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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, September 17, 2017  
**“CHRISTMAS: THE BIG PICTURE”**

*\* please stand as you are able*

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*“Here I Am to Worship” (Hughes) “Emmanuel” (McGee)*

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

**TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Call to Worship** *from Luke 1 and Isaiah 9*

One: Our souls magnify the Lord!

**ALL: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

One: The mighty One has done great things for us!

**ALL: Holy is God’s name!**

**God is our Maker and our Redeemer.**

One: God is with us; Jesus, Emmanuel, has come!

**ALL: Jesus is our Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace,  
Everlasting Father, Mighty God.**

One: O come, let us worship God.

Response *“O Come, All Ye Faithful” v.1 & 2 (Traditional)*

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

The Good News of God’s Mercy and Forgiveness

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

A Statement of Faith *Colossians 1:15-20 (insert)*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Children’s Time

\*Song *“Away in a Manger” (Luther)*

**We Prepare to Hear God’s Word**

Scripture *Isaiah 9:1-7 (p. 558)*

*Psalms 96 (p. 487)*

*John 1:1-18 insert*

Message

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

\*Hymn *“Joy Has Dawned” (Getty & Townend)*

*“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Chadwick & Barnes)*

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

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

\*Hymn *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Wesley & Mendelssohn)*

We Receive God’s Blessing

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

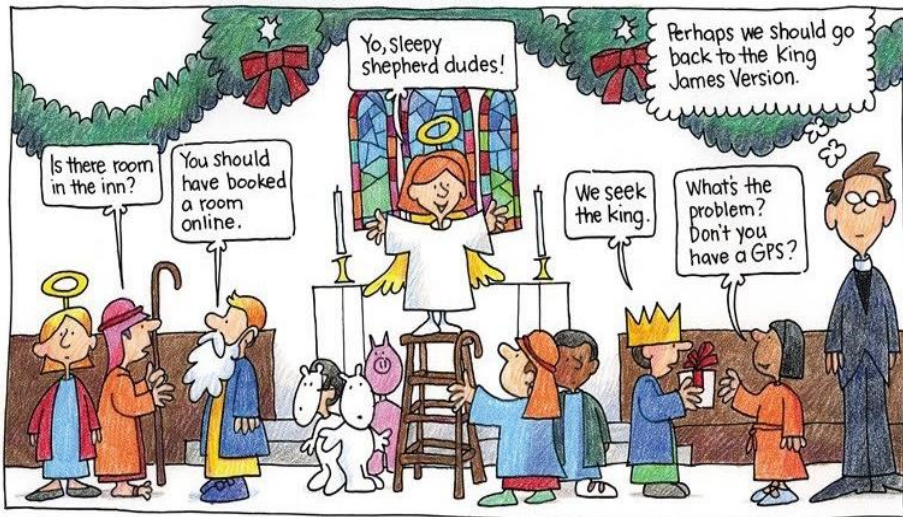


## AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE

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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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

## 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're back with **THE STORY**...and with a familiar story as we begin the New Testament. Yes, it's **CHRISTMAS** today at KPC – but Christmas without the clutter of shopping and big suppers, so we see **CHRISTMAS: THE BIG PICTURE**. Amidst the carols we love, and the nativity scenes we love, we see the power of the God who loves us and always has...from the beginning. This morning, we follow John's "Christmas story" which has no shepherds, stars or stables – but tells the "BIG PICTURE" of why Jesus came, who Jesus is, was and always will be.



CHRISTMAS:  
THE BIG PICTURE



## 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!"



## **GREETERS**

**THIS WEEK: Don & Gail Johnson; Blair Williamson**

**NEXT WEEK: Peggy Smith & Josie Ansems; Mary Lou Glenn, Shirley Jamieson**



SIGN UP SHEETS  
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Children's greeter, snack providers and nursery ministry are available today. Really, they are! 😊

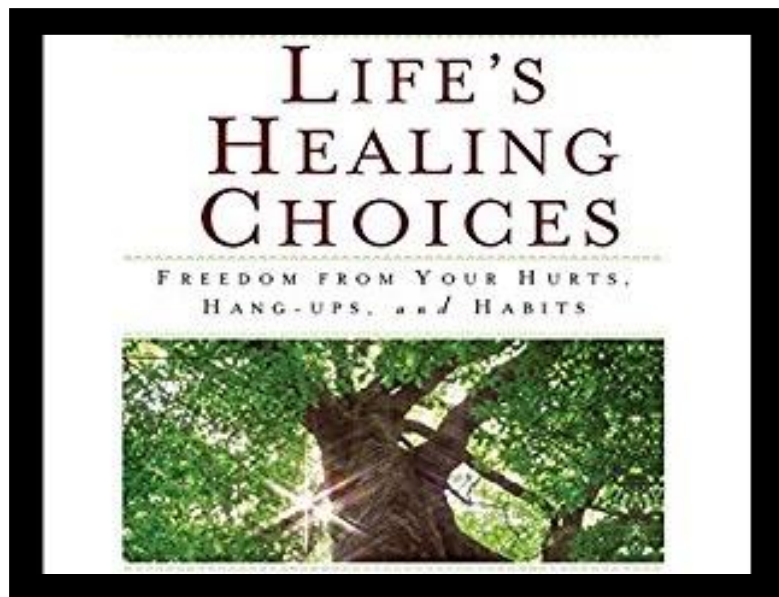


became flesh and dwelt among us  
JOHN 1:14

# NEWS & NOTES

\* **The Forest Fair** has asked us to look after the gates on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.. We will earn \$500 towards our building project as we serve. A sign up list is available today. Dianne Rice is coordinating the volunteers; you can sign up today, for blocks of 2 – 4 hours. We had a lot of fun last year, and it is a great way to serve the community! You can also contact Dianne at 519-243-2628 or email dianr@execulink.com.

\*WATER'S EDGE, our weeknight house church, resumes October 4, with "LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES" . We will also offer this program on Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-3.00.



## What's Happening

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

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

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

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



### THE STORY: "START UP"

Chapter 23 in THE STORY Bible  
Jesus' ministry on earth begins –  
baptism, blessings, wedding, healing, teaching!



TODAY is LAST CALL for pictures for the church directory. Board and Session members will have group photos taken next week, so please remain after worship!



## HALLELUJAH!

Architect drawings – check. Done.

Submission to Lambton Shores – check. Done.

As soon as Lambton Shores approves, we are ready to go! Thank you for praying, supporting, and our encouragement throughout this aspect of paperwork. Soon a shovel will be in the ground, and construction will begin!

Thank you to those who have put in hours of time already to ensure the paperwork is done and submitted.



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



Rev. John Scott came from London, ON to Bosanquet Township to preach and begin a Presbyterian church in our area, around 1862. His early

work gathered a congregation of early settlers in our area, and prepared the ground for Knox Presbyterian Church to be established. Rev. Scott rode from London to here and back again on a lumber wagon.



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**1877-2017**

**We're 140 years old this year!**

**This fall we will be marking this milestone in several ways:**

\*weekly historical moments in the bulletin

\* a special old fashioned anniversary service

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2017**  
**9.30 a.m.**

You are invited to dress according to the decade of your choice  
– from 1877- 2017 -

We will follow worship with a good old fashioned  
Sunday after church dinner!

\* We will have an old fashioned Lord's Supper(communion) service with historical "tokens" that you will receive and have as a keepsake.

\* during Advent we'll have a church family gathering with carol singing, horse drawn hay ride and caroling around town, supper and fun with readings, songs and skits!

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