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(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?

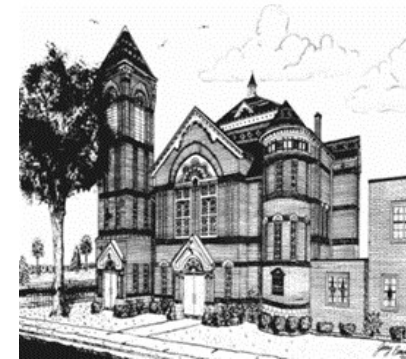
The Nursery is located in the Christian Education Hall (the building adjacent to the main sanctuary). Go to the rear parking lot entrance. The nursery is located just off the large hallway that is off of this entrance.

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

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Knox Presbyterian Church
55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas, Ontario
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Founded in 1837

February 9th, 2025
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

Please support the search for our new minister by filling the front pews!

Prelude Jerusalem *F. Mendelssohn*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn* 712 Arise, your light is come

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Youth Hymn* 655 Give me oil in my lamp *v1-2*

Children's Time Snakes and Lanterns

(sing the last two verses of the youth hymn as the children are dismissed)

Responsive Reading Psalm 126 Pat Meathrell

When at last God restores the people's liberty, we will walk into the sunlight, as if in a dream.

Our mouths will be filled with laughter, and the youngsters will shout with joy.

People will hear the commotion and say that God has done great things for us.

And we'll rejoice and say, "Indeed, God has done great things for us."

So restore our lives, O God, like the rivers revive the desert sands. In tears, many have sowed their fields.

May they now return with shouts of joy, carrying the harvest on their shoulders. Amen

Scripture Matthew 7:7-12

Anthem Come let us sing *M. K. Beall*

Message Life That Matters Elizabeth MacLeod

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Offering and Offertory There is a Balm in Gilead Estel Brown

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!

Leave to Serve

Prayers of the People

Hymn* 635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Benediction*

Postlude For the wings of a dove *F. Mendelssohn*

Welcome to worship! Whether you are a long-time member or new to our congregation, we hope you feel welcomed and at home today. 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 Foodgrains Committee for providing ushers for today's service, to Jim Aldridge who is on security, and to the Finlay Team team for hosting coffee break

Today's online service is sponsored by Tony Stacpoole in memory of his wife Bonnie. Bonnie was a beloved member of our church and served as office administrator for many years. As well as by Dion Vansevenant in memory of his father Norm, who passed away on Dec 11, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held February 8th.

The 2025 income tax receipts are available for pick up in the office Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you're able please pick up your receipt. Thank you for your support in the ministry and mission of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Tru Earth Fundraiser - If you are looking for laundry and cleaning products that are "100% made in Canada", please consider Tru Earth products. Take a minute and read about this company at ca.tru.earth Knox has partnered with this company for a number of years. All products sold through the Knox Church website receive 20% of the revenue. This money is credited to the Knox Presbyterian Women, supporting their ongoing work in the church. Go to the Knox website and look under the tab labelled "Service" to find the link for the "Tru Earth Fundraiser". There are lots of Knox folks who use these products regularly and who can attest to their quality. If you need more information, need help with ordering, or aren't comfortable placing an order online, contact Donna Ellis at 519-207-8029 for assistance.

Knox Rummage Sale will be March 22nd, 9-12. Start cleaning out closets and basements! Donations will be accepted Thursday March 20th, 1-8 and Friday March 21st, 9-4. If you would like to volunteer please contact Joy Wendling. Donations will be accepted Thursday March 20th, 1-8 and Friday March 21st, 9-4. If you have any questions, please call Pam O'Sullivan.

BOOKWORMS

In our endeavour to get foot traffic into the Library, we are taking small steps. Starting this Sunday, every two weeks a selection of books, will be pulled and made available in Rodney Hall during coffee time for signing out. In addition, a cross section of books will be highlighted that we hope you will read and enjoy. We will be adding books to the Library and evaluating the shelf life of some others in order to serve you better. We welcome your input and thoughts.

E. MacArthur, D. Le Courtois, W. Lewis, Rev. D. Kerrigan, A. Tolgyes

Big Hugs for Women - Devotional Hollingsworth, Mary & Philis Boultinghouse I'm sure, we all have had bad days, ones where you didn't want to get out of bed, or do anything for whatever reason. As women, we are sometimes overwhelmed by the number and variety of roles that we feel we must fill, anything from being a friend, mom, wife, coworker, nurse, counselor, homemaker and the list seems endless. Why not take some time and allow yourself a Hug. This short devotional may just be what you are looking for.

90 Minutes in Heaven (A true story of Death and Life) - Biography Piper, Don & Cecil Murphy

Don Piper's car was crushed by a semi that crossed into his lane. He was instantly pronounced dead, or was he? I was intrigued by the title. You see, many years ago my father was in the ICU, given last rites, unconscious and everyone said it was only a matter of time. The family would not accept this, and we prayed non-stop, we slept overnight in the quiet room and went into ICU for brief periods only as requested by staff. We went home to shower and to change. But someone always stayed. After three days, miraculously he awoke, totally coherent and alert. There was peace on his face. He spoke to us about his trip to Heaven, his time there and his parting "It's not your time yet, Louie, go back." Don Piper describes his encounter so vividly. It was as if I heard and saw my Dad again. This book is about encouragement, struggle, hope, change, determination, appreciation for life and humanity. By the way, my Dad lived 10 more years before he made his final trip to Heaven. I hope you enjoy the book.

Off the Record

Mansbridge, Peter
Peter Mansbridge, we all heard him, saw him as the spokesperson for "The National" for many decades. He gives us a glimpse of his roots, his life and career, starting as a baggage handler/ticket agent for a regional airline known as "Transair." He takes you through his journey by recounting events (2-6 pages each) that were profound in his career as well as in Canada's life, ranging from Ben Johnson 1988 Seoul Olympics, fall of the Berlin Wall, Royal Weddings, Leadership races, numerous trips to the Middle East, cutting through the fabled Northwest Passage on Canada's largest and oldest ice breaker Louis S. St.-Laurent as well as the Secret of Beechey Island. Almost every page is something that most of us were part of, what we remember, but may have forgotten. I hope you take it out and enjoy it.

THIS WEEK AT KNOX

Sunday Feb 9th to Feb 16th, 2025

Today	11:30 am	Coffee Break (Rodney Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	Embers (CE Hall)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Golden K (Rodney Hall)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Sew-It-Seams (CE Hall)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Archives (Library)
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Knox Presbyterian Women (Library)
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Girl Guides (CE Hall)
Wednesday	9:00 am	Kitchen Whiches (Kitchen)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Indoor Playground (CE Hall)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Outreach Circle (Library)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Scouts (CE Hall)
Thursday	10:00 am	Organ & Music (Zoom)
Thursday	11:00 am	Bookworms (Library)
Thursday	1:00 pm	Knox Knits (CE Hall)
Thursday	1:30 pm	Book Club (Zoom)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Thursday	7:00 pm	St. Thomas University Women (Rodney Hall)
Thursday	7:30 pm	The Winner's Circle (CE Hall)
Saturday	3:00 pm	Choral Connection (Sanctuary)
Sunday	10:30 am	Morning Worship (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday, February 16th

Ushers organized by	Bible Study
Coffee Break is organized by	The Mills Team
Security person is	Bill Arthur

Sunday, February 23rd - Name Tag Sunday! Members of the Welcome Committee invite you to sign up to have a Knox name tag created just for you! On Sunday February 23rd look for us at the table near the front doors!

Friday, February 21st 6:00 pm - Knox Rocks for kids grades 4 – 8.

Saturday, March 1st 9:00 am - 10:00 am - Knox Breakfast Club in Rodney Hall. \$2 per person or \$5 per family for pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, tea & more.

Tuesday, March 4th 4:30 pm - 7 pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in Rodney Hall. Inflation fighting prices! Tickets available at the door only. Adults/\$7, children/\$3, pre-school/free, families (2 adults + school age children)/\$20. Sponsored by the Knox Men's Club and Knox Youth. Funds raised will aid in sending kids to Camp Kintail this summer.