

DECEMBER 9, 2012

ADVENT II

White Gift Sunday



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
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MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 9, 2012

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

Preludes Rorate coeli de super *Jeanne Demessieux*
Christe, redemptor omnium *Healey Willan*

Processional Hymn 83 – O come, O come, Immanuel (Veni Emmanuel)

Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 24:7-10 **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is the King of glory?

Minister: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

People: Lift up your heads, O gates!

Minister: Be lifted up, O ancient doors!

People: That the King of glory may come in.

Minister: Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Minister: Let us worship God!

Introit – The Grey Donkey *Anthony Royse*

Choristers
Jessica Willingham, director

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace and Invocation **The Cappellacci Family**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*) **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

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

Presentation of a Child & the Act of Dedication - Miriam Little & The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Hymn *SHB 51 – Joseph dearest, Joseph mine (Resonet laudibus)

Please remain seated as the hymn is sung while the children collect the white gifts.

Prayer with the Children **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

The Mystery Box **Madeline**

Announcements

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 (NT p.1-2) **Lindsey**

Pastoral Prayer (*seated*) **The Rev. Dale Rose**

Advent Prayer ** (unison)

God of promise, you have given us a sign of your love through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who was promised from ages past. We believe as Joseph did the message of your presence whispered by an angel, and offer our prayers for your world, confident of your care and mercy for all creation. Amen.

Choral Response *C. M. Palmer*

O let my prayer enter into Thy presence; incline Thine ear unto my calling. Amen.

Offering *Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)*

Anthem – E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was and is and is to come. Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn *SHB 44 – In a byre near Bethlehem (Wild Mountain Thyme)

Sermon – CHRISTMAS GREETINGS II: Fear Not

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Recessional Hymn 185 – Lo! He comes, with clouds descending (Hemsley)

Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Amen (Maddox in E flat)

Postlude

Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins

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

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

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Soloists:

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

***Christel Wiens**, Associate Musician*

PRESENTATION OF A CHILD AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

We welcome these parents as they present their child to God and dedicate themselves to the nurture of their little one:

Katherine Rose Yip, born on Sunday, May 27, 2012, daughter of Christopher and Jen Yip.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Women, to celebrate the advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The flowers on the pedestal in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of

CECIL YIP

By Yvette; Christopher, Jen and Katherine; Adrian and Sue; and Carolyn and Evan.

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O COME, O come, Immanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice ! rejoice ! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

3 O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

4 O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

5 O come, Thou key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

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1. Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,
Help me cradle the Child divine:
God's reward thee and all that's thine
In Paradise, so prays the mother Mary.

2. Gladly, dear one, lady mine,
Help I cradle this Child of thine;
God's own light on us both shall shine
In Paradise, as prays the mother Mary.

3. Peace to all that have goodwill!
God, who heaven and earth doth fill,
Comes to turn us away from ill,
And lies so still within the crib of Mary.

4. All shall come and bow the knee;
Wise and happy their souls shall be,
Loving such a divinity,
As all may see in Jesus, Son of Mary.

In a byre near Bethlehem

1. In a byre near Bethlehem,
Passed by many a wandering stranger,
the most precious Word of Life
was heard gurgling in a manger.

*And He's here when we call Him,
Bringing health, love and laughter
to life now and ever after for the good of us all.*

2. By the Galilean Lake
where the people flocked for teaching,
the most precious Word of Life
fed their mouths as well as preaching
for the good of us all.

3. On the hill of Calvary
place to end all hope of living,
the most precious Word of Life
breathed His last and died forgiving
for the good of us all.

4. In a garden, just at dawn,
near the grave of human hatred,
the most precious Word of Life
cleared His throat and ended silence
for the good of us all.

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LO! He comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain:
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah!
Jesus now shall ever reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold Him,
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3 Every island, sea, and mountain,
Heaven and earth, shall flee away;
All who hate Him must, confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the day:
Come to judgement!
Come to judgement! come away!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne:
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the Kingdom for Thine own:
O come quickly,
Hallelujah! come, Lord, come!

*Charles Wesley, 1707–88.
Based on John Cennick, 1718–55.*

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 would like to thank everyone for supporting this year's initiative which supports the House of Compassion

2013 offering envelopes, YP Women's Envelopes and Link and Visitor Envelopes are in the Centre Hall today. Please pick up your set.

2012 Donations

All donations to be receipted for 2012 must be received by December 31, 2012. This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 30th or hand-delivered to the church/finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2012

Christmas Cookies for our elderly and homebound friends

Drivers, remember to pick up your cookies after this morning service or after this afternoon's candlelight service.

Reminder:

The Children's Christmas Mission Project bags are due today and they will be dedicated alongside the White Gifts that we bring **today**.

TODAY AT 4:30pm – Carols by Candlelight

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4:30PM

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.



Please note that we will not have 7pm evening services 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.

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 13
"The King Who Had It All"

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



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 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 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

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

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)
11:00am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
12:30pm Children's Stick Movement Practice, Gym
12:30pm Cookie Distribution, Heritage Room Kitchen
4:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday to Friday

- 9:00am Meals on Wheels, Heritage Room Kitchen

Tuesday

- 9:30am Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:00pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Board of Christian Education, Youth Zone 508

Wednesday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
11:00am Stewardship Committee Meeting, Administrative Boardroom 502
12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Andrew Adair*
6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room
7:30pm Toronto Mendelssohn Choir Festival of Carols, Sanctuary

Thursday

- 6:00am Out of the Cold, Heritage Room
7:00am Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
11:40am Youth Drop In, Youth Zone
12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
5:30pm Board of Trustees, Red Boardroom
7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room
7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall
7:30pm Interfaith Committee Meeting, Administrative Boardroom 502

Friday

- 12:30pm Drop-in Basketball, Gym
7:00pm YP Trailblazers Volleyball, Gym

Saturday

- 2:00pm City Carol Sing, Sanctuary
5:00pm Youth Christmas Party, offsite

Next Sunday – ADVENT III

- 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 – Luke 1:26-38
- 12:30pm Children’s Stick Movement Practice, Gym
- 4:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Holiday Hours of Church Offices

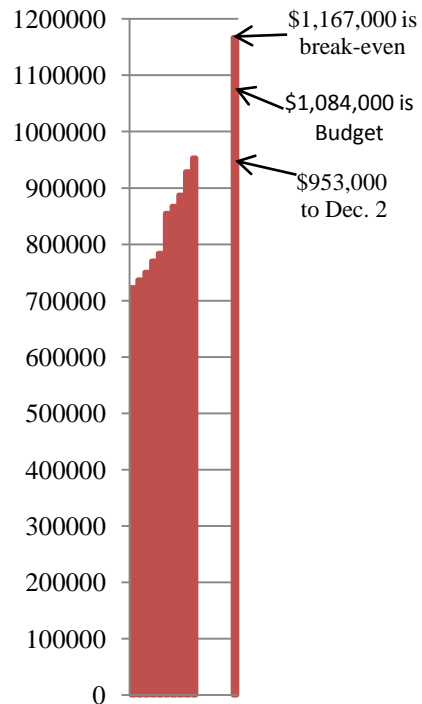
- December 25 – Church offices closed
- December 26 – Church offices closed
- December 31 – 8:30am to 12 noon.
- January 1, 2013 – Church offices closed

An Update on Offerings in 2012

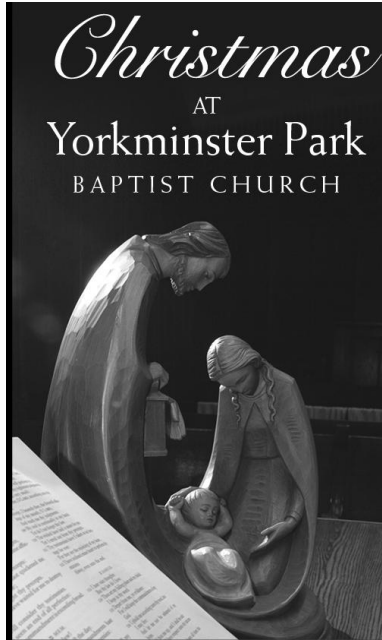
The chart opposite shows, in weekly increments from September 30, the progress toward accomplishing the level of general offerings and contributions needed in 2012 in order to meet the Budget (leaving a deficit of \$82,100) or, better still, to break-even.

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.

As of December 2, the general offerings in the year to date were 82% of the amount needed for the Church to break even for the year.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS NOTICES



**TORONTO
MENDELSSOHN
CHOIR**

Toronto Mendelssohn Choir Festival of Carols

December 12, 2012, 7:30pm

Noel Edison, conductor and narrator

Matthew Otto, associate conductor

Join us for this joyous choral Christmas tradition - with seasonal anecdotes and carols for all to sing.

For more information, call 416-598-0422 or to order tickets go to

[www.tmchoir.org/tmcPerformances/
boxOffice.cfm](http://www.tmchoir.org/tmcPerformances/boxOffice.cfm)

• 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



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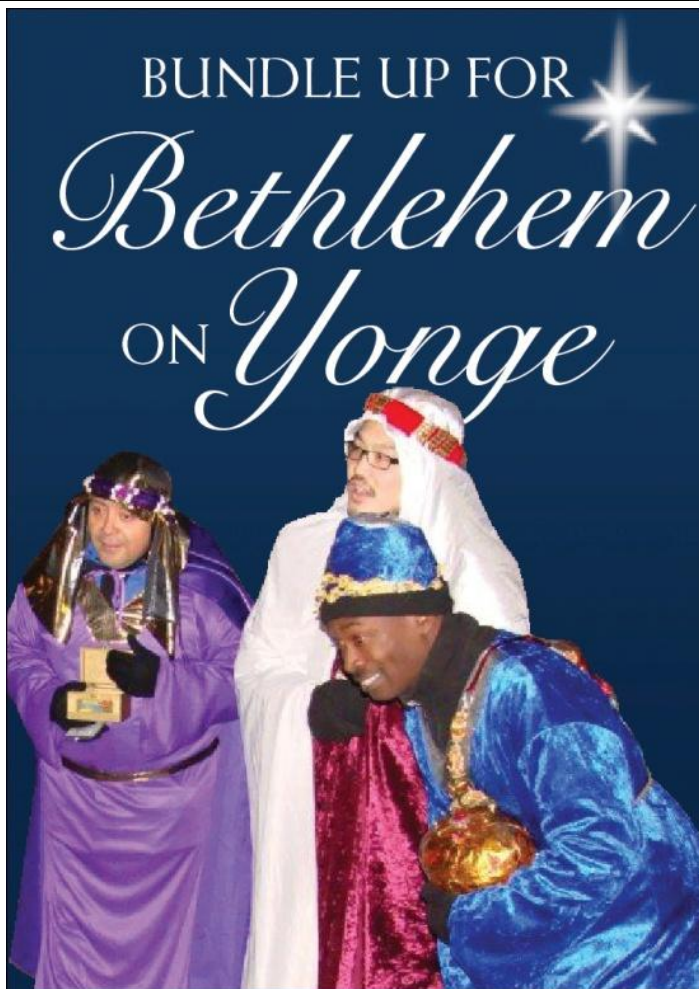
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Sunday, December 16, 4:30pm – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Following the historic traditions of King's College, Cambridge. Doors open at 3:30pm.
Childcare is provided.

YP WOMEN



'Tis the season for new or renewal of Link and Visitor subscriptions. Envelopes are on the Centre Hall table and in boxes of women's offering envelopes. Please make your cheque for \$20 payable to "Yorkminster Park Women's Ministries" and place on the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Brady, your Link and Visitor promoter at 416-265-2616.



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 p.m. 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 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in being a guide or playing a character role (no acting or line memorizing required) please contact John Speller at ispeller@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,

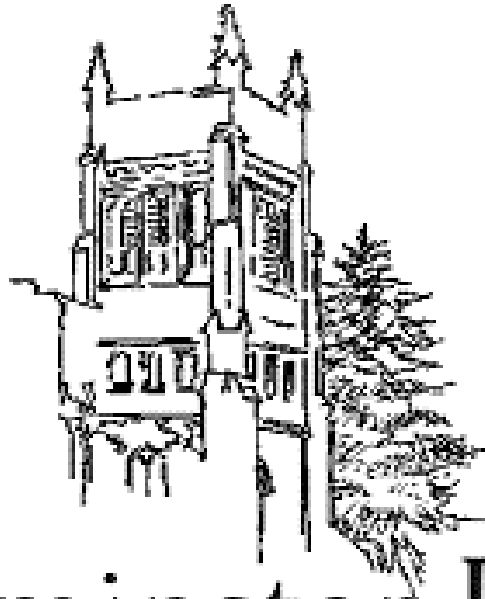
"Naked Spirituality: A Life With God in 12 Simple Words".

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

RSVP by January 18, 2013

to Rhoda Hill at 416-691-9219/rhodah@sympatico.ca

Fee: \$45



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BAPTIST CHURCH