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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, October 29, 2017 "THE DARKEST HOUR"

*\* please stand as you are able*

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*"Lord, I lift Your Name on High" (Founds)*

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (Luther)*

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

### TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *from John 3:16 and Isaiah 53*

One: God so loved the world that He gave His own dearly  
beloved Son so that everyone who believes in Him  
will not perish but have everlasting life.

**ALL: Surely He has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we account Him stricken,  
struck down by God and afflicted.**

One: But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon Him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by His wounds we are healed.

**ALL: God did not send His Son into the world  
to condemn the world but to save it.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

Response *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Watts)*

\*Prayer of Approach and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise *"Before the Throne of God Above" (Bancroft)*  
The Basics of our Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

For Younger Worshippers

\*Song *"There is a Green Hill Far Away" (Alexander)*

### We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Scripture *Psalm 22 (insert)*  
*Mark 15:6-39 (p. 826)*

Message

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*Hymn *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" v.1,2 (Townend)*

Confession The Good News of God's Mercy and Forgiveness

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" v.3 (Townend)*

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

### WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

\*Hymn *"The Power of the Cross" (Getty)*

We Receive God's Blessing

Song *"Go Now in Peace" (Besig & 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. On the non-food side: toilet paper, shampoo, empty dish soap/laundry soap containers.

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## HOW TO MAKE CHURCH BRILLIANT



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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!*

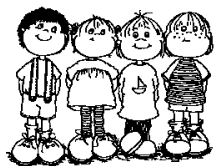
*We are back in THE STORY now, and back at one of the most powerful events in all of history, that matters still today and forever. It was THE DARKEST HOUR but one that has brought life and hope – the story of Jesus crucifixion. In reading the Bible, in songs, in prayers, in visuals, in a message, the amazing love of Jesus Christ shown on the cross is our focus in worship today...and in our lives always!*



## 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.

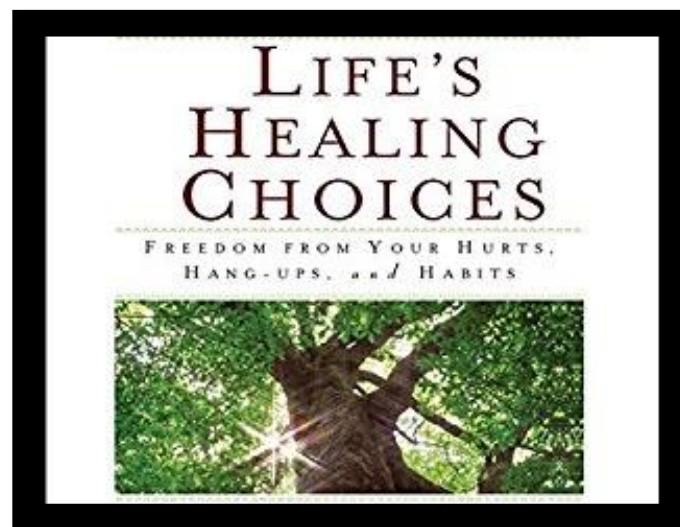
Hospitality is important for everyone who comes to KPC! Be sure to welcome one another! As one wise pastor said, "On Sunday morning at church, greet your friends and visit with the visitors!"



## **GREETERS**

**THIS WEEK: Maryellen Brown, Marty & Dianne Brown**

# NEWS & NOTES



WEDNESDAYS 1.30 p.m. at the church -Session 4  
7.00 p.m. Water's Edge - Session 5

**CHRIS IS SEEKING A MALE MENTOR FOR A GRADE 4 BOY AT BOSANQUET SCHOOL. ONE HOUR A WEEK IS THE COMMITMENT. PLEASE CONTACT HER IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE.**





**Grounded in Faith.  
Growing to Serve.**

**HALLELUJAH!**

**We believe our final building permit is days away.  
Stay tuned! Thank you for praying!**



**The Ladies Aid Society was formed in the later 1800's. The first recorded account is dated March 30, 1893, with Mrs. Currie (no doubt Rev. Hector's wife) was**

**president, with Mrs. Telfer as Vice President. Over the years the Ladies Aid Society supported the church with teas, strawberry socials, bazaars and more. A strawberry social held here in 1905 charged 15 cents admission, and 5 cents for ice cream with the strawberries. The Forest Excelsior Band provided entertainment, charging the Ladies Aid Society \$10 for their services that day.**

What's  
Happening



**Tuesday 1:30 -3:30 Knox Knitters**

**4.00 – 5.30 Junior Youth Grades 6-8**

**Wednesday 7.00 p.m. Water's Edge**

**Thursday 4.00 High School Youth**

**Saturday 6 p.m. Spanish Workers Ministry**

**Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION**



**THE STORY**

**A LOT CAN HAPPEN  
IN THREE DAYS...**



On October 31, 1517, the Protestant Reformation began. To mark this anniversary, the Presbytery is holding a special Reformation service this evening, Sunday, October 29, 7.00 p.m. at Laurel Lea-St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Exmouth Street, Sarnia. Time is 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend!



Loraine Warnock is off again to serve! Retired from her nursing career, Loraine is eager to serve God, and is off to Nicaragua in November with "PAN" – Presbyterians Aiding Nicaragua, based out of Kortright Presbyterian Church in Guelph,

ON. Loraine is seeking donated items such as gently used clothing and shoes, sandals for all ages (young and old), school supplies, and small, easy-to-pack toys would all be great. We have a box ready on the back table to receive donated items; financial donations can be made marked for Nicaragua Mission Trip.



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**We're 140 years old this year! Glory to God!**



It's early - but not too early if you are thinking about Christmas to consider a faith-based gift for someone you love. Pastor Chris has two catalogues here today for some ideas, and an opportunity to order items for all ages. You can also shop online at [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com).

Another suggestion is <https://scripture-lullabies.com/> CD's of scripture set to music for wee ones and not-so-wee ones. These songs will bless anyone - anytime - especially if you want to be surrounded by peaceful music at a difficult time, a sleepless night, or just a quiet time with the Lord. Chris loves these CD's, and plays them often at home. "Powerfully peaceful music for every age" Free shipping.

