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St. Anne's Church in Jerusalem is almost nine hundred years old and sits atop a grotto or cave where for at least that long Christian pilgrims have believed Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born. St. Anne's Church is so unadorned that it

might be mistaken for a Protestant church, yet even in the ancient stones there is great beauty. The most wonderful feature is not visible to the eye, but only to the ear. The acoustic of St. Anne's is magnificent.

As our group of thirty-eight Holy Land pilgrims, who left Yorkminster Park on Monday, May 11, entered St Anne's, we sat and listened to another group of pilgrims raise their voices in praise. The sound echoed in the dome and bounced off the stone walls. It was impressive, but our guide, Gila, turned to me and said, "They are doing it wrong. You need to pause at the end of each line you sing until the echo goes silent." And so we did, and the pause of silence at the end of each line of Amazing Grace was every bit as long or even longer than the line we had sung. It was remarkable and deeply moving. The song seemed to go on and on. Although I had been to St. Anne's before and sung along with another group, this was different and will probably not ever be forgotten.

Something like the St. Anne's echo is alive all through the Holy Land. Whenever we would read a Biblical passage on the site where the story or teaching had taken place we would pause and in the silence, whether indoors or out, there was always an echo. It was as if we could still hear the voice of Jesus. Over and over the Biblical stories and teachings came to life in new ways, touching our hearts with an echo from the first century, or was it simply the Living Word loud and clear, here and now.

On the way home we stopped in Istanbul to change flights and as we were waiting I met a young Jewish architect who was making his way

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Cover - Peach Melba Nasturtiums cascade over the edge of my flower boxes each summer. They make quite a show of green and yellow. A closer look shows a different world, one of detail; often overlooked as we pass by. A closer look is worth it; or as Deborah suggests on page 4, "Our Creator flowers the gardens for us ..." and "Make time for your Creator this summer ..."

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

Paul R Hill



home to Seattle from a wedding in Israel. He said, “I am not particularly religious, but when I am in Israel I can feel prayer in the air. It is everywhere and it is beautiful.”

On the Mount of Beatitudes we read the opening verses of the

Sermon on the Mount. At Capernaum we heard the words of Jesus calling his first disciples. On the Mount of Olives we looked as Jesus did over the City of Jerusalem and remembered his tears. In Gethsemane we sensed the anguish of the cross, and outside St. Anne’s in the courtyard we gathered round the ruins of the Pool of Bethesda and read the account of the man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years while waiting and hoping for a miracle. “Do you want to be made well?” Jesus had asked him before he healed him.

One of the pilgrims commented to me afterwards that Jesus never presumes or forces himself on anyone. Jesus really was with us, speaking through the Word and through the land, and he didn’t force himself on us, but his voice echoed through the soul like a choir in a cathedral. It is always up to us to open our hearts to Jesus, but when we do, we can hear the echo of eternity for ourselves.

We returned home on May 23, but the stories of Jesus still echo and the land that seemed so wonderfully familiar still calls. On my first visit four years ago an Armenian friend bid me farewell and said, “You will be back.” This time it was a Jewish rabbi formerly of Toronto who asked my wife and two others if it was their first time. When they responded in the affirmative he said very gently, “You’ll be back.”

The Holy Land settles into the soul like a song in St. Anne’s. It keeps speaking to you long after the trip is over and deep down you know it is far more than simply an echo. It is the living Word. It is a call and

a grace. Of course one need not go there to hear the voice or the call. It is always just a matter of saying, ‘Yes,’ to Jesus wherever we are. For wherever we are, Christ is present, and the voice no less strong, and the place no less holy.

Shalom,
Peter



MUSINGS FROM THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

(Philippians 3:20)

If you look up the word “citizen” in the dictionary, you will find a definition resembling something like this: “a native or naturalized member of a state or nation who owes allegiance to its government and is entitled to its protection.” By its very definition, you can see that citizenship has both privileges and responsibilities. A number of years ago I received a letter from the Office of the Attorney General. It was the kind of summons many people have received over the years: I had been called for jury duty. I obediently reported to the courthouse on the appropriate day, but I was not chosen to be part of the jury. I don’t remember a lot about that experience, except for the very beginning. All 150 prospective jurors were taken into a courtroom to be addressed by the judge, before selection began. The judge spent some time reminding us of our civic duty – how it was a privilege to serve on a jury, and we should take this responsibility seriously. He spoke passionately about how many new immigrants come to our country, and believe it to be one of the best places in the world to live. He spoke of how privileged we were to be citizens of Canada, but he also emphasized that responsibility goes hand in hand with privilege. I have always remembered his talk. Canada consistently ranks in the top ten of the UN Human Development Index and overall

happiness quotient. Yes, our country truly is a great place to live.

Last month I had the privilege of attending a Canadian citizenship ceremony for a member of our Yorkminster Park church family. It was an exciting time for him as he officially became a Canadian citizen. This was the first time I had ever attended such a ceremony. I must say, I was quite impressed. The citizenship judge himself had emigrated from Malaysia with his family when he was just a boy. So he knew first-hand what it meant to leave one country and adopt another. During the ceremony, there came the part where the prospective candidates had to raise their right hands and take the oath of citizenship. The judge invited current Canadian citizens to recite the oath as well. As I recited the words, I reflected on how blessed we are to be part of this country. At the end of the oath, everyone clapped and cheered!

The Bible talks about God's people as being strangers and aliens in a foreign land. Abraham embarked on a journey to a different land to inherit God's promise. Joseph found himself as a slave and refugee in Egypt, as did the entire nation of Israel eventually. During the Babylonian captivity, many of the Hebrews were exiles in a foreign land. Jesus himself spent time as a refugee when his parents fled with him to escape the wrath of King Herod. In speaking of the saints of old, the author of Hebrews writes: "All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them". (Hebrews 11:13-16)

The apostle Paul put it another way: "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone". (Ephesians 2:19-20) As Christians, we have a wonderful citizenship in the kingdom of God. It should be a reason for celebration and gratitude.

Not only should we not take our Canadian citizenship for granted, but we should not neglect the mercies of God – the One who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

A generation ago Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote a popular Christian chorus. It embodied this idea of being part of God's family and citizens of his kingdom: "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; For I'm part of the family, the family of God." I am proud to be a Canadian – but I am even more blessed to be part of the family of God here at Yorkminster Park. Today may you celebrate not only your Canadian citizenship, but the fact that you are a citizen of God's kingdom.

Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care



MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP

**Summer comes to
delight our spirit,
providing us with
moments of splendour.**

***Our Creator flowers the gardens for us and makes
green the valleys.***

**The skies burst forth with streams of water and
the fields respond with bounty.**

***Deep breaths to be taken as sunsets of brilliance
feed the soul.***

**Thanks you God, for all that nurses and lifts,
inspires and directs our living.**

***Make our hearts your home that we might seek you
all of our days***

**And live in the light of your grace and truth and
peace.**

**Make time for your Creator this summer
and grow in your faith!**

Spiritual Growth Opportunities for all ages!

You are Invited to...

Summer Children's Event
During the week of July 20th - half day
camp for ...

Kids going into Junior Kindergarten
up to Grade 5

Exciting theme: "G – Force"



All about kids' transportation – bikes,
skate boards, and more!

Crafts, Science, Sports, Bible
lessons, Fun Snacks

Come to make new friends, learn new
skills and have fun!

Pre-Register with Miriam Little:
mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com 416-922-1361



**Summer Bible Study –
Life Lessons from Jesus
Wednesdays**

**July 8th to August 12th,
7:00-8:00 pm Friendship Room**

Share the light of Christ by...

Sitting out in the courtyard to
connect with new friends...

Invite someone new to join you
for a BBQ!

Pray for Mission Teams



We have a team of six going to Lebanon from July 20th to July 30th to work with **Yorkminster Park's STEP Partners**. The team will be travelling to Beirut to assist Gladys Haddad working with children and youth ministry in one of the children's camps, as well as serving among Syrian refugee families. Team Co-leaders are Rev. Deborah Ban and Ken Little. Team members are Corinne Furtney, Kathleen Wilson, Braelyn Rumble and Craig Rumble.



We have a mission team going to the **Oneida Nation of the Thames in conjunction with First Oneida Baptist Church**. The trip is from July 26 – 31st and will be a week of day-camp for children, ages 5 – 12 at the Standing Stone Elementary School located near London, Ontario. The team Leaders are Rev. Dale Rose and Miriam Little. If you would like to join the team, speak with either leader soon.

Deborah Ban
Minister of Discipleship

FROM THE WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE...

PUSHING OUR ENVELOPE

The Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Women's envelope, that is! Designated for MISSIONS and IN CHURCH offerings, we're thrilled to be *pushing* it! Just what is significant about our little 3x6 inch pink envelope? Quite simply, the opportunities it makes possible to support, encourage and expand a variety of vital and creative ministries, locally and globally. It prompts us to imagine the potential we have as God's agents of shalom and to be an integral part in bringing about His wholeness, healing and justice in a broken world – to sow the seeds of His Kingdom with grace, hope and joy through our monetary gifts.

Our largest recipient is *Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec* (CBWOQ), created to facilitate women in mission, the core of its identity. As a mission organization, it was founded in the mid 1800s and is rooted in Convention Baptist Churches across Ontario and Quebec. All women at YPBC are part of our women's ministries and are also members of CBWOQ. Currently led by Diane McBeth, CBWOQ's "vision for a great future" focuses on two main goals:

1. Authentic experience of God
2. Intimate connection with mission

CBWOQ desires that women do more than just talk about God. The desire is for women to grow in intimacy with Him so that we may develop our ability to recognize God's presence and hear his voice. Transformation, emotional healing and deeper community are fruits of intimacy with God.

CBWOQ has always been strongest when women have been "up-close-and-personal" with mission. To facilitate this, it launched an exciting new initiative at the end of 2014 - *Anchor Causes* - with the hope that it will become a resource network to help Baptist Women connect with their communities and missions. The three foci of *Anchor Causes* are vulnerable women, children/youth at risk and food/community development.

More about *Anchor Causes* can be found on the CBOQ website and in the May-June 2015 issue of *live* magazine.

This April at YPBC, we had a Window on the World featuring CBWOQ/*Toronto Baptist Women* in which Kathleen Wilson briefly highlighted the "Buying Sex is not a Sport-Pan-Am 2015 Initiative" (BSINAS). This is a grassroots collaboration between CBWOQ, Defend Dignity, Rahab Ministries and Reformed Church in America that seeks to raise awareness and effect change around sex trafficking and the potential increase in demand for paid sex at the time of the Pan Am games in Toronto/GTA and several Ontario cities/towns in July, 2015. In particular, CBWOQ has wanted to lead the way in prayer. Monthly prayer requests have been made available to the YPBC *Afternoon Mission Fellowship*, on the YPBC centre hall table or at the CBWOQ website. It is also of note that BSINAS has joined with other Christian organizations to advocate for the Nordic model in Canada's new prostitution legislation. In this model criminal prosecution is directed at those who traffic and control women, as well as those who pay them. It includes provisions for police to offer assistance to sex trade workers who want to get out. At least two safe houses are currently being built in Toronto. Covenant House has provided one of these.

Other CBWOQ initiatives include:

- the award winning *live* magazine (in print, online and audio versions) which is widely promoted and appreciated at YPBC
- the E-LINK monthly newsletter
- events such as the *Women on a Mission* one-day annual celebration, retreats for women clergy and pastors wives and numerous group and regional events
- cultural exchanges (short term mission trips) that are frequently made available to strengthen missional connections and support
- a biennial recommended reading list for Baptist Women featuring books in support of the mission/vision goals. (These books are purchased by the YPBC *Women's*

Executive, catalogued by Randall Speller and available in our Gladstone Library.)

CBWOQ has strong partnership connections with Canadian Baptist Ministries, the North American Baptist Women's Union, Dufferin Oasis and Matthew House ministries here in Toronto, just to name a few.

Inspired by this heritage and the long time purposes and initiatives of CBWOQ, *YPBC Women* encourage other missional /ministry support:

- *Dorcas* - Under the leadership of Lois Bishop, women faithfully gather on Tuesday mornings to knit crochet, sew, and quilt articles for those less fortunate. Examples of grateful recipients are the Bethlehem Aboriginal Fellowship and Oasis Dufferin. *Dorcas* also trims stamps for the Canadian Bible Society and donates soup labels to facilitate needed purchases.
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry* - Under the leadership of Rhoda Hill, women gather in the Friendship Room on the 4th Tuesday of every month until May, excluding December. Shawls are knitted, crocheted and prayed over to ultimately be delivered by our Minister of Pastoral Care, Dale Rose, to those shut in, in hospital, recovering from illness, grieving or in a particular need of a tangible symbol of the love, comfort and presence of God in their lives.

Because of the generous response of God's people at YPBC, the *YPBC Women* were able to send donations this spring to:

- *YP Meals on Wheels* ministry
- *House of Compassion* for a new dishwasher
- *Intriciti*, a ministry led by Alana Walker Carpenter (YPBC) to encourage the integration of faith and business
- *The Gateway*, (Salvation Army) directed by Jake Aikenhead (YPBC) – a hostel and drop in centre for men in Toronto that envisions a future where everyone has a home, friendship and meaningful work – “the hand of God in the city”
- Our two mission teams preparing to go to *Lebanon* and to the *Oneida Nation of the Thames*
- *Youth Unlimited/Youth for Christ*
- *Squeaky Clean* – our children's mission project, 2015 - to provide hygiene kits for refugee families in Lebanon
- One of our youth who will serve as a Counsellor at Pioneer Camp this summer

Support through our envelope also enables us to make necessary in-church purchases to facilitate ministry within our congregation. Some examples of these include kitchen supplies, chairs for the Heritage Room, new card tables and our flower fund.

Tremendous potential for a small pink envelope and our prayerful responses to it!

submitted by Jonanne Fenton

ISRAEL TRIP

(email to Ruth Farrow, Chair, Board of Deacons)

My wife Carol and I returned home Saturday after a wonderful pilgrimage to Israel. I am sure a lot of people contributed to the success of the trip, but I wanted you and the Board of Deacons to recognize the great contribution made by Peter Holmes to the success of the Pilgrimage. Peter had a booklet for all

participants and each day we would stop and Peter had chosen a reading from the Bible and usually a hymn which was appropriate for the site we had just visited. These readings or hymns made the story of the Bible come alive and have much greater significance than we would have experienced without the preparation made by Peter.

Nicol MacNicol

NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

Hirut Endeshaw Allen

Hirut Ayele Endeshaw Allen is becoming a member of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church following a journey that has taken her from her birthplace of Ethiopia to Kenya, Europe, Canada, England and then back to Canada. It was in Kenya that her love for Christ was proclaimed in Baptism at 17 years of age. During her first visit to Toronto, she met Scott to whom she has been married for seven years. Scott's work has taken them to various places in England before returning to Toronto in 2012. Hirut is an attentive mother to son Enoch who will be turning 5 in July.

Hirut has attended a Discipleship class with Deborah Ban and feels like she has found a home at Yorkminster Park meeting members who share her interests. Hirut is an avid reader and a professional makeup artist and hairdresser. She is looking forward to finding ways to share her talents and interests through servant involvement at YPBC.

She is grateful for God's protection and guidance through all her years and holds Psalm 23 as her encouragement.

Rachel Fraser and Dave Florio

Rachel Fraser and Dave Florio were married here 17 years ago by Peter Holmes. Rachel had grown up in Calvary Church and attended Peoples Christian School. Dave was raised in the Roman Catholic tradition.

Rachel's brother, Sandy, is a close friend of Neil Hetherington, Glenn Kay and Graham Luczka so Dave and Rachel visited YP and have attended ever since. Rachel's ancestral roots are found in the Philippines and Scotland while Dave's family comes from Italy.

Rachel is a graduate of Ryerson from the Early Childhood Education programme. Currently she works as an ECE educator with a dance school and also helps out in our nursery.

Dave is a Chartered Accountant. His current field is in the risk business. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

Their daughter Sarah (13) and their son Jack (11) take Italian lessons and are both involved in youth

activities here. The family loves to travel to places like Scotland and Italy to experience their cultural backgrounds.

Rachel and Dave appreciate the welcome the whole family has felt at Yorkminster Park. They "feel at home here".

Ananda Sinnadurai

Ananda was raised in Sri Lanka in a strong Hindu family. When Ananda was about 10-12 years old he witnessed the death of his beloved grandmother. Following this experience he was searching for peace when some Christian people involved in door-to-door ministry gave him a Bible correspondence course. Through that Christian ministry he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord.

Ananda worked as a police officer in Sri Lanka. He came to Canada as a refugee in 1983 he later obtained his Canadian citizenship. He and his wife, who is also from Sri Lanka, were married in 1993 and have a grown daughter. Sadly, his 18 year old son was killed in a cycling accident last August. The family is still grieving this loss. Ananda sees that even with this sorrow, friends of his son have been moved to consider God's influence in their lives.

In 2002, Ananda graduated from Northwest Baptist Theological College in Langley, British Columbia, with a Bachelor of Religious Education (Leadership and Ministry) degree. He has been attending YPBC since October 2014. Ananda believes that God has been calling him to use his gifts and training in Christian service and has a desire to be able to serve as a licensed minister. He is interested in joining the prayer team as well as possibly helping to lead a small group. Ananda looks forward to serving the Lord in whatever way God chooses.

Barbara and Ian Wood

Barbara Wood and her husband Ian have been attending YPBC for three years. She was born in Sarnia. While at Bishop Strachan she was confirmed at Grace Church-on-the-Hill. To further her language skills she attended a convent in Quebec City for a year. At the University of Western Ontario she met Ian. Ian joined the Canadian Diplomatic Service and their six children were born in several different parts of the world. The couple have a home in Switzerland. Two of their children live in the Toronto area but the others live in South Korea, South Africa,

California, and Australia. There are 24 grandchildren in even more locations so they travel a good deal. Barbara cares deeply about the refugee situation and wants to help our Refugee Committee. She taught Sunday School when her children were young.

Ian Wood was born in Quebec City. The United Church he attended had an active youth group which he remembers fondly. He attended Ridley and was involved in daily Anglican services. From the age of 12 he wanted to join the diplomatic corps. The Woods were assigned to the Canadian Consulate General in New York City. Next came Athens, Vienna, Ottawa, Beirut, Paris, and Moscow. Another posting followed as Ambassador to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman.

Since retiring they have travelled extensively, including many trips on Container Cargo Vessels. Ian enjoys alpine skiing, golf, tennis and most other sports. He has spent time studying comparative religions and has read the Bible and the Koran. Ian loves the music and preaching as well as the welcome they have received at YPBC.

A SURPRISING TEACHING ABOUT SHREWDNESS

Read Luke 16:1-8 and be shocked at what Jesus said!

This parable is perhaps the most challenging and provocative of all Jesus' parables. Because it bristles with uncertainty, the reader must think hard to discover the intended meaning. Interpreting the story is difficult because it is not told in response to a question or a criticism of some sort. In the previous chapter, Jesus told three parables in response to the muttering of the Pharisees: **“This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”** (Luke 15:2b) Hearing their criticism that he (Jesus) was not sufficiently Torah-observant, Jesus defended himself by explaining, in story form, his welcoming attitude towards people reckoned as unclean by the most orthodox. Jesus' listeners would have immediately recognized the allegorical nature of the story; the father represents God and the son stands in relation to his father as humanity stands in relation to God. This situation calls for sincere repentance.

A common theme runs through each of the parables in Luke 15: God's love seeks those who are lost and



image by Alexandre Bida

heaven rejoices when they are found. The third parable in chapter 15 pictures God (the father) as generous and so anxious to forgive that he runs to meet his errant son and embraces him before a word of confession is spoken. The situation/context leaves the meaning of all three parables unambiguous.

The intended meaning of ‘The Shrewd Manager’ is more elusive because the reason Jesus told this story is not self-evident; it seems to come ‘out of the blue’. Therefore, the reader must ask a key question: **“What comparison is being made between God’s kingdom, actions, or expectations and the present situation of his listeners?”**

The initiating event occurs when the manager is ‘accused’ of being dishonest. We must assume that the rich landowner did not fire his employee on the spot, otherwise the story would be over at that point. The manager had time to deal with his desperate situation. There was no alternative but to endear himself to the landowner’s debtors by easing the burden of their debt.

Eventually the rich landowner learned of his manager’s dishonesty but strangely and surprisingly, he commended him for his shrewdness. In my opinion, the parable ends at verse 8 with the summary statement, **“For the people of this world are shrewder in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.”** (16:8) The message of the parable is that the manager’s shrewdness but not his dishonesty, must become a characteristic of the “people of light”.

At this point, the listener/reader is left pondering a further question. The manager’s shrewdness, was directed towards saving himself from a personal disaster; likewise the “people of the light” are to be

equally shrewd. The manager represents those individuals who are driven by secular values. Arranging things for themselves in the interest of self-preservation is their primary motivation. They manage their relationships prudently in order to achieve their self-defined goals. They plan wisely and leave no stone unturned to secure their future. They know how the world operates and they take advantage of every situation for their own benefit. In short, they are shrewd in every respect.

Jesus' parable contains both judgment and command. Negatively, the children of the light are told that they lack the shrewdness so evident in the lives of people whose goals are entirely Godless. Positively, the children of the light are commanded to seek the goals of Jesus' kingdom with equal resolve and shrewdness as that demonstrated by the people of the world. Exactly how this is to be done is for us to discover.

Another way of interpreting this parable might be to recognize a common theme running through the parable of The Prodigal Son and The Shrewd Manager. In both, there is a crisis where the main character has placed himself in a situation that demands a decision. Both characters must decide what they must do to avoid a sure disaster. Their survival was at stake. Could it be that Jesus was telling his listeners that they too were in the midst of a crisis in which their survival was equally threatened? Could it be that the presence of the Kingdom had created a crisis that called for a shrewd decision? Just as the manager had cleverly resolved to take immediate action so must they act by saying 'yes' to the invitation given by Jesus. The present crisis called for a resounding 'yes'. Listeners will answer in the affirmative if their shrewdness matches that of 'the people of the world'.

We, says the parable, must do the same!

submitted by Peter Ferguson

BUS TRIP



Thursday, 15 October 2015

St. Jacobs

Pirates of Penzance

\$ 115 - Bus, Lunch & Ticket

TRANSITIONS

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

Births

Jack Thomas Whitacre Rocca, *son of Andrea and Adrian Rocca*

Keren Victoria Sampaio, *d of Pedro Sampaio and Esperanca Tati*

New Members

Hirut Endeshaw Allen

Rachel Fraser and Dave Florio

Ananda Sinnadurai

Barbara and Ian Wood

Deaths

Mildred Meredith

Jack Norman Fox

Helen Shaver

Elizabeth (Betty) Howson

Dorothy Aileen Neal

Leslie Thomas Smith

BIBLE IN ART

presentations by Tom Hayes

Art of The Meal

25 June 2015

Central United Church, Unionville

27 September 2015

First Baptist Church, Ottawa

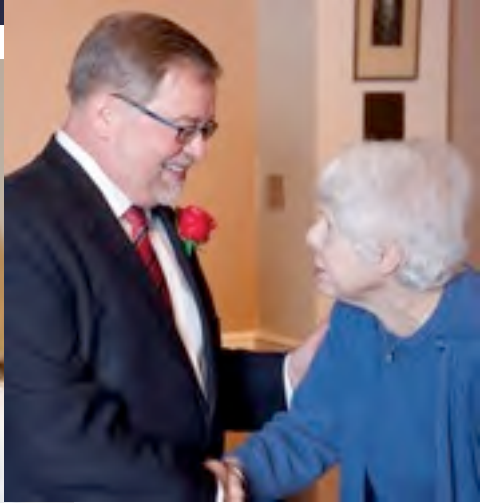
Women of the Bible in Art

17 October 2015

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church,
Scarborough

The Twentieth Anniversary
of the Ministry of
The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
and Ms. Janet Holmes





submitted by Henry Regehr

MUSICAL OFFERING - PETER'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

words by William Maddox, sung by the choir

In AD 1995,
Unto the Minster fair,
Came a young man, one Peter Holmes
To tend our Past'ral Care
And with him came two daughters blond
Janet and Jamie, too
And now some twenty years have past?
It only seems like two!

Since he's been here, some things have changed,
The good things are the same,
Great preaching is his hallmark still,
And adds unto his fame.
Our services are seen throughout
The world wide web and so,
Perchance that webcam is turned on,
Watch when you scratch your nose!

So, raise three cheers for Peter Holmes
Our minister and friend
We hope his days with all of us
Will never, ever end.
What, twenty years? It's just a start
And so we'll pause and say
Stay with us here, dear Peter, friend,
And never go away!

ELLACOMBE D.C.M.

Mainz Gesangbuch, c. 1833



photo by Donna Willett



ONE BY ONE - 2015 SUMMER ART SHOW AND SALE

Each summer the Yorkminster Park Gallery ‘opens its walls’ to the artistic endeavours of our congregation and its friends. This year the Art Committee had a twist to that exhibit! One foot by one foot canvases were handed out for free to the first 50 participants, and these artists could put anything they wanted on their canvas – oil, acrylic, watercolour, a photo, a digital image, pen and ink, pastels, fibre art, collage. The variety of artwork was truly amazing. Clearly we are made with the impulse to create, to celebrate and to reveal God amongst us.

These masterpieces were then offered for sale for \$50 each, with proceeds going to Youth Unlimited’s arts program, Create and Believe. Our gallery was really hopping on Sunday, June 7 at the opening reception as artists and buyers mingled. It was “standing room only” as people chose their favourites, filled out purchase slips and then waited to see if their names came out of the hat for those paintings with multiple interest. Our own Doug Brown garnered the most interest.

Both Rev Karen Robinson-Joseph and Vanessa Mitchell from Create and Believe were on hand for the opening. Vanessa spoke passionately at the reception about her work with teens and her heartfelt thanks for our congregation’s ongoing support.

One by One exhibition will be in the gallery till mid-August, so there is still time to pop by and enjoy the artistic work of your church friends and family, and to donate to a good cause.

Art Committee of Yorkminster Park

