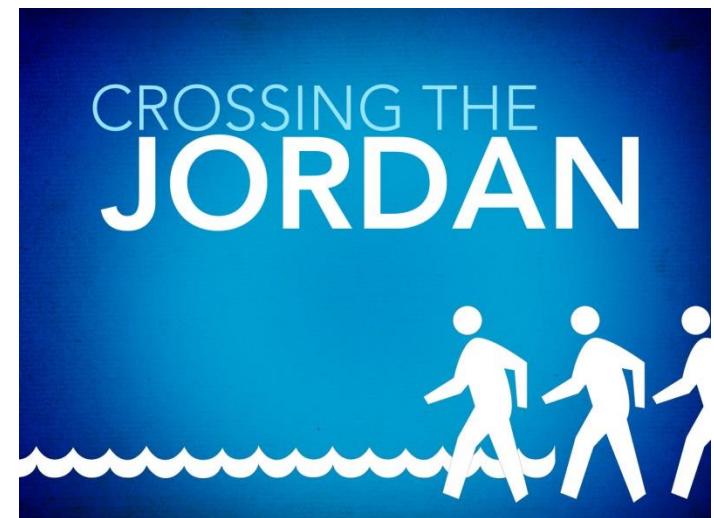
Hymn *"How Firm a Foundation"*

(Ripon)

We are Encouraged and Blessed by God

Benediction *"Go Now in Peace"*

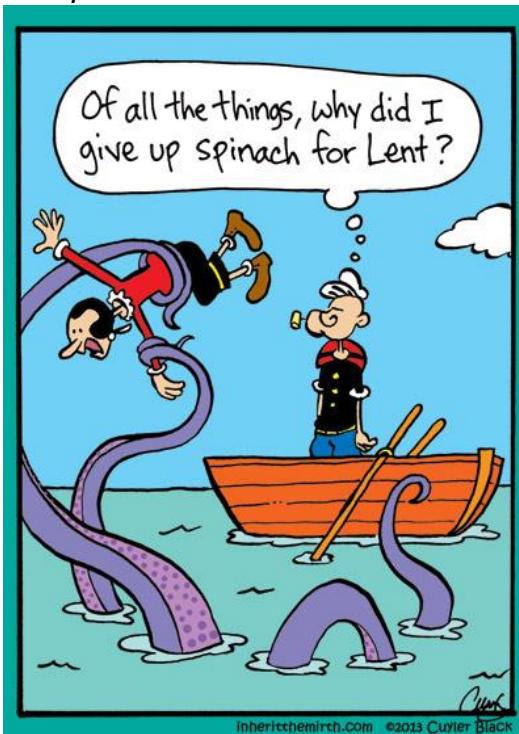
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## **AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE**

**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!**

*Hi there! We're 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, 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!*



## **THE STORY**

**Read the story. Experience the Bible.  
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*This year, our theme is THE STORY. We will be reading through the Bible, getting to know the Bible, and know God's story...and our own. We're encouraging you to participate fully, by reading the Bible - and letting the Bible read you!*

**TODAY:** Ever had to take a 'step of faith'? for a job? a relationship? a treatment? A step of faith when things looked anything but certain? You stand with Joshua and the people on the edge of the Jordan River...and trusting God, like them, we can step out towards God's best for us and all His people.

*Today we welcome Rev. Barry van Dusen and his wife Peggy. Barry recently retired from St Giles, Sarnia. Thank you for joining us and leading us today!*

## 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!"



**WOMEN'S EVENT - 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 \$30 before March 1;  
after, \$35.

Available from Brenda Stewardson, Teresa Bakker  
or at Ravell Insurance, Forest

# What's Happening

Tuesday 1:30 -3:30 Knox Knitters

4.00 – 5.30 Youth Group

7.00 p.m. Grief Share

Wednesday 7.00 p.m. Water's Edge

ASH WEDNESDAY service LENT begins

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION

## GIVING UP



## small groups

connect | grow | serve



Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Join us for a caring, supportive group as we journey through the loss of our loved ones.

### THE BROKEN WAY

Small Group Study on Ann Voskamp's new book! Starts April 2017; afternoon and evening groups will be offered

### LENT

Lent is a season of reflection, preparation, transformation as we follow Christ for 40 days, considering the cost of being apprentices of Jesus. This year, our theme will be

**GIVING UP.** Lent has often been seen as a time to "give up" chocolate, or Facebook, or alcohol, or some other habit or delight. While this is not wrong, Lent is far more about **GIVING UP** ourselves to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Starting next week, we begin a series about **GIVING UP**: control, prejudice, enemies, popularity, expectations, our lives, death. Lent personal devotional materials will be available. Join us!



## Grounded in Faith. Growing to Serve.

We are thankful, we are excited, we are doing the work needed for a shovel to go in the ground this spring! The paperwork necessary to go to denominational headquarters and the municipality is being prepared. Seeking quotes is in the works. 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!

## SOUL CARE RETREAT

Pastor Chris is delighted that the Emmaus community (the retreats Chris goes to in Boston) is welcoming an opportunity to expand here to Ontario. An introductory retreat will be held at Crieff Hills, near Guelph, ON, April 3-4. Pastor Chris will work with Rev. Jeremy Stefano to provide leadership, and offer you a chance to spend some soul nourishing time with God in a beautiful rural setting. Your own room, meals and snacks provided. Time to walk, think, pray. Please contact Chris for details or to add your name. Spaces are filling fast!

## PAINT NIGHT...

**Monday, March 27, 2017; 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Arrive at the Church 15 minutes early to grab a seat, and to check in.

- Snacks, tea, coffee and punch will be served.
- No experience is necessary. All are welcome!
- Taxes included – the total is \$50.58
- With this fee is included: instruction from a professional artist, canvas, easel, paint and all other supplies required to create your work of art. Of course, at the end of the night you take your completed painting home with you as piece to add to your home and remind you of a fun night!

### What am I supposed to bring?

- Additional donations towards snacks and the building fund are always appreciated.
- Things will get a bit messy. An apron will be provided, but it's best to wear clothes you won't mind getting paint on.
- Please bring a snack to share! (if you wish but not required)

### How do I sign up?

- There is an online link to follow-  
<http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/londonon/115988>  
**8 Deadline for online registration is March 13.**
- The link will also be posted on the Church Facebook page
- Envelopes and sign up cards will be placed at both doors. If using this method the deadline for envelope registration is March 5. Envelopes can be given to Kristyn Wilson or placed in the locked box in "Fort Knox"

Kristyn Wilson – Home – 519-296-4875 Cell – 226-378-2886  
or E-mail [kristyndubya@gmail.com](mailto:kristyndubya@gmail.com)



It's Photo Directory time again, and we are looking to start this process in May. We are going to need some information from each family who will be participating in this endeavor.

Could you please submit, either by email or a hand written note containing your entire mailing Address along with your name and the names of the family members who will be in the photo with you.

Please include your telephone or cell number and your email address if applicable. Please send this info to [pwillsie@execulink.com](mailto:pwillsie@execulink.com) or hand your info into Linda Willsie or Karen Alberti as soon as possible. We will update you in the next few weeks as to the actual photo shoot dates.

## Yours in Christ: The Photo Directory Team

*Kristy Ravell, Heather Jennings, Dianne Rice,  
Karen Alberti and Linda Willsie*



# **PHOTO DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

## **FAMILY MEMBERS**

## **TELEPHONE**

## **EMAIL**

## **FULL MAILING ADDRESS**

**STREET ADDRESS (if different from above)**

**Your information is given “in house” only,  
and will not be shared online.**

**Thank you!**



# WE NEED YOU

to make our new  
family directory  
complete