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PETER WRITES

While many of us are looking forward to the warm weather and some relaxing days over the summer, various groups have been busy making plans for the fall at Yorkminster Park. Some of the events we have are so exciting it is important for you to know about them now in order to mark your calendars and not miss out. And even as we look ahead to the fall be assured plans are underway for Christmas and beyond.

The Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus from Ukraine will be back at **Yorkminster Park on Sunday, September 18**. This choir visited YP in the fall of 2014 and offered an unforgettable concert under the leadership of Canadian Wes Janzen, who went to Ukraine several years ago to become the Executive Director of Music Mission Kiev, a mission dedicated to spreading the good news of Christ to the people of the Ukraine through the performance of sacred music. The mission was started by an American couple who upon the fall of the iron curtain went to Kiev and gathered musicians to learn and perform Handel's Messiah and other sacred repertoire in Ukraine for the first time since the communist revolution. In recent years Mission Music Kiev has also been offering ministry for displaced peoples and refugees.

John McDermott and friends will return to Yorkminster Park on **Saturday, October 1** to offer a benefit remembrance concert, **'Lest We Forget,'** for the Benevolent Fund of the Toronto Artillery Foundation. His line-up of guest performers includes Ruth Ann Onley, Eleanor McCain, Gordon Pinsent, R.H. Thomson, the Hedgerow Singers and a military band.

Choral Encounters presents **Ola Gjeilo**, the remarkable young Norwegian composer who will be with us for a special performance of his music on **Saturday, October 15 at 7:30 pm**. The concert will feature our YP choirs, the Orpheus Choir, the choirs of the University

Unfortunately St. Patrick did not have a Trillium to illustrate the concept of the Trinity to the people of Ireland. It might have been a better teaching aid than the clover/shamrock, which on occasion has four leaves. The purple blooms could represent royalty, the white purity, etc.; there are so many colour variations. The possibilities with the specimen on the cover are endless; but all would tell the essential story.

Comments and suggestions for future editions are welcome. Please send to:

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The next newsletter will be published in September. The deadline for submissions will be announced.

Paul R Hill

of Toronto, the Talisker Players Orchestra, and Resonance, a new youth choir from Mississauga. The thirty-eight year old Gjeilo began composing at the age of five and would later study at both the Julliard School in New York City and the Royal College of Music in London, England. His music features an extensive sacred repertoire of classic Christian texts as well as lyrics and music inspired by the Norwegian landscape. Gjeilo's soulful choral music is quickly gaining an appreciative following around the world. The composer will be with us to accompany many of the pieces on piano. He will also be with us in our Sunday morning worship on October 15. You can learn more about the artist and hear a sampling of his music at <http://olagjeilo.com> Choral Encounters is a partnership formed by Yorkminster Park, The Orpheus Choir and the Choral Department of U of T's Faculty of Music, which seeks to bring outstanding composers into our midst such as Morten Lauridsen (2014) and Alice Parker (2013).

The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship takes place from **Sunday, October 23 to Tuesday, October 25**. This year's event features Karoline Lewis, Marvin McMickle, Mark Buchanan, Sue Mosteller, Steve Bell and many others. While it is designed as an event to encourage clergy in the development of their preaching it is open to all. Lay people always report that they are inspired by what they hear and learn. To learn more and register go to www.lesterrandall.com The evening sessions are open to the public and this year's event includes a Monday evening concert (Oct. 24), featuring Steve Bell.

I hope you will plan now to attend and even to bring others to these exciting fall events.

Blessings on your summer.

Peter

MUSINGS FROM THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

Trees – there is something about trees that communicates strength and power. I have been thinking about trees recently because we have a large one in our backyard which is beginning to wreak havoc on our shed. Over the years it has slowly

leaned more and more on top of the roof of that shed, to the point where it is starting to damage some of the shingles and even breaking through the joints of the roof trusses. We now have to have the tree removed. We are no stranger to trees on our property. We lived in Mississauga for many years, and had five large trees in our yard. They needed to be trimmed



regularly, and each fall we had to rake many piles of leaves.

There is no question that trees are strong and powerful. Their system of roots, branches and leaves is quite incredible – a real wonder of nature. Last summer, Donna and I made a trip to British Columbia. We visited the famous Cathedral Grove on Vancouver Island, which is home to the giant and ancient Douglas Firs, some of which are hundreds of years old. Walking among these stately trees, one feels very small indeed. Trees are indispensable to our society. We use their wood to build homes, ships, and many types of buildings. We use trees every day in the paper we use to write and print our communications.

It should come as no surprise that the Bible contains many references to trees. Some of these trees serve as spiritual metaphors, referring to the life of faith. The first tree mentioned in scripture is in the Garden of Eden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

It was near the towering oaks of Mamre where Abraham was visited by three strangers, who told him that Sarah would bear Isaac, the son of promise. The great cedars of Lebanon are mentioned throughout the Old Testament. The trees of the vineyard were used as a symbol for the nation of Israel in the writings of Isaiah the prophet. Jesus used the fig tree in both parables and illustrations for the spiritual life. The last tree mentioned in the Bible is at the end of Revelation – the tree of life in the holy city, whose leaves were for the healing of the nations. Even the cross used to crucify Jesus was made of wood, and is sometimes referred to in hymns as Calvary’s tree.

One of my favourite Psalms is the very first one. Psalm 1 is a beautiful introduction to the entire collection of Psalms. And its key verse makes reference to the strength and vitality of a tree. The Psalmist begins by reminding us of the true way to happiness. He says that those who are really happy and blessed are those who take delight in God’s Word – who meditate on it and let it be their guide through life. Such people “are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.” The apostle Paul expressed a similar sentiment, also using the imagery of a tree: “May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.” (Ephesians 3:17).

When my children were young, they had a favourite book which they wanted us to read to them often. It was called *The Giving Tree*, and was written by the American author Shel Silverstein. It has become somewhat of a classic in children’s literature. It tells the story of a friendship between a boy and an apple tree. In his childhood, the boy enjoys climbing the tree, swinging from her branches and eating her fruit. However, as time passes, he begins to make requests of the tree. The boy wants money, and so sells the apples. As an adult, he wants a house, and so the tree offers her branches for lumber. In middle age, the boy wants to travel, and so the tree offers her trunk to make a boat. In the final pages, the boy is an old man and meets the tree once again. All he wants is a place to rest, and so the tree offers all she has left, which is her stump, so he can sit down. Each stage of giving by the tree ends with the phrase: “And the

tree was happy.” The story has many interpretations – relational, religious, ecological and so forth. But my favourite is to see this book as a story of unconditional love and friendship. The tree gives everything it has out of love for the boy.

In elementary school, we learned and memorized a poem which is considered a classic. It is simply called *Trees* by Joyce Kilmer. He writes:

“I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.”

In this spring season – with the leaves now out in full – may every tree remind us of the power and wisdom of God, and his goodness in all of creation.

Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

SAYING GOODBYE IS HARD



I have been privileged to be part of the team ministering to children and their families here at YP for 8 years. I have told the story about coming to fill in for 6 months and staying for 8 years. The story gives a good chuckle but the reality is that I was welcomed and encouraged to stay and I knew it was where I belonged.

When I came, our Grade 2 and 3 students were babies. In a few short years they are capable young people who have learned immense amounts of information. They can run computer programs better than I can. Their bodies are strong, their minds are keen. Their worlds are complex compared to the world I knew at their age. In some ways their values and personalities are set on their track for the rest of their lives.

My hope for our children is that input into their spiritual lives will be as active, and of as high or higher priority as the extracurricular arts or sports and academics they are involved in. In my view, there is nothing more important than introducing a child to Jesus as the One who will carry them through the ups and downs of life and inspire them to be Kingdom people making a positive difference where they go.

When I consider how much time our children are in church compared with the other parts of their life, I realize that they need spiritual input from other places, not just church. Did you know that on average, a child has 40 hours a year at church compared with the 3000 hours a year with family and others who influence him or her. The church piece is important but just one part in a bigger picture. When family and church work together, the message is much stronger and healthier!

Our desire in Children's Ministries and as a church is to have home and church work together. Our prayer is that children will choose to walk with Jesus for the rest of their lives, to become life-long disciples of Jesus. We want to provide resources for parents, provide dynamic community and help children build relationships across generations.

I am delighted that Kelly Dixon will be taking on the role of Director of Children's Ministries when I leave at the end of July. Kelly has a passion for helping people know and follow Jesus. She understands the church and knows the families. She loves the Lord and the church. It is exciting to have her follow me in ministry.

It is hard to think of retiring because it means being apart from my many friends and the people I care about at YP. It is hard to say goodbye but what a blessing to know that each is in God's hands and under Kelly's capable watch.



Kelly and Miriam on their mission trip to Lebanon

Miriam Little, Director of Children's Ministries

TRANSITIONS

Since the last newsletter there have been several milestones in the life of the church.

Dedications

Ryan and Mai brought their son Leven

Desmond and Alison brought their son Liam

Geordie and Swith brought their daughter

Marigold

Prateek and Christine brought their daughter Sara

Sozinho Paulo and Esperança brought their

daughter Keren Victoria

Baptism

Marion Hart

New Members

Peter Large

Julia Yacoub

Deaths

James Horace Britten

John Edward Gordon Smith

Magnus George Allen

Robert Gordon Kennedy

INTRODUCING

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES - KELLY DIXON



Kelly came to Yorkminster Park in 1987. She was baptized at YPBC by Kerr Spiers in 1991. Since then, she has served in a variety of capacities in the Children and Youth Ministries at YPBC. Kelly describes her service in our Sunday school as “the best part of my week!” She has a passion for encouraging and supporting personal and spiritual growth for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. She feels a deep sense of joy and privilege to have walked alongside our church family these nearly 30 years. She has witnessed significant transformation among the people, ‘little’ and ‘big’, through Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Kelly is passionate about teaching. She is an experienced educator having taught grades JK8 in both private and public school settings for 15 years. She is the creator and author of QuickCheck Math (JK3): a published resource designed to meet the needs of students from the full spectrum of abilities and for multiple learning styles.

Kelly is grateful for the gift of this God-given opportunity to marry her passions for teaching and for the church in her new role as Director of Children's Ministries.

PARISH NURSE - JAN ANDREWS

Hello. My name is Jan Andrews. I am excited to introduce myself to you as the new Parish Nurse, starting the week of June 13th. I have been a nurse since 1984, with a 32-year nursing career with experience in pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, cardiovascular surgery, public health, trauma, operating room and ophthalmology. I have 16 years of nurse educator experience and completed a Masters of Nursing in 2010.

As a Christian, growing up at Yorkminster, and getting married here, I feel like I am coming home. Since moving to Oakville in 1988, I have been very active in church communities, teaching Sunday school, mentoring youth through Baptism, travelling to Africa on a mission trip, teaching Divorce Care, and continuing as a Stephen Minister. I am passionate as a nurse and in my love for the Lord, and am finally officially following both passions at the same time.

I have three adult children, who are the light of my life, and my parents.

Blessed with God's guidance throughout my life and nursing career, I ask that we all pray for God's guidance as we get to know each other and I learn how best to serve you.



JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

YPBC is pleased to announce our line-up of guest speakers for the 2016 season. Don't miss this exciting, thought-provoking, and inspirational summer ministry.



July 3, 10, 17
Rev. Dr. Michael Quicke



July 24, 31
Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence



August 7
Rev. Carolyn King



August 14
Rev. Greg Paul



August 14
Neil Hetherington



August 21
Rev. Dr. Kevin Livingston



August 28
Rev. Dr. Gary Nelson



September 4
Rev. Dr. Terry Smith

2016 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES



We look forward to seeing you in person, or you can view our services live online at YorkminsterPark.com

For more information about the Summer Preaching Series, visit YPBCSummerPreaching.com

YPBC *Theatre Trips* 2016

Monday October 17 to
Thursday October 20, 2016

The Sight and Sound
Millennium Theatre,
Lancaster County,
Pennsylvania

Tour includes:

Dinner at Shady Maple's
Guided tour of the Amish Farmlands
Ticket for "Samson"
Tour of Hershey Chocolate Town
.....and MORE

The cost: Twin \$839.00
Single \$1049.00

Cost includes:

Transportation
3 night's accommodation
6 meals
Local tours
Theatre ticket
All taxes and gratuities

For any questions and inquires, and to
book this trip, please contact

Judy MacDonald
416-225-8295



FROM THE WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE.....

WE ARE GRATEFUL!

FOR MARY STEVENS – a serene servant of God.....



Mary, who began with Joan Rogers and eventually took over from her, is now retiring from what has sometimes been referred to as her “catering” ministry at YPBC. We want to say a resounding, heartfelt “THANK YOU, MARY”! A quote of Walt Whitman is appropriate where he says, “When I give, I give myself”. Mary has truly given herself to this ministry of gracious, gifted hospitality. In the voices of those of us who have had the privilege of working with Mary...

FROM Judy MacDonald:

She is ...

- Unflappable - never flustered
- A capable manager - for University Women's lunches, funerals, manse dinners, anniversaries, birthdays and of course the innumerable YPBC lunches, suppers and dinners!
- A copious record keeper - menus, numbers, dates, room set-ups, costs
- An overseer (of kitchen supplies) – a great leader and team member!

FROM Ellen Branscombe...

To work with Mary Stevens in the kitchen is to witness efficiency, organization and camaraderie at its very best. Any given task begins with Mary having prepared a shopping list and made several trips into the church to deliver supplies. Her helpers arrive in good time and we meet so Mary can brief us on what needs to be done. She does not assign individuals to specific tasks but we all seem to find a chore that we feel comfortable with.

Sometimes we stop for lunch (that Mary has prepared for us) before carrying on. We laugh at our mistakes such as when we made lasagna and forgot a layer and so had to “de-construct” several pans in order to add the vital ingredient. The church staff often drops by to see what's cooking and have been known to tease us for cutting blueberries in half so as to produce the very small fruit bits that the recipe calls for.

A few years ago, Mary hurt her foot and directed the “Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship” food occasions from a wheelchair. Her team managed several coffee breaks, a couple of receptions, two lunches and 1 dinner under her gentle guidance.

The Yorkminster Park family owes a huge debt of gratitude to Mary Stevens for all that she has offered to us in terms of hospitality over the years. Her cheerful style of leadership has been so appreciated by her co-workers and the congregation at large.

FROM Diane Letsche...

I have worked with Mary in the kitchen for 44 years! What a treasure trove those books of recipes and room set-ups must be. How Mary knew the quantities we needed for the number of people we were serving has always amazed me! We never ran out of food! We always had “the meeting” before starting work – amazing how we all started to work at something once the meeting was over, and the job got done. I remember how Mary got the food from the car to the kitchen before we had an elevator – a tough job. The bottom line is that it just won't be the same for Costco and the Wholesale Food Store in Whitby!

I'll never forget the huge bowl of coleslaw that ended up on the kitchen floor as we were mixing it one night before a Couples' Club dinner - the ending of that story is something only Mary and I know!

What a blessing it has been for so many of us to be on the “catering team” under Mary’s leadership – we’ve laughed a lot, shared a lot and cared for each other along the way.

FROM Heather Hetherington...

A few years ago when Health an Wellness would put on lunch and learn sessions, I always felt at ease once Mary had agreed to do the catering. No request seemed too much trouble and she and her team produced delicious fare at below the estimated budget.

Three years ago when I joined the YP Women’s Executive, I began to realize what a treasure Mary really was. I began to see the careful planning and organizing that was part of each event, the buying and transporting of food that Mary did on her own and the countless extra hours that involved, but most of all I saw a leader at work that epitomized “grace under pressure”.

I will never forget the image of Mary sitting in a wheelchair, having been treated in Emergency in the night, calmly ensuring hundreds of meals for the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship would still be produced that day. What a lady!

Thank you, Mary for your enthusiasm, incredible work ethic, skill, patience and most of all the devotion you have shown in serving our Lord and church family. What a blessing you have been to us all.



WE ARE GRATEFUL, TOO....

FOR your generous support of our BANE AND BLESSING sale in April. We are delighted to report that we received over \$2000! These funds will be thoughtfully dedicated to YPBC Women’s Ministries.

AND

FOR the inauguration of THE DOROTHY NEAL NEW INITIATIVES FUND in partnership with Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec (CBWOQ).

Dorothy was a faithful member of YPBC who also gave exemplary, godly leadership to CBWOQ as a President and to North American Baptist Women as a Finance Chair, Treasurer and President. We pray that this will be a fitting tribute to Dorothy’s passion

for ,and commitment to, the ongoing development of Baptist women’s ministries. Donations to this Fund may be made to CBWOQ, 5 International Blvd. Etobicoke ON, M9W 6H3 and designated for the “Dorothy Neal New Initiatives Fund”. Thank you!

submitted by Jonanne Fenton on behalf of YPBC Women’s Ministries

NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

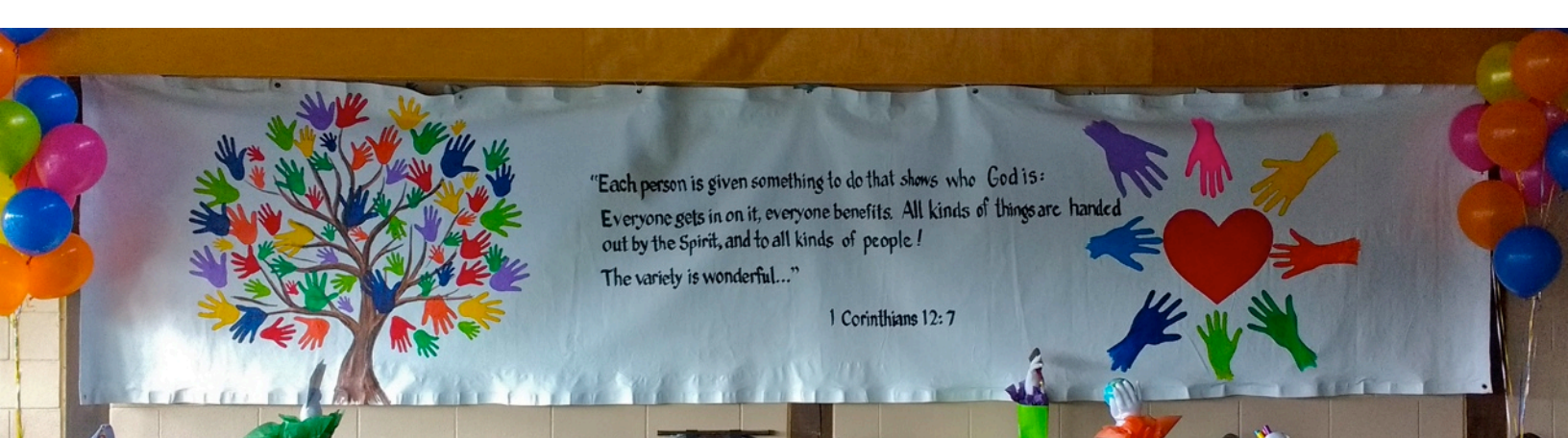
Peter Large

Peter, a long-time Toronto resident and lawyer, has chosen to become a member of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church following membership at St. Paul's Bloor Street. He was baptized in the United Church at an early age but has been attending Yorkminster Park for three years leading to his decision to become a member. Peter has been active as the past chair of the Toronto branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society and often reads the Queen's message on Commonwealth Sunday in our church. He is the Honorary Consul in Toronto for Burkina Faso and finds time to be on his sailboat.

Peter is an admirer of Peter Holmes and already has many friends in our church. He is looking forward to being active in Yorkminster Park activities and all aspects of church life.

Julia Yacoub

Julia has been part of YPBC since she was five years old, and has been part of the youth for many years now. She attends North Toronto Collegiate Institute and is currently in grade 10. At school, she takes part in many extracurricular activities. She is on the Badminton and Softball teams, she was the stage manager for her school drama production, and she is involved in many clubs such as Salt and Light (Christian club) and DECA (business competition). Julia enjoys voicing her opinion and making changes in the city by being a member of the Toronto Youth Cabinet (TYC) along with being the registrar for the TYC's Summit. In her free time, Julia enjoys baking/cooking, watching TV, and playing sports.



ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

The Yorkminster Park Church family gathered together on May 13 to 15, 2016 at Jackson's Point Conference Centre in Sutton for a weekend retreat of fellowship, spiritual growth and fun. The theme for the retreat was that everyone can contribute their gifts to the vitality of the church.

At plenary sessions, we gathered together for worship and fellowship and benefitted from the teaching of Rev. Peter Holmes, Rev. Dale Rose and the combined message of Ken and Miriam Little. Seminar speakers shared how they discovered their gift and how they use their gift to benefit others and glorify God. The gifts that the speakers talked about covered a wide spectrum and included administration, teaching, hospitality and music.

We also took part in group activities such as basketball, crafts and board games. Some chose to

take advantage of the free time to get caught up with old friends or make new ones. Others opted to walk by the beach and watch the waves, put together a puzzle, or nap.

The popular treasure hunt had adults reaching into their memory bank of Sunday school lessons to recall the order of the books in the Bible and had the children creatively creating one-of-a-kind sculptures out of construction paper, rocks and pipe cleaners. Other memorable highlights included a wagon ride (in the snow!), campfire songs and smores and the amazingly creative table centrepieces.

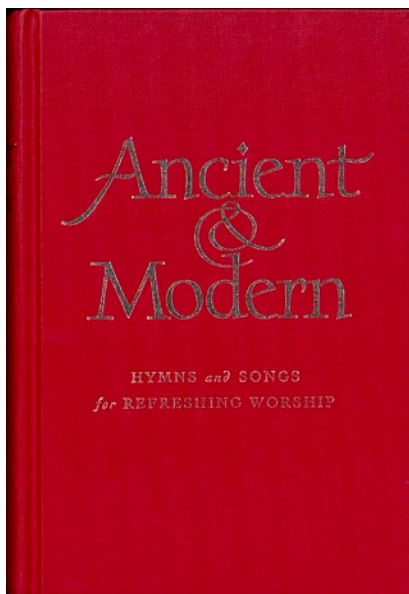
As the retreat wound down, there was a collective appreciation that the retreat left a warm glow of community and connectedness and provided a greater awareness of the impactful way that everyone can use their gifts to invest in the greater good and God's Kingdom.

submitted by Trevor Sinker



NEW HYMN BOOK

Ancient and Modern - Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship



A H y m n B o o k R e p l a c e m e n t C o m m i t t e e was established by the Board of Deacons in June of 2015 and given the task of recommending a new hymn book for our worship services to replace the green hymn book. At the May 2016 meeting of the Board of D e a c o n s , t h e committee made its report to the Board

which accepted its recommendation to purchase Hymns and Songs, Ancient and Modern, published in the UK in 2013.

The Committee was made up of Carol Radford-Grant as Chair, Al Livy, Paula Willis, William Maddox and Peter Holmes. Approximately ten hymn books were initially identified for close examination and ten was soon reduced to a shortlist of five. The committee met once a month and each month a member took home a different book to review. Four of the books were American and one was British. The committee looked at two Canadian books in the original list, but neither made the shortlist.

The existing Baptist Hymn Book with the green cover, has served Yorkminster Park well since it was purchased in the early 1980's. It was published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in 1962 and at that time represented eight years of work as the British Baptists had decided in 1954 that the time had come to replace their existing hymn book of 1930 because, as is stated in the introduction of our current green book, "Every generation needs a book of its own." It is of interest to note that the Baptist Union in Britain has replaced the green book twice since Yorkminster Park first purchased the book.

Like those who designed our existing green hymn book, our committee sought to emulate what they

had done when they stated also in the introduction of the green hymn book: "We are confident that both by what is omitted and by what is added a greatly enriched book has been assured and one which is more relevant to the needs of this generation. A number of old hymns have been restored and many by writers of our own time have found a place. The book draws widely on the treasury of hymnody of the whole Church in many centuries and lands." These same words that were used to describe our own green hymn book more than three decades ago could well be used again to describe the way the committee feels about Hymns and Songs, Ancient and Modern.

In making their decision the committee sought a book which would preserve the best of the old hymnody while introducing us to a wide selection of excellent of hymns and songs written since 1962. The committee compiled a list of the most frequently sung hymns at Yorkminster Park in the hope a new hymn book would preserve as many of these as possible. The indexes of the hymn books were compared to our list of frequently sung hymns and Hymns and Songs included far more of the hymns familiar to Yorkminster Park than any other book.

The committee was interested to discover that none of the books preserved the traditional children's hymns. There were many other hymns that disappeared from all of the hymn books but very few of the hymns which we sing on a regular basis.

The committee also examined the wording of the old hymns in the hope that subtle changes had been made to some hymns in order to render them gender-neutral where once the use of words like men, man, mankind were used to speak for both male and female. All of the hymns had made such changes, but not all with as much poetic sensitivity as Hymns and Songs, Ancient and Modern.

In looking for the inclusion of new hymns and songs the committee found that Hymns and Songs, Ancient and Modern offered a very wide diversity including a significant number of hymns from the Iona Community in Scotland and the Taize Community in France. Most of the great hymn writers of the late 20th and early 21st centuries are also represented in the book as are numerous praise songs and choruses well known to our youth.

All of the books had some shortcomings. Hymns and Songs, Ancient and Modern is designed for use in a wide cross-section of Christian denominations which has the advantage of offering a wide diversity of hymns. However, it also means that there are hymns that do not fit in our tradition of hymnody, but the number of these hymns is not significant.

Hymns and Songs Ancient and Modern is the latest in a family of hymn books, the first of which was published in the 1850's for hymn singing in the Church of England. It is widely regarded that this family of hymn books set the standard for hymn singing in the English-Speaking world. Since the first publication more than 170 million copies of Ancient and Modern have been sold in its various editions.

Some have asked whether or not we will continue to use the supplementary hymn book which Yorkminster Park published in 1999 to complement

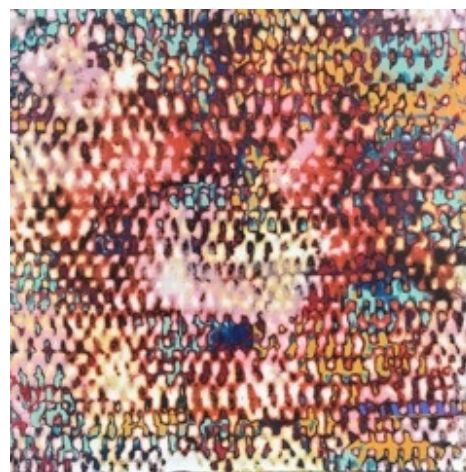
the green book. We will continue to use the supplementary book though many of its newer entries are also in the new book. It is the committee's hope that, in the not too distant future, our current supplementary book will be complemented by a new supplementary book.

A motion was passed at the May Business Meeting authorizing the purchase of the new hymn book from the church's trust funds. However, it is hoped that part of the cost will be offset by the purchase of bookplates enabling people to honour the name of someone special through the purchase of a book. It is hoped the books will be in the pews for the second Sunday of September. If you wish to purchase a bookplate, please contact the church office for more information. The new books will be dedicated to the glory of God during a Sunday morning service in the fall.

YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY

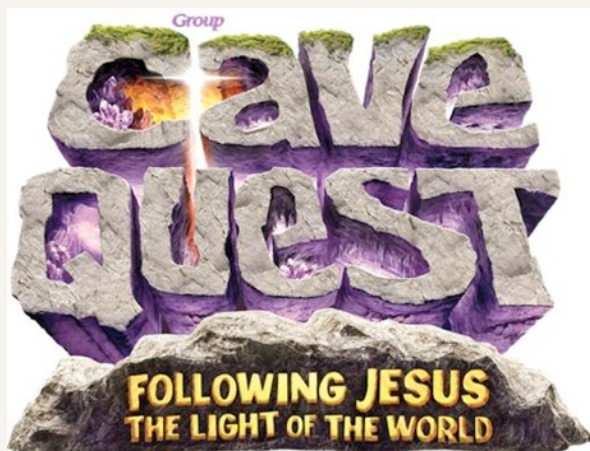
Kirk Mechar - Reception, Sunday September 11, Exhibition continues to October 13, 2016

Mechar's work straddles a fine line between painting and sculpture - Several strata of materials are carefully shaped into multiple layers of hand carved patterns. "These works breathe in an ethereal universe that is at once calm yet powerful, often arresting."



The **KIDS for KIDS** photo show, to benefit the Children's Mission Project, continues to 11 August (Images on Page 14).

KID'S SUMMER CAMPS



We are very excited about our summer kids' camps during the week of July 11 to 15th. The morning camp is a Vacation Bible school on the theme of spelunking (caving). In the afternoon we have an art camp. There is still room in both camps so please help get the word out. Registration forms are available on the YP website and from the Director of Children's Ministries.

