

# KNOX NEWS

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Next Holy Communion - March 4, 2018

Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel ON 519-291-4690

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## Lenten Services

Please join us for our Mid Week  
Lenten Service and Lunch

Service begins at 12:10 pm for 5 Wednesday's  
during Lent, with a luncheon following at 12:30

**February 21:** Service led by Rev. Ernie  
Naylor, Atwood Presbyterian Ladies providing  
lunch

**February 28:** Service led by Rev. Ralph  
Dwarika, St. Paul's Lutheran ladies providing  
lunch

**March 7:** Service led by Rev. George  
Russell, Britton WMS providing lunch

**March 14:** Service led by Rev. Colin Snyder,  
Atwood United ladies providing lunch

**March 21:** Service led by Rev. Don  
McCallum, Bessie's providing lunch

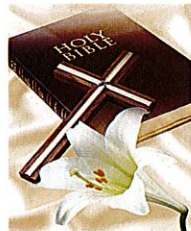
## Easter Services 2018

Good Friday (March 30)

Service: 10:30 am

Easter Sunday (April 1)

Service: 10:30 am



## World Day of Prayer:

Friday March 2, 2018. Hosted by  
Trinity United Church, Listowel  
starting at 1:30 pm.

## Upcoming Dates

- February 25 Baptism Sunday
- March 2 World Day of Prayer
- March 4 Communion Sunday
- Communicants Breakfast
- Profession of Faith
- March 5 Happy Birthday to me!
- March 6 North Perth Arts Council  
Ceilidh
- March 11 Happy Birthday Nicole!
- Clocks go forward
- March 12-16 March Break
- March 17 St. Patricks Day
- March 25 Palm Sunday
- March 30 Good Friday - **Office Closed**
- April 1 Easter Sunday
- April 2 Easter Monday - **Office Closed**
- April 15 Library Sunday
- April 24 Opportunity Knox Pasta Supper
- April 23 to 27 - Pam off—**Office Closed**
- April 29 to May 3 Opportunity Sale setup
- May 4 & 5 Opportunity Sale
- May 13 Mothers Day/Baptism Sunday
- May 14- 16 Church Office Administrators  
Conference—**Office Closed**





### MacDonald Memorial Library

The Bessie Mac Murchy Group donated three volumes of, *'The Rose Books of Bible Charts, Maps and Time Lines'* to MacDonald Memorial Library in memory of Marlene Kirkby. These are reference books. The beautiful photos, detailed maps and timelines are easy to read. Visit the library to check them out...and discover another source of information for your next meeting. The movie *'Cool Runnings'* as mentioned in Rev. McCallum's sermon is available.

### From the Board of Managers

This will be my last submission as Chair of the Board of Managers, a position I have held for the last 6 years. I would like to thank all of those who served on the board in this time for their cooperative efforts and great work. It has been a pleasure working with everyone to keep Knox building and finances in good order. I leave the Chair with the Board in a great position to continue the work, with more than a full roster!

At the General meeting, when the budget was discussed there were several things said that the congregation needs to be aware of. The "balanced" budget was presented based on givings going up substantially (almost \$30,000) to cover our projected expenses. Even at that there was minimal capital expense budget. While we hope the Spirit will move people to consider increasing their contributions and that some of our expenses will come in under budget (as they have in the past) we do recognize there is no basis for this to happen (30 new families joining the Church?). Through good stewardship, and good ministry we are fortunate to have a healthy financial balance sheet, but it is a big old (beautiful) building that requires much work to maintain. At the Board we have decided that mid size improvements and maintenance might require the board coming to the congregation for specific calls to assist. Please consider those prayerfully should they arise.

Some of the projects in the works are: replacing the outside railings and cement repair, new basement windows, improving the access at the back of the kitchen, improvements to the balcony railing to meet code and repointing some areas of the brickwork.

Much has been done and your Board will continue to serve this congregation well, with God's grace.

Peace and Love

Paul

### Lenten Project: Canadian Foodgrains Bank



The Foodgrains Bank is a group of 15 denominations and church based organizations (including the Presbyterian Church in Canada) working to end global hunger. It provides emergency food relief, supplies tools and training for small scale farmers and supports programs to improve nutrition for mothers and children. Please support this project by marking the third column on your offering envelope: 'Foodgrains'. Thank you!

### Knox Presbyterian Church

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Monday - Friday

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## Income & Expense Statement

January 1, 2018- January 31, 2018

| <u>Income</u>             | <u>2018</u>         | <u>2017</u>         | <u>Budget</u>       |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund              | \$ 14,350.76        | \$ 16,003.01        | \$ 19,792.11        |
| Children's Fund           | \$ 10.00            | \$ 5.00             | \$ 16.67            |
| Presbyterians Sharing     | \$ 1,618.33         | \$ 2,073.33         | \$ 2,350.00         |
| Other Missions/Restricted | \$ 2,850.66         | \$ 2,725.66         | \$ 2,090.83         |
| Other Income              | \$ 831.50           | \$ 605.75           | \$ 983.34           |
| <b>Total Income</b>       | <b>\$ 19,661.25</b> | <b>\$ 21,412.75</b> | <b>\$ 25,232.95</b> |

### Expenses

|                          |                       |                       |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Salaries/Personnel       | \$ 15,236.48          | \$ 16,023.28          | \$ 15,012.84          |
| Administrative Expenses  | \$ 9,938.75           | \$ 10,246.75          | \$ 10,515.47          |
| Building/Grounds         | \$ 4,213.47           | \$ 6,159.71           | \$ 4,391.26           |
| Missions/Outreach        | \$ 3,079.33           | \$ 2,909.33           | \$ 3,084.84           |
| Christian Education      | \$ 15.85              | \$ 74.71              | \$ 341.67             |
| Ministry Expenses        | \$ 190.01             | \$ 264.20             | \$ 166.66             |
| Library                  | \$ -                  | \$ -                  | \$ 183.34             |
| Music Ministry           | \$ 566.97             | \$ 365.74             | \$ 368.34             |
| 248 Livingstone Expenses | \$ 1,986.19           | \$ 1,740.66           | \$ 1,595.99           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>    | <b>\$ 35,227.05</b>   | <b>\$ 37,784.38</b>   | <b>\$ 35,660.41</b>   |
| <b>Excess Expenses</b>   | <b>\$ (15,565.80)</b> | <b>\$ (16,371.63)</b> | <b>\$ (10,427.46)</b> |

### Net Cash Position

|                                       | <u>2018</u>         |                        | <u>2017</u>         |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Net Cash Position on January 1, 2018  | \$ 56,412.63        | January 1, 2017        | \$ 57,490.80        |
| Excess Expenses                       | \$ (15,565.80)      | Excess Expenses        | \$ (16,371.63)      |
| Net Cash Position on January 31, 2018 | <u>\$ 40,846.83</u> | Jan. 31, 2017          | <u>\$ 41,119.17</u> |
| Bank Balance January 31, 2018         | \$ 45,373.10        | Jan. 31, 2017          | \$ 44,703.64        |
| HST Receivable                        | \$ 3,291.39         | HST Receivable         | \$ 3,584.22         |
| Less: Liabilities (Nicaragua/Refugee) | \$ (7,817.66)       | Less: Liabilities Held | \$ (7,168.69)       |
| Net Cash Position on January 31, 2018 | <u>\$ 40,846.83</u> | Jan. 31, 2017          | <u>\$ 41,119.17</u> |

Submitted by Pamela D. Coleman





Knox will be holding a CPR refresher course, which includes training on the defibrillator. Amy Gangl from the Town office will be the instructor. It will be held Saturday April 28 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The cost is \$30.00 of which Knox will subsidize \$20.00 per person, so the cost per participant will be \$10. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside Rev. McCallum's office.

Spring is just around the corner, and so is the **2018 Opportunity Sale**. Keep the first week in May open for lots of fun and fellowship.



Sale dates are:  
**Friday May 4, and  
Saturday May 5**



Watch your bulletins for more information.

**“Please Help Us to be Scent – Sensitive!”**



Some of those in attendance have allergic reactions or breathing difficulties triggered by perfumes or other strong scents.

Please help us to make this a welcoming environment for them.

**Prayer Chain**

Just a reminder that we have an active “Prayer Chain” here at Knox, but we can always use more people to pray, and if you feel that this is something God has laid on your heart, please call me. I will gladly give you more information, or add you to the list. We never meet as a group, but stay in touch by phone.

“There is a great need for earnest and powerful intercessors”.

When you have something or someone in your life that needs prayer, don't hesitate to call the office or me and make your request known. We will present it before the throne of grace and pray to the power of the Spirit for healing, strength and comfort.



*“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results”.*

*James 5:16*

Respectfully submitted

George Sjaarda,

Prayer Chain Coordinator 519-291-3529



**COMMUNION**

Communion will be celebrated at the **Caressant Care Retirement Home** on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



**SPRING FORWARD**

Don't forget to change your clocks Sunday March 11!

**Library Sunday** will be held Sunday April 15, New resources will be displayed in the Christian Education Hall. The support of the congregation is appreciated.  
Eleanor Petrie



**Pasta With Presbyterian Pizzazz!**

Opportunity Knox Present their

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pasta Supper**

**Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>**



5:00 pm & 6:00 pm sitting

Tickets go on sale April 1,

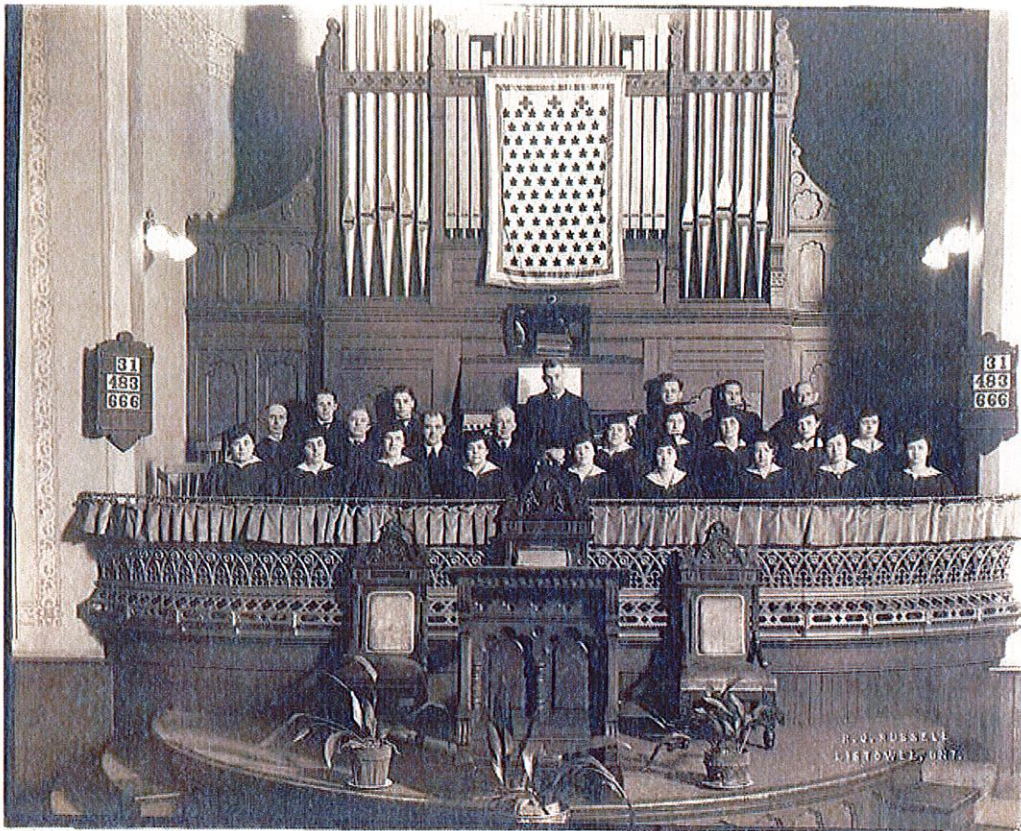
Get them early and don't be disappointed

Adults: \$ 12.00 Children (6-12) \$ 6.00



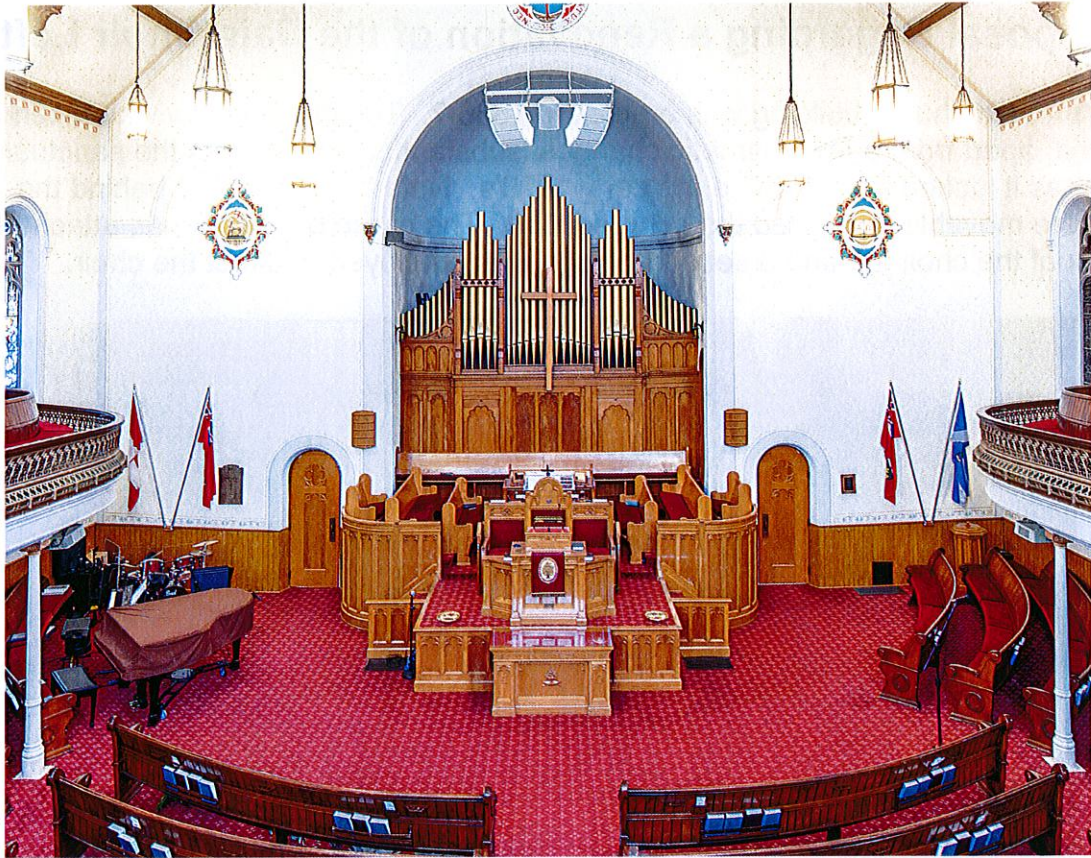
## Proposal Regarding a Renovation of the Dais/Choir Loft

Knox's present church building was erected in 1886-7. The photo below was taken in 1935 and, apart from a few cosmetic changes, substantially represents the sanctuary platform as it looked from 1887 to the early 1950's. Note that the chairs behind the pulpit were movable and faced the congregation. The organ keyboard was attached to the back of the choir loft and a second person was employed to direct the choir.



The present platform was renovated in the early 1950's. At that time the choir loft was enlarged and the platform redone in a lighter coloured oak. Originally the choir sat in wooden, theatre-style seats that all faced forward (*these are now at the top of the balcony*). The choir found these seats to be very uncomfortable and a second renovation replaced them with fixed pews facing the organ. The current loft arrangement has several levels, steps, and minimal space to accommodate the pews making it difficult to manoeuvre but its primary purpose was to enable the organist to personally direct the choir from the organ bench. In those days, dramatic presentations, etc. were held on the stage in the old Sunday School annex which was replaced in the early 1990's.





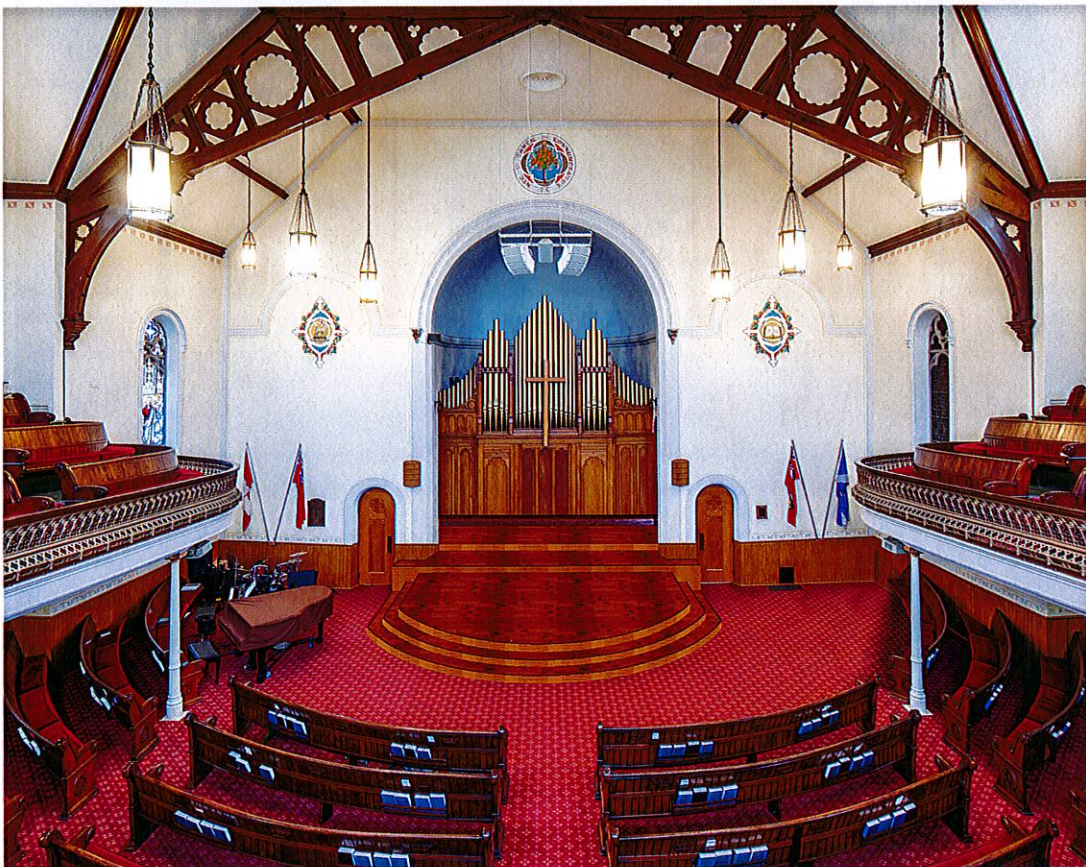
The existing platform configuration served well for a number of decades when there was an abundance of choral music being produced for organ accompaniment. In recent decades musical styles have changed and most church music is being written for accompaniment on the piano. The current choir loft does not allow the music director to be in a satisfactory position to accompany and conduct from the piano because there are too many obstacles blocking the view. This is why the choir frequently comes down to sing in front of the communion table. In that position, however, there is still not enough space for the piano to be in front of the choir (or the youth choir or other ensembles). This lack of space is compounded on Communion Sunday, during the Christmas season and when other instruments are involved in accompaniment.

The present platform is also a challenge for other reasons. Due to the small size of the dais, special musical ensembles (youth choir, the Crosstones, visiting quartets, the Children's choir, etc.) must stand in the area in front of the pulpit. Those sitting in the front corners of the sanctuary are often looking at the backs of those who are singing or being baptized, confirmed, etc. The sanctuary was designed in 1887 for the best acoustics to come from the choir loft and pulpit area so having the choir and other groups sing in front of the platform is less than ideal. It also creates challenges for the sound system in terms of volume versus feedback.



The shortcomings of the present dais are particularly acute when it comes to presentations such as Sunday School pageants, musicals and the Christmas Choir concerts. Because the chairs behind the pulpit are built onto the choir railing and the choir loft pews face inward, the space between the pulpit and organ wall is essentially unusable. The wooden stage extensions are extremely heavy and cannot be easily removed for funerals that may come up midweek. Again, because they are set up in front of the permanent platform, those in the front corners are watching from behind or beside those on stage.

After some discussion, the Elders appointed a committee with representatives from the Session and Board to look at a possible renovation of the dais or other solutions to these challenges. Terry Marklevitz of Marklevitz Architects in Stratford was engaged to provide advice and he submitted his proposals and findings at the end of January.



The proposed choir loft and platform would:

- a) Increase the versatility of the space by removing barriers, simplifying the flooring levels and using movable seating;
- b) Improve accessibility by lowering the front of the platform;
- c) Enable all of the space as far back as the organ wall, to be used for pageants and other larger events.
- d) Allow the music director to conduct while accompanying at the piano by providing a platform with no obstacles between singers and conductor;



- e) Improve visibility by enabling baptisms, weddings, confirmations, children's time, musical solos and other activities to take place on the platform.
- f) Enable new developments in worship to take place as things evolve in the years to come. These might include enabling the preacher to move about more freely, using props or short skits, etc.
- g) Be in harmony with the existing traditional style of the sanctuary and at the same time reduce glare from the current light oak colour which creates problems for recording the services in HD format (now being required for cable broadcast).
- h) Reduce acoustic/audio problems by moving activity further back from the front pews.



The architect recommends that 2 pews be removed on the east side of the sanctuary to allow the organ console to be placed on the floor without obstructing the exit. The organ at some point will need an upgrade from solid-state to digital technology and the latter would include being connected remotely to the organ loft by connections beneath the floor. The organ console would also be moveable, on castors similar to those beneath the piano.

#### **Cost Estimates:**



The Architect provided a detailed cost estimate which totals approximately \$112,000 after HST rebates. Some of the items included may not be required or it may be possible to accomplish them at lower costs.

In addition, we would need approximately \$10,000 for seating, and \$5000 for electrical/audio upgrades. With permits and professional services, the Committee estimate that a fairly generous estimate would be about \$145,000 for the project.

The digital upgrade for the organ would be approximately \$45,000, but this is something that needs to be done at some point whether we renovate the platform or not.

It has been noted that this sort of renovation is something that fits appropriately within the mandate of the Memorial Fund which, at the end of 2017, had a balance of \$674,264.

Some churches in the area that have made similar changes to their 'chancels' include:

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| St. Andrews, Stratford          | Lakeshore United, Goderich       |
| Trinity United, Orangeville,    | St. Andrews Presbyterian, Fergus |
| Central Presbyterian, Cambridge | Knox Presbyterian, Guelph        |
| St. James Anglican, Stratford   | Knox Presbyterian, Woodstock     |

The above is a summary of information. The complete Architect's report and an article from the Presbyterian Church in Canada describing the renovation done at Knox, Woodstock, Ontario, is available for perusal on the bulletin board in the Church Hall and on the Church website: [www.knoxlistowel.ca](http://www.knoxlistowel.ca)

### **Your thoughts?**

We are sharing the above information with the congregation at this time in order to solicit your questions, suggestions and thoughts. We would ask you to do this in one of two ways:

- a) Via email: [knoxpres@wightman.ca](mailto:knoxpres@wightman.ca)
- b) Through a note placed in one of the boxes available at the church for this purpose. Please include your name(s) in order to facilitate communication. Anonymous submissions will not be considered.

**Deadline for Submissions is March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

In order to facilitate communication we will post questions/responses and suggestions on the church website: <http://www.knoxlistowel.ca/>



# MUSIC News



Special Music for spring 2018 at Knox will include music by guests soloists; Crosstones; and two opportunities for the Children's Choir to participate in the worship services.

On Mother's day the choir anthem will feature the Children's Choir in combination with the adult choir; and on April 29<sup>th</sup> we have something new planned – *a music video with a twist!*

We would like to create a video/slideshow to be played as the Children's Choir sings the song during the worship service. To create this slideshow we will be staging different scenes of Jesus' miracles that go along with the theme of the song and add a few narrative parts to tell the story-line. The scenes will be photographed a few weeks before-hand so that the slideshow/video can be edited.

This will involve both actors as well as singers, so if you're interested in any aspect of this project please let Agnes Henderson or Nicole Kaufman know. We need to have an idea of how many are involved in order to organize costumes, props, etc. We will be getting together with all the participants for an afternoon to stage the photos, record the narratives, and anything else needed create this video/slideshow. There will be food! More information will be available in the weekly bulletin, on the website, or by contacting Nicole or Agnes.

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Below is the schedule (as it is right now) for rehearsals, etc. for Children's Choir events:

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Sunday March 25 <sup>th</sup> | 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (upstairs choir room)   |
| Sunday April 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Photo Session for Slideshow/Video;<br>beginning with pizza for lunch!!                            |
| Sunday April 15 <sup>th</sup> | 11:30 a.m. Rehearsal  |
| Sunday April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 11:30 a.m. Rehearsal  |
| Sunday April 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir meet before church<br>10:30 a.m. Children's Choir anthem & Slideshow/Video Presentation |
| Sunday May 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 11:30 a.m. Rehearse with Adult Choir (Mother's Day anthem)  |
| Thursday May 10 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 p.m. Rehearse with Adult Choir   |
| Sunday May 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:00 a.m. Children & Adult Choir rehearse before church<br>10:30 a.m. Sing anthem during the worship service       |