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Happy Trails !

Happy Thanksgiving !

A few years back I bought a guidebook to hiking trails on Vancouver Island. We have used it in summers ever

since to discover all kinds of interesting paths and vistas on the island we called home in the days of our youth. Each adventure has left us full of wonder and gratitude for the beauty of God's creation. There is one hike we have returned to a number of times over our last two visits. The Cowichan Estuary Trail runs along old dykes that were built as rail beds to keep the trains above the outgoing river and the incoming tides. The trains are long gone, as is a mill that once stood nearby. Almost a century ago the land inside the dykes was converted to farmland and so as the trail begins there is corn seemingly right out of 'Oklahoma', still growing as high as an elephant's eye, and beyond, the grasslands are home to bluebirds and wrens. On the other side of the trail are the wetlands where two rivers enter Cowichan Bay on their way to the Pacific Ocean beyond.

When the tide is out the water is shallow, and blue herons from a nearby rookery stand knee deep, like fly fisherman looking for salmon to take home to their young. When the tide returns the heads of seals bob up and down in search of dinner. At about the two kilometre point the trail has found its way back inland and is encompassed by blackberry bushes. Shortly thereafter it ends with a gate, but from the well-worn grass beyond the gate it is clear that many ignore the 'no trespassing' sign, either to carry on in search of the perfect blackberry, or to take a shortcut back to the road. But we love to double back so we can see it all again.



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The YPBC Choir has had yet another successful tour. St. Paul's Cathedral, London, follows tours to Washington, Scotland, Winchester, York, Wells, Ely and Durham.

The photographs on the cover were taken by Bonnie Edwards and Christel Wiens, and those on Page 8 by Randall Speller. Thanks for their contribution. Comments and suggestions for future editions are welcome. Please send to:

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

Paul R Hill



It is not unusual along the way to see osprey descending on the water in search of fish, or a bald eagle hovering overhead in the hope of stealing a meal from the heron below. Ever-present is the raven, who figures prominently in the mythology of the local Cowichan First Nation band. On the north shore of the bay stands Mt. Tzouhalem on which giant Douglas Firs point high to the heavens and where, on one barren height, stands a Christian cross treasured as a landmark even in the local secular community.

As you can tell I have come to love this walk, but not only because we are surrounded by nature and wildlife, nor simply because day after day the setting sun makes a majestic mural framed by the mountains which line the sea and the inland valley. We love this walk because it is practically on our doorstep when we are vacationing out west. We can be there in five minutes and so the trail has become a regular place for a morning or evening exercise, reflection and, in a deeper sense, even communion.

But here is the thing. The trail was on our doorstep for a long time, yet we knew nothing of it until we came across it in a book. We had driven past the trail head a hundred times with no idea of the beauty that lay beyond and was there for our enjoyment. I believe all of our worlds are full of hidden treasures we pass by day after day without awareness. Sometimes the treasures may be found on a walk,

sometimes in the stories of strangers we pass by, and sometimes in the thoughtful touch of a loved one we too easily take for granted. We also have a book that points us to a path and to the true treasures of the heart and soul and tells us the timeless story of the One who is always with us on the path of life.

The funny thing is, we were telling a family member who lives down the road about the trail and the book, and she did not know anything of it either. When the conversation came to an end she said, “Can you please leave that book with us when you go back to Toronto?” I believe that deep within the human soul there is a hunger for a walk in the Word and a communion with God. We were made for such walks.



Go for a walk. Read the Bible. Say a prayer and have a wonderful Thanksgiving - each and every day.



YPBC at Thanksgiving

MUSINGS FROM THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

When I was an undergraduate in university, I remember taking a political science course on the origins of Canada. The Constitution Act of 1867 empowered our Parliament to make laws contributing to “peace, order and good government.” As citizens of this great country, I think most of us would agree with the values espoused in this phrase. It is part of what makes Canada work, and what makes it distinct from other democracies around the world.

During our holidays this past summer, Donna and I spent a few days in our nation’s capital. Ottawa is a wonderful city with a vibrant downtown, the centrepiece being

Parliament Hill overlooking the Ottawa River. It had been over twenty years since we had last been in this city. Over the course of a few days we visited various museums and markets, as well as visiting the historic First Baptist Church. But the highlight for us was a visit to the Canadian Parliament. It is a magnificent building, completed in

1922. The original building was destroyed by a devastating fire exactly one hundred years ago in 1916. We toured the House of Commons; the Senate Chambers; the Peace Tower and the magnificent Parliamentary library. Our current Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in the building that day, but no, I wasn’t able to secure a “selfie” with him!

There is a majestic “changing of the guard” ceremony on the grounds each day. During the summer evenings, there is also a spectacular light



and sound show in front of the Parliament buildings, re-tracing the history of Canada. At the end of the show, a children’s choir began to sing “O Canada.” Everyone stood and sang our national anthem with gusto. Among the thousands gathered on that hill, we felt very proud to be Canadians.

My recent visit to Ottawa got me thinking about those words: “peace, order and good government.” They sound quite similar to the words of the apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 2. Paul urges us to pray for our governments, and for all who are in positions of power and leadership. The apostle also wrote: “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.” (Romans 13:1) It is both our privilege and duty to pray for our leaders at every level of government in our land. Our leaders need wisdom to discern right and wrong; to make good moral decisions; to do what is in the best interests of our nation and would encourage all of us to pray for our

country’s leaders. Check out the website www.nationatprayer.ca It highlights a ministry led by Mel and Susan Findlay, members of our Canadian Baptist family. The site offers many resources and ideas for how to pray for elected officials, and especially your own Member of Parliament. The challenge is to help transform our nation through prayer.

As we enter this busy fall season, it is my prayer that we will increasingly become a people of prayer. Let us lift up all of our elected leaders, that they might be guided by wisdom from above. And may we seek to claim the promise of scripture:

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

DISCIPLESHIP

People of the Standing Stone – Oneida Reflections

Most of us have never met Mother Teresa or Jean Vanier, but every once in a while we are privileged to encounter a servant of Jesus who reflects his character and whose life imitates his cruciform calling. Shirley Gleadall is one such person. As the pastor of First Oneida Baptist Church on the *Oneida Nation of the Thames* First Nations Reserve, and an elementary teacher in the school there, she has given her life to serving these people. For the past two summers Shirley has invited us into the life of this small nation to offer day-camps for children aged



3-16 years. As a new interim staff member, this was my first experience at Oneida and it was both heart-rending and

hopeful; exhausting and exhilarating. The Sunday we left for Oneida, I was reading from Psalm 24:1: *“The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it; the world and all its people belong to Him.”* Throughout the week this verse echoed through my mind and heart as we witnessed the ravages of systemic injustice and historic malpractice. I found myself clinging tightly to its truth: these beautiful people, this Nation of the Standing Stone (as they are known), though seemingly forgotten, belong to God and as God’s cherished possession he loves them, and sees them; he remembers them and is at work among them.

For an entire week we were privileged to work alongside Jesus as assistants in his work of redemption, reclamation, and restoration. We glimpsed signs of the kingdom breaking in: seeds being planted and watered as children welcomed us into their hearts and lives with hugs, smiles, stories, and parting tears; as they sang songs of Jesus’ love and light for their lives. We witnessed distrust erode, defenses come down, and young people dare to dream. I recall two teenage sisters in particular who

wore sadness like an oversized coat – far too large and too heavy for their young frames. The weight of their silent pain, etched on their faces, was palpable as they entered a room. But little by little, as the week progressed, glimpses of hope appeared with the occasional smile and verbal exchange. Seeds of the Kingdom.

I believe I speak for the entire team when I say that while we went to minister to the Oneida people, we were ministered to. We had front row seats to the power of Jesus’ love penetrating hearts; his message taking hold in young minds; and his redemption emerging in broken lives! Seeds of the Kingdom.

Shirley’s life’s work; the financial sacrifice and prayer offerings of the YP congregation; and the hugs and smiles, careful planning and patient toiling of the Oneida team are all seeds of the Kingdom planted in the faith of Jesus’ promise that: *“The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.... It is the smallest of seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and find shelter.”* (Matt. 13:31-32)

Would you continue to pray for Shirley and Brian Gleadall and the people of

Oneida?

Would you pray that the Spirit of God would protect the seeds that have been planted and continue to open new



opportunities for ministry among these people? And would you ask Jesus how you might be involved in future opportunities in this corner of the Kingdom?

If you would like to read a more detailed account of the week at Oneida you can find Dale’s post on the Oneida Missions Update page of the Yorkminster Park website or on this link: <http://www.yorkminsterpark.com/page/107/our-standing-stone/#top>

Gratefully on behalf of the YP Oneida missions team.

Robyn Elliott, Interim Director of Discipleship

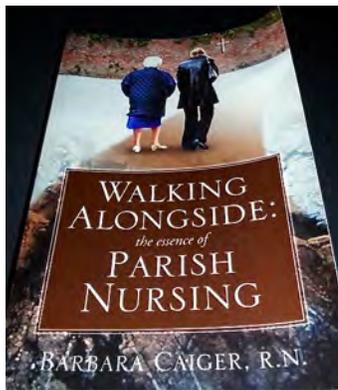
PARISH NURSE

My morning devotion, on June 13th 2016 read:

"I am creating something new in you; a bubbling spring of joy that spills into others' lives.... Watch in delight as My Spirit flows through you to bless others..... Enjoy my presence, which permeates you with Love, Joy and Peace."

from "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young

As if I was not excited enough on my first day as the Parish Nurse at Yorkminster Park. I could not imagine what lay ahead of me. What I have



experienced for three months is love joy and peace from you as congregants and also from my colleagues. Thank you for the warm welcome.

June was spent meeting, greeting and collecting information on what Parish Nursing has involved at YPBC. Files

were unpacked, I felt like I had come back home on Sundays, my office was settled, and I reached the tipping point of putting names to faces. The feeling of inclusion was infectious.

July was spent taking the Foundations of Parish Nursing course through St Peter's Seminary in London, continued introductions, and many discussions with congregants, Health and Wellness Committee members and the Ministerial Team. Through the many discussions it became clear that speaker events, health fairs, nurse in the park and church bulletin health inserts should continue. The Parish Nursing course focused on establishing a Parish Nursing ministry. Heather Hetherington attended the first course offered and is to thank for the well-established program.

In the latter part of July and through August I have had the pleasure of connecting one on one with many of you either by phone, in my office, in hospital or in new residences. The sense of community at YPBC has been evidenced by the number of you who voice concerns about the health of your dear friends to me in hopes that I can connect and help. We are all truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring community.

On September 14th, the Health and Wellness Committee met with me for the first time. We reviewed the tentative 2016 – 2017 plan, which evolved from discussions with the committee members as well as many congregants and the ministerial team. Our aim is to provide health ministry to all age groups in our congregation. We hope to expand membership to include a youth member who will obtain volunteer hours for committee participation. This fall we will be launching Divorce Care, The Empty Chair Bereavement Walking Group, and a Sunday Speaker Event on the Right to Die legislation. Health focused communications, targeted to Youth and young adults, will appear as facebook posts. I will be available for drop-ins and appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I can also be available by appointment to meet before or after church on Sundays. Please note that phone messages are picked up when I am at the church only. Please feel free to email me any time at jandrews45@cogeco.ca. I will respond by email or phone call as soon as possible. Please note that any emergency situations should be directed to 911.

I look forward to working with you as you obtain and maintain optimal physical, spiritual, and emotional health.

With Love, Gratitude and Peace

Jan Andrews RN, MN, Parish Nurse

TRANSITIONS

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

Deaths

Dennis Connor

Shirley Margaret Daly

Ruth Edwards

Frances Hastings

Don Lang

Renate Renters

Alexander Steele

Joyce Thompson

Betty Van Malder

CHOIR TOUR

It was August 6th. After more than a year of planning and preparation, the Yorkminster Park Choir was at last standing in the quire of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Looking around, we were struck by the magnificent architecture, grandeur and light. Staff told us that the cathedral had never looked better. The interior and exterior walls had been cleaned of hundreds of years of soot to celebrate the Cathedral's 300th anniversary in 2011. When we started to sing, the amazing acoustics of St. Paul's revealed themselves. After a note sounded from the organ or voices, it lingered for several seconds.

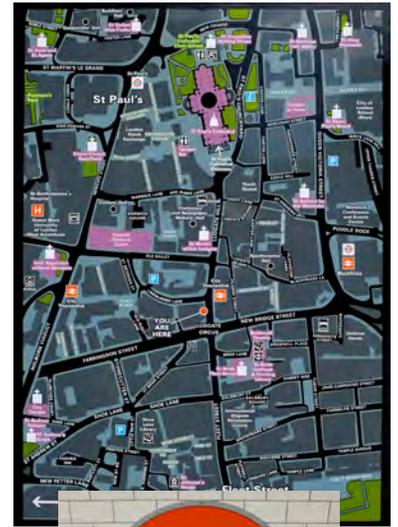
The choir was well prepared for the Evensong services in London. All the music sung during the week had been offered at five Evensong services at Yorkminster Park throughout the 2015-2016 season.

Our days at St. Paul's were busy. First, there was practice in the Choir Room located in the crypt. At a designated time, the choir robed and proceeded, according to a set protocol, into the sanctuary quire to practice with the organ. The choir then returned to the Choir Room until it was time to line up, have a prayer with the priest and process back to the quire for the 5:00 pm Evensong service.

Many people touring the Cathedral found the sanctuary practice time an additional bonus to their cathedral experience. Often, many stayed for the services and some were rewarded with the opportunity to sit in the quire with clergy and choir. A significant number of people attended the services, which the choir found very gratifying.

It was the twelfth of August before we knew it, and our well received work at St. Paul's was complete. We left feeling that we had worthily praised the Lord and had well represented Yorkminster Park in arguably one of the most famous Cathedrals in the world.

submitted by Doug Bull





St PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



Monday 8th August
7.30 am
8 am and 12.30 pm
5 pm

Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, (1221)

Morning Prayer

Eucharist

Evensong

sung by the Choir of
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto
Stalner in B flat
Beati quorum via Stanford

Canticles
Anthem

Tuesday 9th August
7.30 am
8 am and 12.30 pm
5 pm

Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union

Morning Prayer

Eucharist

Evensong

sung by the Choir of
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto
Dyson in D
Evening Hymn Ballour Gardiner

Canticles
Anthem

Wednesday 10th August
7.30 am
8 am and 12.30 pm
5 pm

Laurence, Deacon at Rome, M

Morning Prayer

Eucharist

Evensong

sung by the Choir of
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto
Sumson in G
The clouded heaven Mark Sirett

Canticles
Anthem

Thursday 11th August

Clare
Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares)
John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian

7.30 am
8 am and 12.30 pm
5 pm

Morning Prayer

Eucharist

Evensong

sung by the Choir of
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto
Stanford in G
Hail, gladdening light Wood

Canticles
Anthem

Friday 12th August
7.30 am
8 am and 12.30 pm
5 pm

Morning Prayer and Litany

Eucharist

Evensong

sung by the Choir of
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto
Fourth Service Batten
O where shall wisdom be found? Boyce

Canticles
Anthem



FROM THE YPBC WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE...

Congratulations to Esther Barnes - a member of YPBC and the former editor of the *Link and Visitor* magazine.

No Place to Go, an article written by Esther and published in the November/December 2015 *live*



magazine, has won The A. C. Forrest Award for Excellence in Religious Journalism honourable mention. This is an award for publications with less than 10,000 subscribers. For this achievement, Esther received a certificate and a cheque for

\$100 which she is giving to her Czech Baptist friend, Renata, who was featured in the story. Renata has raised funds in Litomerice (where Esther teaches ESL) to build toilets for schoolgirls in Kenya. Esther insists that the photo of Renata and the happy girls, helped “sell” her story! The A.C. Forrest award, named after a former editor of the *United Church Observer*, is considered the top award in Canadian religious journalism.

The judges commented:

- “The writing is engaging and spritely. This is just what is necessary for a topic which tends to either be taboo or treated as a joke.”
- “The opening is smart: most Canadians who enjoy a comfortable home know what a pain it is to live through a renovation. It then doesn’t take much to begin to imagine what life is like for those who are permanently with out proper facilities.”
- “There are concrete facts and specific examples of how people can improve such

dire situations. The inclusion of the Czech students’ reactions was interesting.”

- “Overall, a good piece which engages readers on a problem so crucial for those without and so quotidian for those with access to sanitation. It’s difficult to think of another topic that is so universal when it comes to basic human needs and social justice.”

YPBC Women’s Ministries Coming Events:

1. Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, 9 October 2016
2. Salt and Leaven – Potluck Supper, Monday, 7 November 2016, 6:30 pm at the home of Violet Pantilidis - all women warmly invited!
3. Women’s Retreat – Saturday, 4 February 2017 – Speaker: Sister Sue Mosteller
4. St. Patrick’s Day lunch and fundraiser – Sunday, 19 March 2017

We have so much to thank God for and we want to take this opportunity to express our profound gratefulness for the support of the YPBC church staff who are willing to assist us in so many ways – indeed, going the second AND third miles for us! You serve to make our ministries possible!

submitted by Jonanne Fenton

PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers will be meeting again this year with interesting speakers from our own congregation and beyond. We meet in the **Friendship Room at 12:30PM**. Please bring your own sandwich and beverages: sweets will be provided.

October 18, 2016 - Sue Ericsson will speak on The Life of an Artist - her show will be in the gallery at that time.

November 15, 2016 - Martin Abell will speak on The world through the eyes of a politician.

December 20, 2016 a friend of a member will speak about his life work which has been building water fountains around the world some for impressive clientele.

submitted by the Pastoral Care Committee

OPEN DOORS

Following God's Lead to New Opportunities
CBOQ ASSEMBLY June 9-11, 2016



This year's Assembly opened on Thursday morning with a time of worship led by Glen Solderholm, providing an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the day ahead.. We listened to a report from Donna Chapman, the outgoing Board President, during which she and our Executive Minister, Tim McCoy took questions from the floor, engaging delegates and reinforcing CBOQ's commitment to working together with its member churches. We welcomed four new churches into our family as well as twenty-three new ordinands. Our Director of Finance and Administration, Peris Kamotho, shared both challenges and opportunities that CBOQ is facing financially in the days ahead, as well as our successful audit results.

On Thursday evening, Tim McCoy shared about the resurrection of Christ from John 20:1-8 and the race to the tomb. He challenged us to imagine ourselves running to support our churches, or sprinting to share the Gospel with our neighbours. He concluded: "The open door of the empty tomb is all the motivation required to share the good news of the Gospel through word and deed where you are." Following Tim's talk we shared together in the Lord's Supper.

Friday morning commenced with presentations from our CBOQ directors. Melody Currier, Director of Operations and Membership talked about the covenant relationship with our churches and our commitments of time, talent and treasure. She encouraged our family of churches to continue in our commitment to give to CBOQ and to make known to them the challenges that we may face.

Dallas Friesen, Director of Congregational Development shared his love for the church: "There has never been a better time to be a part of this family of churches." He challenged us to think about what a church's (audacious) next step needs to be. He encouraged us to seek transformation and reminded the churches that we are unique resources for our communities.

Peris Kamotho, Director of Finance and Administration, shared valuable information about the support CBOQ offers to its churches to ensure that they meet their obligations with the CRA. She reminded us that financial stewardship is an important part of mission and that it is only through our ability to meet those obligations that we can continue to operate as charitable organizations.

Matt Wilkinson, Director of Next Generation Ministries, asked us: when we look around our churches, what is missing? Young People. He reminded us that youth are looking for a place to belong and he encouraged us to act now to reach out to young people. The Canadian Baptist Youth and Family Forum is comprised of youth and family leaders from across Canada that work together to find ways to reach and disciple the next generation. They have generated the "Imaginative Hope Report," which will be mailed out to churches this fall. The report focuses on what needs to be done for Generation Z, the youth of today.

Brian Craig, Director of Leadership Development, reported a focus on clergy care in response to some of the challenges our leaders face. CBOQ is offering a pastor/leader retreat opportunity through *Reignite*, which this year will feature Peter Scazzero, author of *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. It's an opportunity to deal with some of the huge challenges that face leaders and help to develop emotionally healthy leaders who can serve well in their churches.

Our partner organization, CBM, interviewed Rupen Das, a member of YPBC, who has served extensively overseas. Rupen reported some of the amazing ways that God is using churches to show compassion and share the Gospel with refugees. We also heard about the incredible explosion of the church in China.

Another partner organization, Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec, reviewed highlights of 2015 touching on new programs, advocacy, mission and conferences as well as what's "on the menu" for 2016.

Stan Porter, President and Dean of McMaster Divinity College, announced the launch of a Doctor of Practical Theology Degree for fall (2016). This is the only advanced professional degree of its kind accredited by ATS North America, to meet the needs of the church, parachurch and other organizations to prepare men and women for advanced Christian leadership. McMaster already has many potential students and denominational leaders who see this as the future of theological education and our prayers are requested as they go forward with this initiative.

The plenary speaker for Assembly 2016 was Anna Robbins, Associate Professor of Theology, Culture and Ethics; Academic Dean; Director of Andrew MacRae Centre for Christian Faith and Culture at Acadia Divinity College. On Friday evening, she described us as people of the meta-narrative who have to find a way to tell the Christian story in a world full of opportunities and where we have all the resources we need. Christ is in our midst and we can be Christians in our country where the world before us is full of open doors that we need to walk through. The Gospels are reliable. Do we really believe that Jesus is who he says he is? Do we believe that he pours out his Spirit on the church? Are we forgetting our calling? Anna encouraged us to bind ourselves afresh to Christ. There is nowhere we can go that God's not already present.

On Saturday morning, Anna suggested that there may be things that make us feel angry – change can do that. She encouraged us to let go of that anger and walk through the doors that are open around us – in our communities, workplaces and world. "God has opened doors in front of us and he gives us all the resources we need to minister on the other side – we just need to walk through."

NOW IN THE GLADSTONE LIBRARY....

1. Gordon King, perhaps best known to YPBC for the Canadian Baptist Ministries, Sharing Way "Windows on the World," was scheduled to speak at Assembly but was unable to come. His book, *Seed Falling on Good Soil* –

Rooting our Lives in the Parables of Jesus may be found in the library.

2. Rupen Das's book, *Compassion and the Mission of God – Revealing the Invisible Kingdom* is also available.

submitted by Jonanne Fenton

INTRODUCING

Cody Barevich - Administrative Assistant

Cody joins us from Niagara, moving to Toronto for his education where he attended the University of Guelph-Humber. While attending he received his BBA in Management. During his time at Guelph-Humber, he worked with many charities and non-profits within the community and found himself perusing the non-profit field.

Cody looks forward to meeting members of the congregation.



Peter Visconti - Accountant

Peter is a professional accountant with two accounting designations: (CPA) Chartered Professional Accountant and (CGA) Certified General Accountant. In addition, he has been university-educated in Economics and Business. His career spans 20 years in various sectors, church administration, social services, education and public accounting.

He is a devout Christian and is passionate about volunteering to build communities, participating in charity fundraisers, coaching Special Olympics athletes, conducting income tax clinics for the homeless and marginalized people and coordinating youth activities to build self-confidence and leadership among our youth.

In his leisure time, he enjoys spending quality family (wife of 21 years and two teenage daughters) time in such activities like hiking, biking, movies, sporting events, swimming and picnics.



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Karoline M. Lewis



The Rev. Dr.
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Sister Sue Mosteller

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YP BOOK CLUB

Calling all Readers

If you love to read, and enjoy a good book, this is your invitation to join the Book Club at YP.

We meet in the Friendship Room from 7:00- 8:30 on the third Tuesday evening of each month, for a discussion about the book we have chosen to read that month. We take turns facilitating the conversation about the book, and the more we talk and share our thoughts, the more we learn about the book and the author.

In September we read *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, and had a rich discussion about this amazing book. For October we are reading *I Will always Write Back*, by Caitlin Alifrenka, and November's book is *On Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande. Everyone is welcome to join us for this opportunity to meet new people, talk together about what we have read, and read some great books! We are always looking forward to welcoming new readers! For more information, please speak to me.

submitted by Diane Letsche, Book Club Leader



KIDS for KIDS revisited

Apologies to Callum whose image of the ceiling of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre, Quebec (shown below) was inadvertently lost in the logistics of putting together KIDS for KIDS: photo show. Although Callum's photograph was absent for the opening reception and sale, it was installed in the exhibition the following week and found a patron. We thank all the participants and their families for a most successful event and fundraiser.

submitted by the Art Committee



YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY

Yorkminster Park Gallery begins its 10th season this Fall. In September 2007 the gallery space, along with the Collins courtyard, was dedicated to the glory of God. Both were intended to reach out to and involve the wider community. From its beginnings, the gallery has sought to display as broad a range as possible of materials, methods, subjects and themes. 2016-2017 is a fine example of that diversity.

Rededication of the Church Grounds

Sunday, September 16, 2007

O God, whose Spirit lives within each one, calling us and inspiring us to be partners in your creation and artists to your glory: with gratitude for freedom, imagination, and grace, we offer this YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY to you as an Act of Dedication, praying that it would be a place where visions of hope are born, where sorrows are comforted, and where you, O God, are glorified.

Kirk Mechar - Beautiful Decay [continues to Oct 13] - Mechar's work straddles a fine line between painting and sculpture. Several strata of plaster and acrylic are repeatedly applied and hand-carved. The result is multi-layered, vibrantly coloured, and mesmerizing.



Sue Ericsson - Call to Remembrance [Oct 15-Nov 17] Mixed media drawings tenderly explore relics of the natural world and mementoes from the lives of loved ones. As well as large formal works on paper, Ericsson includes one hundred pages from sketchbooks over the years.



Les Tibbles - From the Studio of Les Tibbles [Nov 19-Dec 19] Artist, field naturalist, meteorologist, gifted teacher --- Les Tibbles' has a well-deserved, faithful following. His florals and landscapes reflect an indomitable spirit and a love of nature and the outdoors.

