

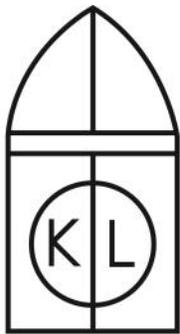
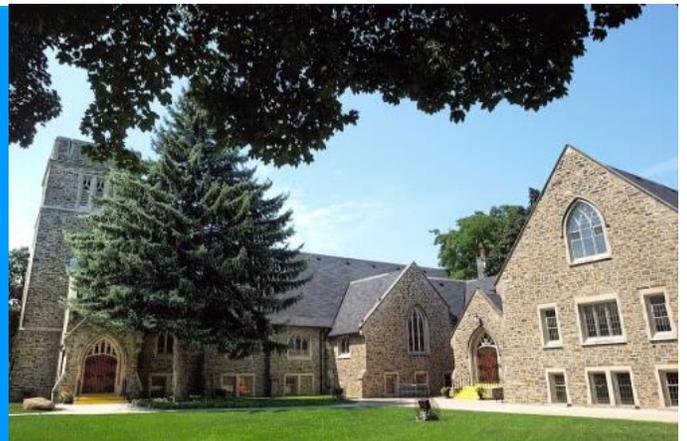
The Carillon

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MOMENTS
AT KINGSWAY-LAMBTON CHURCH

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“Christmas time is near,
Christmas time is here!”



You know Christmas is right around the corner when you’ve sat in the dark and listened to our youngest pageant participants, The Lambkins, sing the opening scene of the pageant. Eighty cast children worked extremely hard and were so excited to share the joy of the 82nd telling of “A Child is Born” on November 27-30.

This year we were pleased to have had enough participants to return to two full casts and four performance nights! We assembled an amazing group of church members, community friends, past pageant participants, and faithful supporters of this special annual tradition, which celebrates the birth of Jesus.

The theme for this year’s Pageant was “family fun”, in which we witnessed multi-generational teams stepping forward. Leading the charge, Louis Mantis and his wife, Erin signed up for the enormous tasks of Director and King’s Procession co-lead. All three of their children, Alexandria, Savannah and Xavier were eager cast members!

Special appreciation goes to Ernie Card and Bob Mundy. Together, they redesigned and built a brand new, user-friendly Pageant stage. This was a huge donation of time and effort. Both have enjoyed watching their children, and now grandchildren, participate in this special holiday tradition. We are so grateful for their support.



The Lambkins

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A very special thank you to Angela Switt, who was the driving force behind it all this year! Angela is mother to four and a community mentor to so many. Her daughter, Katherine played the role of Mary and her son, Andrew performed as shepherd James. Angela kept everyone on track and brought many wonderful families together to share in the magic of the Pageant.

Thank you to everyone who helped bring to life the telling of the first Christmas!



Join us for a Live Nativity Sunday, December 16, 12:00pm-4:00pm

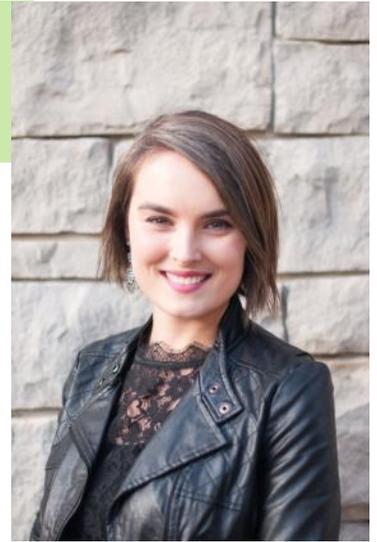
Our east lawn will be transformed into a live nativity scene. Drop by to see a life-size creche, some live sheep, and a donkey! There will be hot chocolate, cider, a photo booth where kids can dress up as biblical characters, and some Christmas carol singing. This will be a community event, perfect for families.

Thanks to Dan Dupak for leading the construction crew for the creche, and to all the other volunteers and participants.



Family Christian Education

Reverend Leanne Ketcham,
Interim Minister to Young Families, Children & Youth



I suppose the old adage is simply true — time flies when you're having fun. As I conclude my time as Interim Minister to Young Families, Children & Youth, please allow me to share with you some highlights from this fall of the many ways we have seen God at work in this ministry.

September brought the kick-off of Sunday school, as well as the auditions for pageant. With an incredible turnout, pageant was back to two casts and four nights of shows— and the amazing pageant leadership took it all in with anticipation and joy. The pageant truly is a ministry of KLUC to so many, including those who call KLUC home, and for those who just pop in for a visit.

This fall also saw two speakers come in for our “Parenting for Real Life” series. In October we hosted Ann Douglas, and in November, Brett Ullman. Both evenings were rich in excellent parenting wisdom and practices, and a witness of KLUC’s commitment to helping families flourish in their faith and in their life. With more speakers to join us in the spring, keep an eye out for exciting upcoming events!

November also brought to fruition a vision that the youth group had to respond to a need in the community. Rev. Maryann Skinner had shared with the teens about her ministry at the Grand Valley Institution for Women. Moved by her stories of hope and sorrow, the youth made cards of encouragement for the women in their pursuits of wholeness, based on the theme of the United Church Creed, ‘We Are Not Alone’. In further efforts to support the women, they baked and cooked soup,



raising nearly \$500 to purchase journals that the women use for reflection, faith development, and growth. Thank you so much to Pat Butler and Alison Ryan who coached the teens in the kitchen, and to all of the warmth and support from the congregation in purchasing these goodies.

God is up to something at KLUC through the children, youth, and young families ministries. We are seeing spiritual growth as children and youth are learning more about God’s love and forgiveness, as well as God’s leading to share that love with others in need. Jesus spoke of children in Mark 9, taking a child into his arms and saying, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me,” — from the depth of my heart— thank you for your continued commitment and support to following Jesus in welcoming the littlest ones at KLUC. When we welcome these children in our midst, we are welcoming Christ!



Did you know?

You can be among the first to receive your copy of ***The Carillon***, and help Kingsway-Lambton save costs and resources.

Just contact Alison Ryan at alison@kingswaylambton.ca to sign up and receive a link to your electronic copy of ***The Carillon*** delivered directly to your email box.



The Greatest Gift

Reverend Moses Kang

Minister to Young Families, Children & Youth

It's that time of the year when we think of gifts – stocking stuffers that give you instant joy, but quickly forget. There are the gifts under the Christmas tree which become a source of temptation until Christmas day. And there are the gifts sent by mail from the grandparents that you are tracking anxiously to see if they'll arrive on time. These are the typical scenes of the season.

As I join in this tradition of gift giving, I cannot help but think why I am doing this? Why join in this gift-giving movement? After all, Justin, Christine and Joshua probably have more toys than they need. The book shelves are filled with children's books. Their drawers are overflowing. But I am quickly reminded by the cast members of the Christmas pageant of why we give. We give, because a gift was first given to us – a gift that continues to give – the gift of love that was shared to us in Jesus Christ.

Gifts continue to produce gifts. The gift of love in Jesus Christ has gifted us an understanding of love that knows no bounds. We gather together as a community in that gift of love. We worship in that gift of love. We support each other in that gift of love. This gift has created many other gifts such as the Christmas pageant, the Flea Market and the Art Show to name a few. It is like a virus that continues to spread, gifting everyone that comes in sight with the love of Jesus Christ.

As I come back recharged from my parental leave, I am grateful for the gift of love in Jesus Christ that you had shared with my family. I am grateful for your willingness to love us and help us during this important time for our family. I will continue to treasure this gift and do my best in sharing that gift of love in Jesus Christ to all of you.

May the love of Jesus Christ surround you! Merry Christmas!

Thank You – Unit 7 of the UCW

Stonegate Ministry would like to thank those members of Unit 7 of the UCW for the awesome job they did in preparing the meal for its fundraising dinner, which was held on November 3rd. The meal consisted of a selection of delicacies including poached salmon in white wine sauce, beef tenderloin, scalloped potatoes and an array of delicious salads. The attendees were highly complimentary of the feast that was prepared for them.

What a wonderful and very generous group of women!

Horace Knight

Chair, Stonegate Ministry



A Story

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed...” Luke 2:1



During a recent Bible study, we were talking about favourite stories. How we didn't mind hearing them again. Larry Smith shared an exchange he heard a few years ago. It was at a conference on "Reading for the Love of It." Someone in the audience expressed a concern to one of the conference speakers. The woman's young daughter wanted her to read the same story over and over again. "Should she be encouraging her to move on?", she asked. The speaker responded with kind wisdom, "if you were driving along and heard your favourite song start on the radio, would you change the station because you had heard it before or would you start to sing along?"

With Advent's arrival, we nestle down to hear a familiar story. The Christmas story. It stands on its own as a favourite melody and it brings with it too, many attendant stories of Christmases past – of childhood excitement and crisp, starry nights, of snowfalls and angel choirs.

In this age of the disposable, of fast fashion, hottest technology, and the tyranny of the new, we needn't be embarrassed about listening in again to this old story and even singing along.

It's a story worth telling and worth singing. It's a story about you and me and God's love for creation. In a world that seems to have lost the plot, a world where factories suddenly close and families flee from poverty and terror, so children are born far from home and in strange places, it's a story which still tells the truth of our meaning and gives a vision of hope. And when we listen again, when we listen deeply, with vulnerable hearts and open minds, we might just hear something new.

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Fresco in the Shepherds' Fields Church, Bethlehem

For there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Yours still listening,
Rev. Hugh



Dollars and Sense

Bill Winterburn, Treasurer

In the Home Stretch
November, 2018

The most recent results to the end of October are about where we would like them to be. We are in a small deficit position, which we anticipated and budgeted for. We know that our best results are always achieved in the last 2 months of the year, leading up to Christmas. There is no reason to expect that this will not happen again this year. This should lead to a breakeven position or close to it.

Planning for next year's budget has commenced. Once the final numbers are in for 2018, a final budget for 2019 will be agreed upon, and it will be presented to the Official Board and the congregation for approval in February, 2019.

I will report on the final 2018 operating results, and the approved budget for 2019 in the next issue of *The Carillon*.

2019 Stewardship Campaign

MERCI – THANK YOU – GRACIAS

The Gifts and Giving Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in the 2019 Stewardship Campaign. Our campaign this year has focused on "**Gratitude and Generosity**". Gratitude has the ability to energize, to heal and to change lives. Expressing your gratitude for all of God's gifts, gives you the opportunity to make this a better world. Your generous pledge demonstrates your support and commitment to Kingsway-Lambton's ongoing work of sharing the love of God with our community and our world. At the time of printing, we have achieved 82% of our 2019 target.

We hope you have had a chance to listen to our speakers and watch the videos that were prepared by a few members of our congregation. They each expressed their gratitude for how Kingsway-Lambton has supported their families over the years, sharing both the joyful times but also the most difficult times. While we all may engage with Kingsway-Lambton and its mission in different ways, we are grateful that Kingsway-Lambton is always there when we need it.

Thank you/Merci for taking the time to be part of this year's Stewardship Campaign. Because of your support, Kingsway-Lambton will be able to continue its mission in 2019!

The Gifts & Giving Committee



Note: Pledge forms and the Stewardship videos can be found at www.kingswaylambton.ca under **Giving**.

To All Those Voices Dearly Missed and Cherished Always

Dan Dupak

My wife Connie and I have sat in the church for a number of years and have thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful music and songs presented by our choir. Over the years we have had great soloists and excellent leadership. They are an inspiration and one of the highlights of each Sunday Service.

Unfortunately, my musical talents are not quite up to the standard appropriate for the choir so I think I will stay in my usual spot. However, as with most people I have other talents which I can invoke and utilize, one of which is working with wood. So, I thought I would design and construct a music stand in appreciation of the many years of enjoyment the choir have brought us and also an item which they might find useful.



The design features some existing elements in the church, together with some new elements. The base of the stand incorporates the main components found in the lectern located on the west side of the sanctuary. The main central post, legs and feet are fashioned on this lectern with the legs being replicated.

The new component is in the desk. It consists of a relief carving in the acanthus leaf style. The acanthus leaf is one of the most highly prized carvings. It can be found in many ancient as well as modern buildings including, libraries, museums, art galleries and churches throughout the world, and in particular Europe.

The desk has a central contemporary cross, constructed as an equilateral triangle referencing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The cross is made in four individual components coming to a point at each end. The four components are symbolic so if you follow your faith along any path of the cross it will take you to the central heart of the cross where all the components meet. Where we all meet.

The stand is constructed of Canadian walnut. The special aspect of this wood is that it came from a tree that once stood in the backyard of the home of Priscilla and Horace Knight. They were very kind in giving me this wood which has now ended up as this music stand.

The design took two months (sort of), because during the build there are always a few modifications to the original design. Machinery is used only to cut the material to the rough size. All work beyond that is by using hand tools, planes, chisels, carving chisels and tiny files. The acanthus leaves on the desk took a total of 150 hours to carve over a period of three months, the legs 50 hours to carve, and the remainder of the stand 50 hours, for a total of 250 hours of work to completion over a period of 9 months.

The stand is first to acknowledge the wonderful work that our choir and soloists do every Sunday. They are an inspiration and a joy to listen to, and we appreciate all their efforts. And secondly it is to acknowledge those individuals who once sang alongside us both in the choir and in the congregation but have now sadly gone before us. A brass plate located on the front of the desk reads 'To All Those Voices Dearly Missed and Cherished Always'.

The Woodworker



Cyber Seniors: Building Skills and Friendships

Cyber Seniors returned for another successful season, running every Thursday afternoon from October 18 to November 22.

The church gymnasium was transformed into a computer lab where 24 enthusiastic youth mentors from Martingrove

Collegiate Institute and ECI taught their senior partners the joys of the digital world. For some, that meant beginning with the very basics while for others it meant deep diving into the world of social media. In all cases, it was evident that the learning relationships were more than just a teacher-student dynamic. There was a genuine multi-generational respect and friendship that emerged between the participating seniors and their young partners. Each week the gymnasium was truly abuzz with conversation, laughter and learning!



Cyber Seniors is a free program sponsored by our church. The next session is scheduled to run weekly from March 21 to May 9, 2019. All participating seniors must provide their own laptop, tablet or cell phone. If you know a senior who might enjoy and benefit from this program, please contact Donna-Lee at donna.lee.waymann@gmail.com or by phone at 647-409-5448.

Special thanks to COBS Bread (Humbertown) for providing a selection of delicious treats each week that were enjoyed by all.

Upcoming Events at Kingsway-Lambton



Family Skating Party

Join us at Lambton Kingsway Park outdoor rink for skating, then we'll return to the church for hot drinks and snacks. A great event for children, teens, and families! All welcome!

Sunday, December 21, 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Christmas Market

Come shop at the Christmas Market at Coffee Hour on December 16, and support our Honduras Kids. Our wares include ground or whole bean Honduran organic fair-trade coffee, chocolate bark, and gingerbread houses and churches, along with kits to decorate your own. We will be accepting cash, cheque, Visa or Mastercard.



**Honduras Mission
Christmas Market**

**STOP and SHOP
For those special
Christmas Gifts**

**and
Support our
Honduras Kids too!!**

Just in Time for Christmas: A New Auditorium!

By Don MacInnes



The Auditorium renovations have been completed! It was on September 4th that the demolition of the multiple ceilings which existed was commenced due to Fire Safety concerns. At the same time, the work provided an opportunity to expand and rationalize the network of cables which had been run through the ceiling over the past 80 years.

Once the ceilings were removed, we were able to determine that space existed to move the various services up into the joists. An Engineer's Report concluded that it was permissible to drill several holes in the steel beams which supported the sanctuary floor. The main pipes for the steam line, the water main, and the sprinkler main were moved into separate joists. A double layer of dry wall was then installed, which gives a fire-rated ceiling of 2 hours. The existing sprinkler lines were removed and new piping and new heads were then installed in the ceiling cavity between the dry wall and the suspended T-bar ceiling.

All the circuits in the existing electrical panel were completely assigned, so a new transformer was installed in the south end of the building and a 600-volt line was fed to the new transformer from the boiler room area. All new wiring was run in conduits as the center of the building was re-wired.

New LED variable panel lighting was installed with fully selectable color temperatures, all of which can be change wirelessly. Also, a new ceiling mounted laser projector was installed, thereby eliminating cables running across the floor.

And, finally, an entirely new Emergency Lighting and Fire Alarm system was installed, completing the original objective of the exercise.

The results? A brighter, safer, more efficient Auditorium with upgraded technology capabilities that will meet our needs for many years to come.



Do you have good news to share?

Anniversaries, graduations, new members to the family...we want to hear about it!

Contact Arline Cook at **(416) 531-4287** or
arline_cook@rogers.com

Fresh Start's Encouraging Start



The new Fresh Start service is just a few months old, but in those months, a lot has happened. And there's still a lot to do!

With intern minister Stephen Milton presiding, and Dan Ryan serving as music co-ordinator, the shorter, informal service has offered several innovative forms of worship. There is also congregational participation, particularly through discussion of questions raised by that day's topic. As well as coffee and snacks!

While new things are tried and often adjusted - typical for any new project - attendance numbers are encouraging. The goal of Fresh Start, which received a United Church of Canada grant, is to bring back people who no longer attend, and also to attract new people.

That is happening.

Fresh Start services averaged 48 attendees between September and November. The 10am service's average attendance for this same period is stable: 140 people in both 2017 and 2018. The total average attendance for the two services combined in 2018: 188. This means there is growth!

The numbers show Fresh Start has not (as some have wondered) depleted the later service. Some attendees are, of course, Kingsway-Lambton regulars who like an occasional change. Fresh Start also serves choir members who like to attend prior to 10am. But a proportion of the Fresh Start attendees are indeed lapsed members, or new people.

It's early days for this big endeavour. Next steps: more marketing to the target groups. Please pass the news on to anyone you may know who doesn't attend. They may find this different approach will give them a Fresh Start!

Christmas Services

A Service for those Grieving at Christmas

Lockhart Chapel

Wednesday, December 12, 7:00pm

Service of Lessons and Carols

Sanctuary

Sunday, December 16, 7:00pm

Fresh Start Christmas Service

Sanctuary

Sunday, December 23, 9:00am

Traditional Christmas Service

Sanctuary

Sunday, December 23, 11:00am



Christmas Eve Services

Service for Babies and Little Ones

Sanctuary

Monday, December 24, 4:00pm

Service for Young Families

Sanctuary

Monday, December 24, 5:30pm

Candlelight Communion Service

Sanctuary

Monday, December 24, 10:30pm

Hallowe'en Fun at Kingsway-Lambton

Chancel Choir Carry on Tradition

Kingsway-Lambton's Chancel Choir Hallowe'en party never fails to be "fun and fabulous", with everyone in creative costumes!

This event is a long-time tradition, with the choir men providing a great display of tasty treats. Among the delectable offerings were Ted's own delectable pumpkin pies, the surprise appearance of a scary "Boo Frankenstein" chocolate cake, and Rod's refreshing punch. The fun scene took place in the West Reception room, which was decorated by "the boys", chandeliers and all!



The party followed rehearsal for that Sunday's service. It was an evening that went from prayerful and serious music preparation to a relaxed and "unforgettably silly" time together with KLUC's wonderful Music Minister and conductor Ian Grundy. It is clear to see why the choir's warm connections and friendships hold true, with Rev. Hugh's leadership and the love, joy, fun, and commitment that each member brings to the choir.

Thank you, men of the chancel choir, for another memorable Hallowe'en!

Coming soon: the February tradition of the choir's "Valentine's Day" party, this time featuring tasty fare by the women "Sweetheart" choir singers!

Kingsway-Lambton hosts neighbourhood Hallowe'en party

On Hallowe'en night, Kingsway-Lambton got a spooky makeover. A group of volunteers from Fresh Start (and their friends) redressed the east lawn, transforming it into a graveyard with sixty (temporary!) gravestones. "I died from not sending that email," said one; "I Told you I was Sick!" read another. Gels were placed over the lights, so that at dusk, the church walls turned orange. There was hot apple cider for grownups, and candy for trick-or-treaters.



At one point in the night, a woman wearing a giant plastic blond wig walked into the courtyard. When asked why she'd come (having no children or dog with her), she replied that people had been telling her that something cool was happening at the church, so she had to check it out. As she looked around, she saw two ministers on hand – Rev. Leanne Ketcham in her unicorn onesie, and intern minister Stephen Milton in his gingerbread man costume.



Among the volunteers helping us out that night were a Mummy, Bozo the Clown, a horse, and an ever-so-stylish witch. In the end, 130 children had come by to get candy and loot bags. This may be the start of a new Kingsway-Lambton tradition!

Announcements

Wedding



Andy Leite and Katie Zaffino
November 3, 2018

Baptism



Ayla Claire Mundy
Born January 13, 2018
Daughter of Dave and Lindsay Mundy

Goddaughter of Scott Mundy
and Claudia Marchessault

