

DECEMBER 2, 2012

ADVENT I



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Sam Lee
Minister of Youth

Mrs. Miriam Little
Director of Children's Ministries

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
Minister of Discipleship

Mr. William Maddox B.Mus, FTCL
Organist and Director of Music

The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

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MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 2, 2012

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.

Preludes Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Prelude on Conditor alme *Flor Peeters*

10:57 a.m. The congregation rises for the arrival of the Vice-Regal Party.

Vice-Regal Salute

Processional Hymn 81 – Hark, the glad sound (Richmond 255)

Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 25 **The Rev. Sam Lee**

Minister: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Minister: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Minister: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you wait all day long.

People: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Minister: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Minister: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Introit – Silent Night

Franz Gruber, arr. Alan Ridout

Minster Singers
Dawn King, director

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope and Invocation

The Gallagher Family

The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*)

The Rev. Sam Lee

(Please see inside front cover of the hymn book.)

Hymn *SHB 105 – We are marching in the light of God (Siyahamba)

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

The Mystery Box

Gavin

Announcements

Scripture Matthew 3:1-12 (NT p.3)

Sabrina Yacoub

Philippians 1:3-11 (NT p.209)

Honourable David C. Onley, O.Ont

Pastoral Prayer (*seated*)

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

Advent Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever.

Choral Response –

W. Maddox

Say to them that are of a fearful heart:
be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come and save you.

Offering

*Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the House of the Lord. (Psalm 118:26)*

Anthem – And the glory of the Lord (Messiah)

G. F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Doxology Hymn 766

Sermon – CHRISTMAS GREETINGS I: To The People

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Hymn *SHB 87 – Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling (Thompson)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Choral Preparation – Creator of the starry height

Conditor alme siderum

Creator of the starry height thy people's everlasting Light,
Jesu, Redeemer of us all, hear thy servants when they call.
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honour might and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

Reception of New Members

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Church Covenant (Please see page 4)

Invitation to the Table

The Rev. Dale Rose

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Sam Lee

Distribution of the Elements

Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

Recessional Hymn 595 – Love divine (Hyfrydol 502)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Udell in A)

Postlude

Final (Sonata #1)

Felix Mendelssohn

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

**SHB - Supplementary Hymn Book "Sing to God's Glory"*

We are delighted to welcome The Honourable David C. Onley, O.Ont., Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and Her Honour, Ruth Ann Onley, to Yorkminster Park on this first Sunday of the Advent season. We have fond memories of His Honour's late parents, Charles and Gwen Onley, who worshipped and served in this church. We thank God for the leadership Their Honours have offered to Queen and country and we continue to keep them in our prayers during these days.

Soloists:

Jessica Willingham, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano; **Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano;
Martin Houtman, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone.

Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed in loving memory of

GERARD HANNAHSON COLLINS

(GERRY)

By Earlane.

CHURCH COVENANT

As an organized group of Christian people, we enter into Covenant, one with another, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, grace and godly living; to promote its Christian spirit by sustaining its worship, sacraments, discipline, doctrine and the maintenance of the Biblical norms and standards of conduct; to contribute to the support of the Ministry, to the expenses of the Church, and to serve, as our respective talents and circumstances permit, the mission of the Church, which Covenant is made in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

NEW MEMBERS

Chris Edwards grew up in the Anglican Church and was baptised and confirmed there. His faith grew while working several summers at Canadian Keswick Conference. It was here that he met his wife Bonnie.

He first came to Yorkminster Park in January 1978 and after about six months joined the choir where our former choir director, Catherine Palmer, recognized his talent and took him under her wing. In 1979 he became the tenor section lead and the following year the tenor soloist.

In 1994 Chris retired from his management position in computing and moved to the USA where his wife pursued a change in her medical career. Chris became "Mr. Mom" for their 2 young boys. They moved back to Canada in 2000 where his wife Bonnie set up a family practice in Simcoe. They attended First Baptist Church in Simcoe. Chris soon found he missed the music at Yorkminster Park and both he and Bonnie missed the preaching. They started attending again in 2010 and Chris soon rejoined the choir.

Chris and Bonnie have two grown boys; Mark is studying music in Germany and Nick is studying English here in Toronto.

Chris helps at his wife's medical practice once a week and he has many hobbies such as scuba diving in which he recently achieved his Rescue Diver's Certificate.

Simone Galvao comes to us from Brazil. She immigrated to Canada six months ago and is currently studying Hotel Management at George Brown College as an international student. Following completion of her studies, she plans to work for at least three years here.

She was born into a Christian home, baptized at 12 in the First Baptist Church in Manaus, a 112 year old church with 800 members. She became very active there, and taught Baptist doctrine preparing the new converts in faith for baptism. Simone's strong Baptist faith emanates from her parents and her grandmother who was deaconess at her church.

Having sung in the church's choir in Manaus she now attends our choir rehearsals every Thursday with the possibility of joining the choir. Simone is already well established at Yorkminster Park attending Peter's Berean Bible Study and the Wednesday Bible Study as well as Sunday services. She is doing the night shift at our Out Of The Cold program. She has also taken the Discipleship Class with Cheryle and Peter.

She is looking forward to a visit this Christmas from her daughter Beatriz, who hopes to come to Canada also at the end of next year.

Simone wishes to call YP 'home', and is eager to make friends with the church 'family'.

She joins us on the basis of transfer of membership.

***Communion at Yorkminster Park is open to all who love Christ
and seek to live in His ways.***

To address the needs of some congregants whose allergies have prevented them from fully participating in the Sacrament of Communion, the communion bread in the centre of the plate is gluten-free.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING

Immediately following the service, **Prayers for Healing and Blessing** will be offered in the Chapel for all who wish a minister to pray with them. If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, members of the Pastoral Care Committee are present in the Chapel to offer PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING each Sunday, following the morning worship service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Pastoral Care staff. You may also submit a request for prayer on the Welcome card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

Art Gallery 5th Anniversary 'Retrospective' To December 18

Open for viewing and purchase.

Retrospective of artists who have had one-person shows in the past five years.

Catalogues are available, suggested donation \$10.

THE CHRISTMAS CAKES

The Men's Baking Group will have this year's Christmas Cakes ready for sale starting **TODAY** following the morning service.

The proceeds from this year's sale will be given to the House of Compassion



House of Compassion
Walking the Journey Together

2013 offering envelopes are in the Centre Hall today. Please pick up your set.

TODAY AT 4:30pm – Toronto Baptist Ministries Carolfest

You are invited to join our annual Carolfest Christmas celebration. Enjoy beautiful music of the season presented by a massed choir, with featured guests including the TC3 Dance Troupe, The Hilltop Ringers Handbell Choir and others. This is a chance to meet with friends from other churches and celebrate the diversity of our Association within the unity of our love for the Lord. All are welcome. The Carolfest offering will be used to budget TBM grants.

Please note that we will not have 7pm evening service during the month of December.

PRAYERS

Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., you are invited to join the Ministerial Staff as prayers are lifted to God for individuals, groups, ministry and mission organizations affiliated with Yorkminster Park. If you have a prayer request, please contact Rev. Dale Rose at 416-922-1240. A printed Prayer List is provided, and available upon request. "But with prayer, that blessed medicine, we are sustained."

The Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation on
Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm and Wednesday 10am to 12:30pm.

Centre Hall Greeters NEEDED

Greeters staff the Yorkminster Centre Welcome Desk from 10am to 2pm each weekday.

Contact Len Linton at 416-512-2080 or leonardlinton@rogers.com



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Doug Purdon "Christmas Eve" Christmas Cards are available from the YP Women for \$15 per box. Cards may be purchased from Judy MacDonald in the Centre Hall or by contacting the Church Office.

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LUKE iv. 18-19.

HARK the glad sound ! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

- 2 He comes, the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held:
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes, from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray,
And on the eyeballs of the blind
To pour celestial day.
- 4 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.
- 5 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

Philip Doddridge, 1702-51, altd.

We are marching in the light of God

Siyahamba African melody

1 We are mar - ching in the light of God we are

4 mar ching in the light of God We are mar - ching in the

7 Light of God we are mar ching in the light of God. We are

10 mar - ching We are mar-ching in the Light of God We are

14 mar - ching We are mar-ching in the Light of God.

2. We are living in the love of God....

3. We are moving in the power of God...

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

Thompson

William L. Thompson



1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling;
 Calling to you and to me;
 See on the portals He's waiting and watching,
 Watching for you and for me.

*Come home, come home,
 Ye who are weary come home.
 Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
 Calling, 'O sinner, come home!'*

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
 Pleading for you and for me?
 Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
 Mercies for you and for me?
Come home...

3. Time is now fleeting; the moments are passing,
 Passing from you and from me;
 Shadows are gathering, death beds are coming,
 Coming for you and for me.
Come home...

4. Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,
 Promised for you and for me;
 Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
 Pardon for you and for me.

Come home...

LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown:
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter every trembling heart.

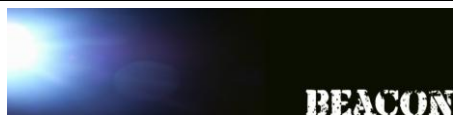
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit,
 Let us find Thy promised rest;
 Take away the love of sinning,
 Alpha and omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, almighty to deliver,
 Let us all Thy grace receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Never more Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish, then, Thy new creation:
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation,
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen

VISITORS

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be with us, we welcome you to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. We hope that you will feel comforted and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. Please fill out the Welcome card you find in the pew. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

- City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 pm. Have your ticket stamped in the Narthex.
- The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website.
- All morning and evening worship services are recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the Audio Desk in the Narthex.
- Hearing assistance available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Narthex Information table.
- A limited number of large-print Bibles and calendars are available for use in worship on the Narthex information table. If you would like one, please ask an usher.
- Please find our quarterly newsletter on the Centre Hall, Narthex and South tables.
- **For children:** Nursery for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to grade 5 after the Children's Prayer.
- Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex, reached through the Sanctuary. We invite you to participate with us.
- If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please speak with the one of the ministers after the service or call the Church Office, 416-922-1167.
- If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park Baptist Church or to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the card you will find in the pew and give it to an usher.
- Downstairs in the lower level, there are bulletin boards where we hang some church-related and community-related events. Next time you are in the lower level, take a moment and browse all of the events that are happening in our community.

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Yorkminster-Park-Baptist-Church/



BEACON YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Sam Lee at slee@yorkminsterpark.com

College and Career Wednesday Night,
7:30pm-9:30pm
Continuing 'The Reason for God' Book Study

The Story – This Week
Chapter 12
"The Trials of a King"

College and Career Christmas Party
December 7 from 7pm
At Matthew and Noriko's

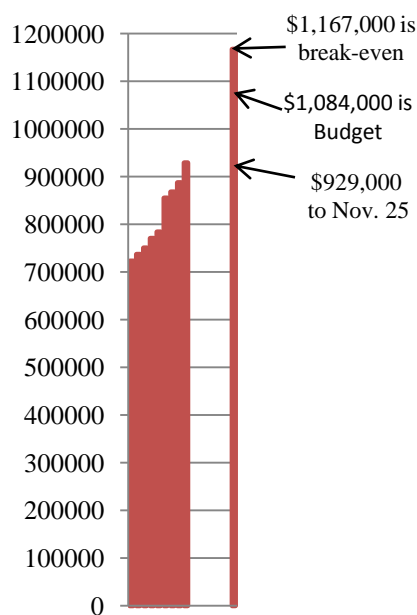
Wall Climbing
Sat, December 8, 5:30pm – 10:00pm
Toronto Climbing Academy
Drop off @ 5:30pm Pick up @ 10pm
Climbing starts @ 6:30pm
\$25 includes dinner

Youth Christmas Party
December 15 from 5pm
At Sam's

An Update on Offerings in 2012

The chart opposite shows, in weekly increments from September 30, the progress toward accomplishing the level of general offerings and contributions needed in 2012 in order to meet the Budget (leaving a deficit of \$82,100) or, better still, to break-even.

Historically, offerings during the last few months of the year have contributed significantly to the financing of the ministries of the Church. Similarly generous commitments are needed again in 2012.



The December 2012-February 2013
'Our Daily Bread' Devotionals are available
in the Centre Hall and the Narthex.

We would love you to join our Church!

We invite you to consider joining Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and adding your voice to the chorus of voices that make up our church family. Church membership at Yorkminster Park is a way of confessing your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and affirming your place in our family and allowing us to affirm you in your faith journey.

You may join Yorkminster Park Baptist Church one of three ways:

1. **By Baptism**-When anyone is baptized at Yorkminster Park they are baptized into the family of Christ and into the membership of the church.
2. **By Letter of Transfer** from another church.
3. **On the basis of Christian experience**—Members of other Christian traditions to come into membership based on their confirmation or profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

To join our family, please speak with one of the ministers and register for Discipleship 101 by sending an email to office@yorkminsterpark.com.

Discipleship 101

The primary focus is to prepare participants for Baptism and church membership. With this foundation each new believer and prospective member will be set on the right path and have a basis for future growth.

The class will meet to Sunday, December 16 from 9:45 am until 10:30 am.

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Sunday

10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
(Classes for toddlers to junior high children after the Children's Prayer)
12:30pm New Member Reception, Friendship Room
4:30pm Toronto Baptist Ministries Carolfest

Monday to Friday

9:00am Meals on Wheels, Heritage Room Kitchen

Tuesday

9:30am Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508
10:00am Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:00pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
5:30pm Deacons Executive, Library
7:00pm Board of Deacons, Friendship Room

Wednesday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Giles Bryant and Beverley Bell*
6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room
7:30pm Prayers in Scripture Art Presentation, Cameron Hall

Thursday

6:00am Out of the Cold, Heritage Room
7:00am Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
10:00am YP Women's Executive, Administrative Boardroom 502
11:40am Youth Drop In, Youth Zone
12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
12:30pm Afternoon Mission Fellowship Christmas Boutique, Friendship Room
3:30pm Audit Committee, Red Boardroom
7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room
7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall
7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, offsite

Friday

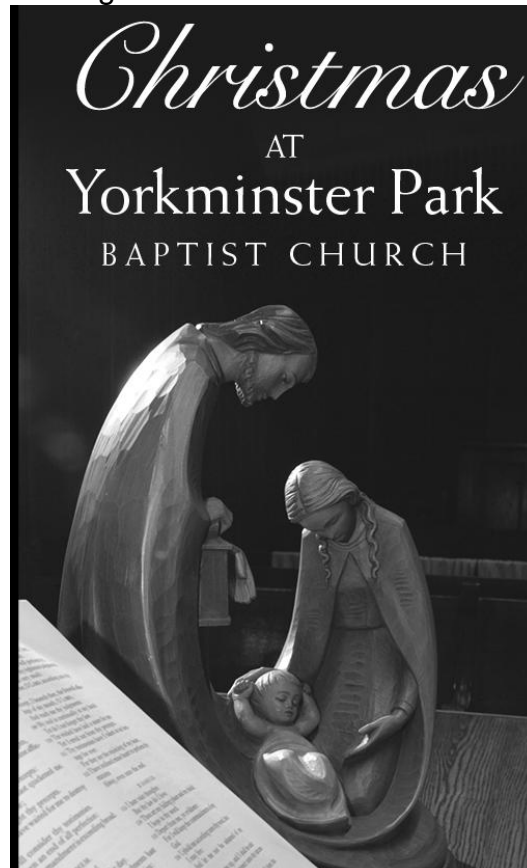
7:00am Bells on Bay Street, offsite
12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym

Saturday

6:00pm Youth Wall Climbing event, offsite
8:00pm Amadeus Choir Concert, Main Sanctuary

Next Sunday – ADVENT II “White Gift Sunday”

9:00am YP Women Cookie Collection and Distribution, Heritage Room Kitchen
9:15am Minster Singers rehearsal, Heritage Room
9:45am Discipleship 101, Room 504
9:45am Bible Basics, Room 502 Administrative Boardroom
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am Choristers, Room 203
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
12:30pm Children’s Stick Movement Practice, Gym
4:30pm Carols by Candlelight



The Church's OUT OF THE COLD ministry to the city's homeless people is now well underway. This program is financed entirely through the generous gifts from members and friends of YPBC. It receives no government support, and our coffers are almost depleted at this time, so we would ask once again that you consider making a gift, marking it on the right hand side of your offering envelope as "Out of the Cold".

Your help for this important ministry of the church is very much appreciated.

The Board of Mission

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS NOTICES



PRAYERS IN SCRIPTURE (A Visual Commentary)

Paintings by the old masters on themes from Scripture.

Presented by Tom Hayes

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

7:30pm

Cameron Hall



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH A DIFFERENCE

The Afternoon Mission Fellowship invites you to a **Christmas Boutique**, featuring:

- Ethical gifts and FairTrade coffee, tea and treats from Ten Thousand Villages One-of-a-kind Lucinda pins from the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department
- Beautiful quilted bags and iPad cases created by Cheryl Hughes
- Twice-Cleansed olive oil soap from Lebanon
- Avon shopping with Nazli M-B

Thursday, December 6, 12:00 to 2:00 in the Friendship Room.



Bells on Bay St. - The 12 Days of Christmas

Friday, December 07, 2012

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

The King Edward Hotel

Guest Speaker:
Jason Storsley
President and CEO
RBC Direct Investing

Philanthropic Partner:
John McAuley
President and CEO
Muskoka Woods Youth Foundation

Please email Nicole Paserin at intern@intriciti.ca to reserve a ticket or table. Space is limited.

AMADEUS CHOIR CONCERT

"Magnificat"

Celebrate the joy of the season with the winning songs from the 26th annual Amadeus Seasonal Songwriting Competition, seasonal arrangements by Howard Cable and other festive works.

Featuring:

The Bach Children's Chorus
and Linda Beaupre, conductor
Eleanor Daley and Shawn Grenke,
piano/organ

True North Brass

For information or tickets, contact 416-446-0188 or email amachoir@idirect.com

Christmas Cookies for our elderly and homebound friends

Please bake and bring 4 dozen home-baked goodies to the Heritage Room Kitchen before the morning service of Sunday , December 9. Your sweets and treats are greatly appreciated.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4:30 PM

A traditional candlelight choral presentation featuring choirs and musicians of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Doors open at 3:30pm.

Child care for children 5 years and under.



“In Our Own Backyard” Christmas 2012

Children’s Mission Project

Make a difference to people in our own city this winter.

Each year, we have given gifts to others out of thankfulness for all God has given us. We have chosen to be involved locally by providing gifts for people ‘in our own backyard’! We are collecting items to help a ministry here in the city. In partnership with Rev. Karen Robinson and Youth Unlimited we are assisting families in the Shoreham Court and Driftwood communities. How can you help? Pick up an empty gift bag in the Narthex or the Centre Hall, take it home and fill it. Or bring a filled gift bag along and drop it in the specially marked boxes in the Centre Hall by **December 9**. Information sheets are on the Centre Hall table.

• THE 4TH ANNUAL •

CITY CAROL SING

In support of the
Churches-on-the-Hill Foodbank

SATURDAY, DEC. 15TH - 2:00 PM
AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

**Richard Margison, Russell Braun,
Lauren Margison & Fiona Reid**

Featuring the Canadian Children’s Opera Chorus,
the Larkin Singers, the choirs of
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and
Christ Church Deer Park.

Admission is FREE, with donations being accepted for the
Churches-on-the-Hill Foodbank



Yorkminster Park
BAPTIST CHURCH



CityNews

With the support of
THE W. GARFIELD WESTON



White Gift Sunday 11:00 a.m. - December 9th

White Gift Sunday has been a long standing tradition here at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. On this special Sunday before Christmas, we collect gifts that are given to a mission right here in the city. This year it is Yonge Street Mission. You may bring a gift of non-perishable food to be presented by you to the service in the sanctuary at 11:00am. At a specially designed time, children will collect your gifts and place them under the tree. You may also bring your gifts for "In Our Own Backyard" Mission project to place under the tree. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Christmas Wish List 2012

Food for the Christmas season & to stock our Food Bank during the depths of the winter:

Canned Food:

- Chick peas & other beans
- Vegetables & fruit
- Tuna & salmon
- Soups & stews
- Fruit juice
- Spaghetti sauce

For the Christmas Season:

- Christmas cake
- Oranges
- Cookies & biscuits
- Condiments & seasonings

Packaged Food:

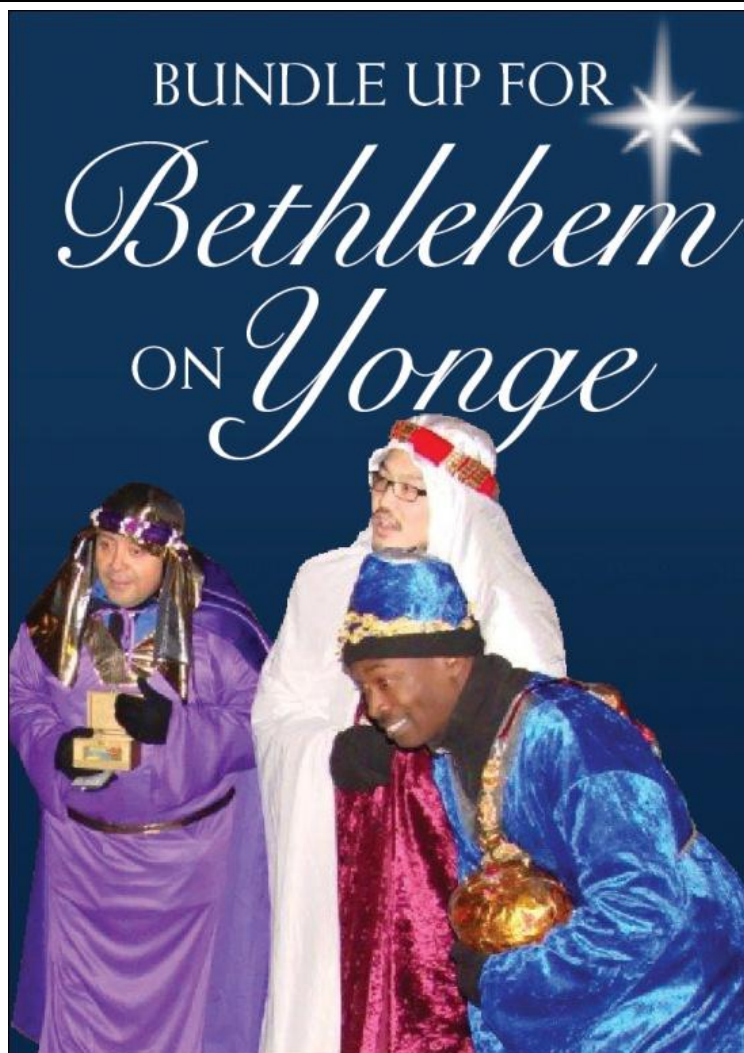
- Peanut butter
- Pasta & kraft dinner
- Rice & cereal
- Gluten free pasta & cereal
- Cooking oil

- Tea & coffee
- Powdered milk
- Candy & chocolate
- Jars of jam
- Power bars & meal replacements
- Baby cereal & jarred food
- Baby formula liquid or powdered
- Other infant items bottles, soothers, diapers

Do you know the History of White Gift Sunday?

White Gift Sunday dates back to 1904 in Ohio. The wife of a Methodist minister and her two daughters came up with the idea of giving gifts wrapped in white paper at Christmas time to people in need. Gifts are wrapped in white so that they will be anonymous. There is a Chinese tradition where all the people gave their king a gift wrapped in plain white paper so that every gift would look the same. Each person gave the king what they were able, and the king welcomed them all. The White Gift shares in the spirit of Christ and the God of love at Christmas. We give gifts of love to people in need.

Sunday, December 16, 4:30pm – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Following the historic traditions of King's College, Cambridge. Doors open at 3:30pm.
Childcare is provided.



BUNDLE UP FOR
Bethlehem
ON *Yonge*

**CHRISTMAS EVE
LIVE NATIVITY with ANIMALS**

Monday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.
Outdoors in the Park at Yorkminster Park

**Hot Chocolate and Carol singing
indoors with the Minster Singers**

Bethlehem on Yonge

People of all ages will enjoy "Bethlehem on Yonge", our outdoor Christmas Eve nativity with live animals. The 'trip' starts every five minutes from 5:00 pm. Hot chocolate and carol singing indoors with the Minster Singers.

We still require a few more volunteers to participate in our "Bethlehem on Yonge" Christmas Eve service at 5pm. If you are interested in being a guide or playing a character role (no acting or line memorizing required) please contact John Speller at jspeller@courtyardtoronto.com or Miriam Little at 416-922-1361 or mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com.

Do you have access to a freezer? Take a mold for an ice lantern home and help prepare some of the needed 60 ice lanterns for the event. Contact Miriam Little.

Monday, December 24, 11pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

A community of faith gathers together to recognize the light of Christ delivered as a little baby so long ago, and to share the light of Christ with each other and then take it into the world. It is a wonderful metaphor of the Christian walk that is incredibly renewing and unifying.

Tuesday, December 25, 11am Christmas Day Communion

A quiet service with The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Monday, December 31, 11pm

Watchnight Service

A **watchnight service** is a late-night Christian church service. It is held late on New Year's Eve, and ends after midnight. This provides the opportunity for Christians to review the year that has passed and make confession, and then prepare for the year ahead by making new commitments. There is a deep sense of blessing for many that they have begun a new year with their sisters and brothers of the Christian family in God's house.

CHRISTMAS at YP on TV

Our Dec. 15th **CITY Carol Sing** will appear on **CITY TV**
Friday December 21st

7-8PM Citytv Toronto, Citytv Winnipeg, Citytv Edmonton, Citytv Calgary and Citytv Vancouver
6-7PM Citytv Saskatchewan

Monday December 24th

7-8PM Citytv Toronto, Citytv Winnipeg, Citytv Edmonton, Citytv Calgary and Citytv Vancouver
6-7PM Citytv Saskatchewan

Sunday December 23rd

Toronto 3-4PM

Vancouver noon- 1PM

Winnipeg 2-3PM

Calgary/ Edmonton/Saskatchewan 6-7PM

It will also air on CityNews Channel on Dec. 24th 7-8pm and on Christmas Day from 5-6pm.

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 2, 2013

Women's Retreat at Novotel North York Hotel

"Getting Naked" Facilitated by the Rev. Cheryle Hanna

An all day retreat for women based on Brian McLaren's book,

"Naked Spirituality: A Life With God in 12 Simple Words".

All women and friends are warmly invited to this physically, emotionally and spiritually refreshing day apart.

RSVP by January 18, 2013

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