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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





Sunday, March 5, 2017 Giving Up...CONTROL

** please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (words/music by Heber/Dykes)

*“Here I am to Worship” (words/music by Tim Hughes)
arr. by Albritton/Black*

“He Will Hold Me Fast” (Merker)

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

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *insert*

* Response *“Blest Are They Who Trust” (Hopson/Orthodox chant)*

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

The Good News of God’s Mercy and Forgiveness

*Hymn of Praise *“Before the Throne of God Above”*

(Bancroft/Cook)

We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles’ Creed*



First Sunday In Lent

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children’s Time

*Song *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (Traditional)*

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Genesis 2:8-9,15-17; 3:1-7 (p. 4)*

Psalms 23 (p. 450)

Luke 4:1-13 (p. 832)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn *“He Will Hold Me Fast” (Merker)*

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication *Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision”*

(Trad. Irish Hymn) Arr by Galliford, Heuburg and Edmondson

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

Hymn *“Blessed Be Your Name” (Redman)*

We are Encouraged and Blessed by God

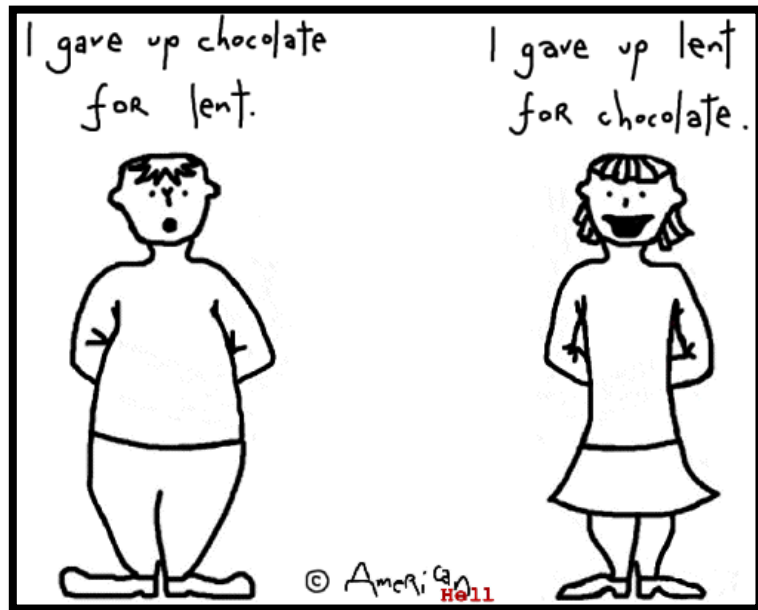
Benediction *“Go Now in Peace” (Besig and Price)*



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, 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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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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!

LENT 

*Today we begin the season of **LENT**, 40 days of walking with Jesus Christ towards the cross. Our theme this year is **GIVING UP** a familiar phrase in relation to Lent. We think of giving up chocolate, or Facebook, or dessert. For a deeper Lent, this year we will take a look at other things to give up: needing to be in control, having high expectations for everyone else, a feeling of superiority, giving up enemies, giving up our very lives, giving up popularity, and on Easter, the confidence we are given by giving up the finality of death. Join us week by week as we practice **GIVING UP**. This morning: **GIVING UP CONTROL***

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: S & J Stellingwerff;

Marian Rumford and the Jennings family

Children's Greeter: Janessa O'Neill

Nursery ministry: Janessa O'Neill

Youth Group Snack: Pauline Matheson

NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: J & B Stewardson; J & D Gilliard

Children's Greeter: Jean Peters

Nursery Ministry:



women's ministry

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

After worship – Coffee and treats downstairs!

Pastor Chris on retreat Monday – Thursday

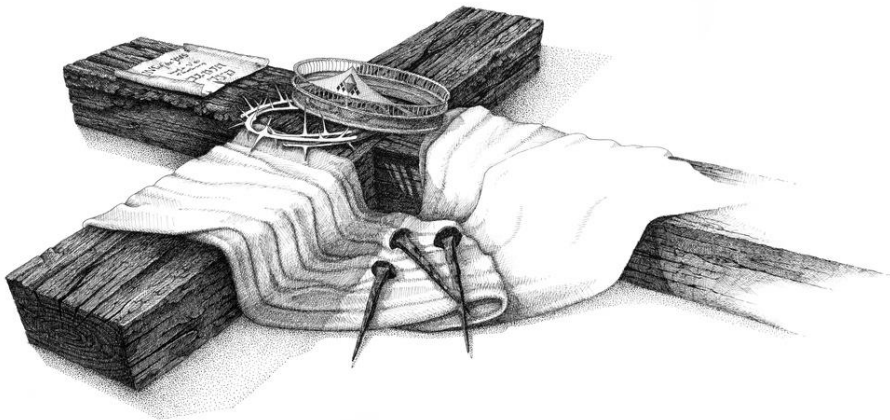
Tuesday 1:30 -3:30 Knox Knitters

4.00 – 5.30 Youth Group

7.00 p.m. Grief Share

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION

GIVING UP “EXPECTATIONS”



small
groups
connect | grow | serve

GRIEF SHARE®

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

GOD'S 3 ANSWERS TO
YOUR PRAYERS:

1. YES
2. NOT YET
3. I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER IN MIND





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 has been sent, and will be considered at their March 9 meeting. Next, the forms for the municipality will be completed. 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!**



“LEADING IN LOVE”

St. Giles Leadership Exploration And Development

You are invited to join us!

Guest Speakers: Rev. Dr. Christine O’Reilly, Rev. Allan Farris, Judith Farris, Rev. Janine Dekker and Rev. Becky Roushorne-Lau

***Where: St. Giles Presbyterian Church,
770 Lakeshore Rd. Sarnia, ON N7T 2T5***

When: Saturday, March 25, 2017

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch included.

Who: For Adults and Youth (12 and up)

Why: To encourage individuals and organizations to discover servant leadership in order to create a more just and caring world the Jesus way.



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"

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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 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