

Staff Emails

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Church office hours Monday to Thursday 9am – 1pm
Friday 9:30am – 12:00 noon
(NOTE: please call ahead as the door is locked on Fridays)

Sunday Kool: Knox Sunday Kool runs from after the children’s time until the conclusion of the worship service.

Looking for...

Worship Bags for children aged 0-5, 5-12 years?

They are in on the pew in the narthex (the space just outside the sanctuary where you receive a bulletin)

A Bible to take to your pew?

They are located at every entrance to the sanctuary in the narthex. Ask an usher, if you don’t see one!

The Nursery?

The Nursery is located in the Christian Education Hall (the building adjacent to the main sanctuary). Go to the rear parking lot entrance. The nursery is located just off the large hallway that is off of this entrance.

Copies of the latest edition of PCConnect (our denomination’s newspaper) are available on the tables in the front foyer! Please pick one up!



Knox Presbyterian Church
55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas, Ontario
N5R 3N9



Founded in 1837

May 19th, 2024
10:30am

To all who would know God and do God’s will; to all who would live and serve to make the world better; to all who seek comfort and would find rest; to old and young, wise and unlearned, rich and poor, saint and sinner, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ bids you welcome to our Father’s house.

Enter to Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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| Prelude | Arabesque no. 1 | C. Debussy |
| Welcome and Announcements | | |
| Call to Worship | | |
| Hymn* | 472 | We Are God's People (trespasses) |
| Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer | | |
| Words of Assurance | | |

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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| Youth Hymn* | 475 | I am the Church! You are the Church! (verses 1,2, and 5) |
| Children's Time | | |
| (repeat verse 5 of the youth hymn as children are dismissed to Sunday Kool and Nursery.) | | |

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| Responsive Reading: | Psalm 104 | Jack McBride |
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O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them they gather it up;

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in all these works

When you send your spirit they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord, in whom I rejoice

Praise the Lord O my soul!

Leave to Serve

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| Scripture | Ezekiel 37:1-14 |
| Anthem | Holy, Holy, Holy M. Hayes |
| Message | Dry Bones Elizabeth MacLeod |

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

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| Offering and Offertory | Amar Pelos Dois | L. Sobral |
| Doxology* | Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! | |
| Prayer of Dedication | | |
| Prayers of the People | | |
| Hymn* | 471 | We are One in the Spirit |
| Benediction | | |
| Postlude | Valse | S. Rachmaninoff |

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting, please fill in a visitor's card in your pew, and place it on the offering plate at the time of collection. Washrooms are located at the Mitchell Street entrance and the rear parking lot entrance. There is also a washroom in the CE Hall.

Thanks to the Men's Club for providing ushers for today's service, to Don Leitch who is on security, and to Ed & Donna Ellis team for hosting coffee break.

Our online service today is sponsored by Margie Gloin in memory of her husband, Bev Gloin. Bev was a beloved member of our congregation. We remember his quiet sense of humour, the twinkle in his eye, and his dedication to our church and its wider mission.

Rev. Mavis Currie is leading worship today at Westmount Presbyterian Church, as an anniversary preacher. We are grateful to Knox elder, Elizabeth MacLeod who is offering leadership at Knox today. Elizabeth regularly preaches at churches across the presbytery of London.

KNOX NEWS!

Reminder – Next week is name tag Sunday and also Food Bank Sunday. Bring a donation of granola bars to church on May 26th. We will ensure these items get to the St. Thomas Elgin Food Bank.

New Knox Photo Directory

Have you ever recognized people at church but couldn't put a name to a face? Since our last photo directory was published over 5 years ago, a lot has changed. Starting this summer, on August 20th and 21st, the Knox Welcome Committee will begin photography sessions for the new photo directory. We hope we can count you in! Watch for more information regarding registering in the coming weeks!



Needed! The Kitchen Witches will be starting the “Cannin’ and Jammin’” in June and continuing through until October. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Sugar, certo (liquid or powder) etc. and particularly canning jars and lids. Please drop off in the church kitchen or call Pam O’Sullivan for pickup.

News from the Knox Session

On April 28th, Rev. Mavis Currie announced her plans to retire in the fall. On Monday, June 10th, several representatives from the presbytery of London are asking to meet with the congregation and the Board and Session. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate this chapter in our church’s long history and to share our hopes for the future with the wider church. Following this meeting, the presbytery will write and submit a summary report at its June meeting, including wisdom on timing regarding calling a new minister.

Following permission from the presbytery, another minister will be appointed to guide us through the steps of calling a new minister (an interim moderator). A search committee will be appointed by the Session. Knox has a strong Human Resources Team who will bring a list of names to the Session. From this list, a balanced committee will be struck, including a variety of ages, backgrounds, and involvements in the church. We will keep you posted as plans unfold. Rev. Mavis Currie has expressed her desire to ensure that this transition is smooth and positive for the congregation. Please continue to pray for our congregation – as we step forward in faith.

Perfume Alert! Please be aware that there are several in our congregation who have extreme allergies to perfumes and colognes. We ask everyone to refrain from wearing scents to church – so that everyone can worship safely.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 25th 3pm to 6pm
Sunday Kool and Nursery FAMILY party at Bill and Jean MacPherson’s. A party for all of the children of our church and their parents/grandparents! Talk to Meghan for more information. Please RSVP to Meghan by May 19th. Bring your own lawn chairs!

The next few Sundays will be busy at our church! Please join us as you are able.

Sunday, May 26th – the Sacrament of Baptism for Hendrik Dyson, son of Brenda and Jamie Dyson.

Sunday, June 2nd – Foodgrains Luncheon and Communion (see announcement in this insert) We will also be welcoming new members! Would you like to become a member at Knox? Please speak to Rev. Mavis Currie.

Sunday, June 9th – The Sacrament of Baptism for Calvin McInnis, son of Peter and Kate (Lyle) McInnis.

Sunday, June 16th – The Sacrament of Baptism for Levi Adam, son of Beth Currie and Faisal Adam.

Sunday, June 23rd – Picnic Sunday! Worship at 10:30am at Pinafore Park.

Monday, June 10th – Mark Your Calendar!

6:15 pm – The Presbytery of London meets with the congregation – everyone who is available is invited to attend.

7:15pm – The Presbytery of London meets with the Session and the Board. Please enter through the Mitchell Street doors.

Tuesday, June 18th 12pm (noon)

Knox Presbyterian Women Gather for a Lunch and Learn! \$25/person at the Masonic Centre. Speaker is Amy from Harvest Hands! More information to come!



July 22nd – 26th – 9 am - noon “Under the Sea” Vacation Bible School
\$10/person or \$15/family for the whole week!
For kids who have completed JK – Grade 5.

Rodney Scholarships!

Are you planning to attend post-secondary education in the fall of 2024? Are you a member or active adherent of Knox Church? You can apply for a Rodney Scholarship. Applications are now open. The forms are available through the church office. All applications are due by May 31st.

JUNE IS CANADIAN FOODGRAINS MONTH

Through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, you can help create a world without hunger for millions of people. Donations will be used to provide food aid to people in need and help people address longer term problems by producing food for their families.

- In India, food was provided to 4,000 families affected by prolonged drought.
- In Brazil, 450 farm families affected by flooding were supported.
- In Haiti, a daily nutritious meal is being provided to 7000 school children.

In Ethiopia, 7800 families were helped to become more food secure by providing seeds, training and livestock. The list of assistance programs is endless as the Canadian Foodgrains partnership of 15 churches continues its efforts to end global hunger. At Knox we are a part of this Foodgrains partnership through our fundraising efforts and the generosity of our congregation and friends.

The Knox Foodgrains Committee invites everyone to attend the Spring Foodgrains Luncheon on June 2nd after the service. Thank you for your continued support of the Foodgrains Committee’s efforts.



A word from Archives... The Congregation Recognizes its Own. The War years 1939 -1945 My relation was not a part of the Knox St Thomas congregation or were part of another congregation or no congregation, can I still fill out a questionnaire? ABSOLUTELY! The key is that you are part of the congregation now.

Further information about the bracelets given to the soldiers serving overseas from Knox. The Archives Committee have learned that the makers of the bracelets were Porter and Nelson, Jewelers, 527 Talbot Street here in St Thomas. The cost was \$2.15 per bracelet (\$39.58 in 2024 dollars).

Do you know anything about this firm? Please submit at least the questionnaire by June 30th to the office, Annamaria, or Herb.

THIS WEEK AT KNOX

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| Today | 10:45 am | Sunday Kool & Nursery |
| Today | 11:30 am | Coffee break |
| Monday | All-day | Office is closed for Victoria Day |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am | Golden K (Offsite) |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am | Sew-It-Seams (CE Hall) |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am | Archives (Library) |
| Tuesday | 2:00 pm | Knox leads worship at Elgin Manor |
| Tuesday | 6:00 pm | Girl Guides (CE Hall) |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am | Indoor Playground (CE Hall) |
| Wednesday | 10:30 am | Bible study (Zoom) |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Scouts (CE Hall) |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Session (Rodney Hall) |
| Thursday | 1:00 pm | Knox Knits (Library) |
| Thursday | 2:00 pm | Knox leads worship at Metcalfe Gardens |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm | Choir (Sanctuary) |
| Sunday | 7:30 pm | The Winner’s Circle (CE Hall) |
| Saturday | 3:00 pm | Sunday Kool Kampfire at Macpherson Farm |
| Sunday | 10:30 am | Worship and Sacrament of Baptism |
| Sunday | 10:45 am | Sunday Kool & Nursery |
| Sunday | 11:30 am | Coffee break (Rodney Hall) |

Next Sunday, May 26th

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| Ushers organized by | Foodgrains |
| Coffee Break hosted by | Thomson/Metcalf |
| Security person is | Karen Martin |

Reflection Questions

While reflecting on today’s scripture and sermon, ask yourself...

As you listen to the scripture reading, what words or images resonate with you?

What does this passage have to say to you as an individual or to the community of the church?

Name a time when you have experienced a new beginning or a fresh start?
