

NOVEMBER 13, 2011

LESTER C. RANDALL
PREACHING
FELLOWSHIP



Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

The Rev. John Torrance
Interim Associate Minister

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
Associate Minister, Discipleship

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

Mrs. Heather Hetherington
Parish Nurse

The Rev. Carolyn King
Associate Minister, Pastoral Care

The Rev. Sam Lee
Assistant Minister, Youth

Mrs. Miriam Little
Director of Children's Ministry

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

MORNING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 13, 2011

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

Prelude Toccata in F major, BWV 542 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Processional Hymn 37 – Ye servants of God (Laudate Dominum)

Call to Worship **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Introit – Lord, make my heart a place *Eric Thiman*

Lord, make my heart a place where angels sing! For surely thoughts low breath'd by
Thee are angels gliding near on noiseless wing; and where a home they see swept clean,
and garnish'd with adoring joy, they enter, in and dwell and teach that heart to swell
with heav'nly melody, their own untired employ.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. (*sung Amen*)

Responsive Psalm 30 (OTp.557-8) **The Rev. John R. Torrance**

Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in
the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn *SHB 120 – Won't you let me be your servant? (Servant Song)

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

Mission Project Presentation

Sarah, Bryn, and Michelle

Announcements

Scripture John 21:1-17 **Norm Hubley**
(NT p.120) **Chair, Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship**

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Choral Response *S. Alec Gordon*

Hear my prayer, O Lord my God.
Harken to my supplication; be merciful to me, a sinner. Amen.

Offering Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said,
"It is more blessed to give, than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Anthem – The Spirit of the Lord (The Apostles) *Edward Elgar*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel
to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the
captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the
garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of
righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. For as the earth
bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth things that are sown in it to spring
forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all
nations, as the earth springeth forth her bud.

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn 596 – May the mind of Christ my Saviour (St. Leonards)

Sermon – DIVING IN

The Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence

Recessional Hymn 527 – Take my life (Nottingham)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Palmer in E)

Postlude Placare Christe Servulis

Dom Paul Benoit

**SHB=Supplementary Hymn Book “Sing to God’s Glory”*

*Soloists: **Lois Bishop**, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano; **Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano; **Martin Houtman**, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone.*

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude

Today’s Greeters are: Kim Aikenhead, John Shaw and Barbara Smith.

THE LESTER C. RANDALL PREACHING FELLOWSHIP

We are honoured by the presence of our 25th Lester Randall preacher as we welcome The Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence to the Yorkminster Park pulpit. Dr. Florence serves as the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching at the Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Anna is a graduate of Yale and Princeton and ordained with the Presbyterian Church (USA). She and her husband, the Rev. David Carter Florence have two sons. She is the author of “Preaching as Testimony” and is frequently featured as a speaker and preacher in churches and conferences of clergy. When she is not in the pulpit, she can often be found knitting up a storm.

Today, we also offer our warmest appreciation to Mr. Gordon Smith who after twenty-five years of offering his skills of organization and leadership to the Lester Randall Committee is retiring from the Committee with a great sense of satisfaction that comes from a job well done. Thank you, Gordon.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary and Narthex are placed by
The Lester C. Randall Preaching Fellowship Committee in loving memory of
LESTER C. RANDALL*

The roses on the Communion Table are placed for:

Paul and Rhoda Hill who welcome the birth of their granddaughter, Hanna Beatrice Elaine Carlen, born on November 1, 2011 to Susan and Anders Carlen of Sweden.

The Rev. Pamela Fitkin-Schmidt and Paul Schmidt who welcome the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Victoria Rose, born on Monday, November 7th.

PRAYERS

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

Prayers for healing and blessing will be offered in the chapel following the morning worship service on **the last Sunday of every month.** If anyone would like such prayers at other times, feel free to contact a minister for an appointment.

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YE servants of God,
Your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad
His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious
Of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious,
And rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high,
Almighty to save;
And still He is nigh,
His presence we have;
The great congregation
His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation
To Jesus our King.

3 “ Salvation to God
Who sits on the throne ”,
Let all cry aloud,
And honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus
The angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces,
And worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore,
And give Him His right,—
All glory and power,
All wisdom and might;
All honour and blessing,
With angels above;
And thanks never-ceasing,
And infinite love.

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1. Won't you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Go the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in Heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

6. *Repeat verse 1.*

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MAY the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling
All I do or say.

2 May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

3 May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

5 May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

Kate B. Wilkinson.

- T**AKE my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee:
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love:
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King:
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold:
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart—it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store:
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee. Amen.

EVENING WORSHIP

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

Preludes Improvisation, Op. 150, no. 4 *Camille Saint-Saëns*
 Adagio (Symphony V) *Charles-Marie Widor*

Processional Hymn 263 – The Church’s one foundation (Aurelia)

Call to Worship **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Introit – O Lord, from whom all good things do come *Gerald Bales*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come
Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration
we may think those things that be good and by thy merciful guiding
may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. (*sung Amen*)

Scripture **Luke 17:11-19** (NT p.82) **The Rev. John R. Torrance**

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Cheryle Hanna**

Choral Response *C. M. Palmer*

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

Announcements and Offering

Anthem – The secret of Christ *Richard Shephard*

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves the healing of the nations. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication **The Rev. John R. Torrance**

Hymn 661 – In Christ there is no East or West (St. Peter #203)

Sermon – THIS FOREIGNER **The Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence**

Hymn 188 – O Jesus, King most wonderful (St. Botolph #557)

Benediction **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Choral Amen (Oldroyd)

Choir Recessional - Nunc Dimittis with Antiphon (*Mode III.4, chant C.M. Palmer*)

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping; that awake we may watch with Thee, and asleep we may rest in peace. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Gloria.

WELCOME

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be with us, we welcome you to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 p.m. Have your ticket stamped in the Narthex. The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website. All morning and evening worship services are recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the Audio Desk in the Narthex.

THIRD QUARTER GIVINGS STATEMENTS

are available by request. Please contact Sheila Stonehouse, Manager of Financial Services at 416-922-1167 ext. 222 or by email at ssonehouse@yorkminsterpark.com

YPBC NEWS

The winter edition of the YPBC News will be published in early December. Please forward all items of news and articles to the editor by **20 November 2011**. Text to be in "Word" format and photos and illustrations to be in "JPEG" format. Electronic submissions to be sent to pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca and hard copy to be placed in the YPBC Newsletter box on the lower level, Centre Hall.

New Telephone System

We have recently upgraded our church telephone system. Main line (416-922-1167) and staff extension numbers remain the same. In addition, all staff can now be reached directly through the following individual direct lines:

Denise Byard	416-922-1589	Miriam Little	416-922-1361
Sheila Stonehouse	416-922-1210	William Maddox	416-922-1550
Rosemary Borja	416-922-1443	Cheryle Hanna	416-922-1732
Carolyn King/John Torrance	416-922-1240	Ray Tafaj	416-922-1304
Peter Holmes	416-922-1271	Heather Hetherington	416-922-1428
Sam Lee	416-922-1519		

YP GALLERY Now to November 23 Dierlam & Dierlam

A Legacy features the work of the late Howard C. Dierlam and his daughter Lois. Both artists have focused their works on traditional landscapes in oil, acrylic and watercolour.

CHURCHES ON THE HILL

Christ Church Deer Park will be inducting their new rector, the Rev. Kevin Robertson, at a service this afternoon at Christ Church Deer Park at 4:30pm. Please keep our neighbours at Christ Church Deer Park in your prayers in these important days of new ministry.

CAREGIVERS LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 17, 2011 12:30pm In the Friendship Room
RSVP by Tuesday, November 15, 2011 to the Church Office

UPCOMING

A Memorial Service for the late Rev. T. Kerr Spiers, who served as our minister from 1991-1999 will be held at Yorkminster Park on **Sunday, January 15, at 4:30 pm**. Kerr's widow, Betty, and his son, Graham, both plan to be in attendance. Let us continue to pray for Kerr's family in this season of grief

**YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

Condensed Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)
Ten Months ended October 31, 2011

	2011 <u>Budget</u>	2011 <u>Actual</u>	2010 <u>Actual</u>
Offerings:			
General	819,184	745,963	695,124
Missions	133,333	107,172	116,223
Other Income	116,087	125,924	109,189
Total Income	1,068,604	979,059	920,536
Expenses	1,279,867	1,151,925	1,173,931
Operating Loss	211,263	172,866	253,395

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7

John K. Fenton, C.A.
Treasurer
November 8, 2011

**YPBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

Programme at 10:30 am. Lunch to follow

"COME WITH US TO BETHLEHEM" (FALL THANKOFFERING)

Guests: Peter Holmes and Harold Hetherington will share about their trip to Israel.

Heritage Room – YPBC Tickets (\$15.00) will be on sale from members of the Women's Executive (Look for the women with the yellow badges!) or the Church Office.

In the spirit of Christmas sharing, toiletries for Oasis Dufferin and phone cards for Matthew House would be gratefully received.

Everyone invited!

RSVP by Wednesday, November 23.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This week in Children's Ministries

This week our children are learning about.....

First Look – The monthly theme for November is 'God Made Me' and the memory verse is: "Be kind and loving to each other." Ephesians 4:32. This week the scripture is taken from Ruth 1:2-23 and the story is...Boaz sees Ruth working hard in the fields and chooses to help her and Naomi. The bottom line that we want to impress on our preschoolers is: GOD MADE PEOPLE WHO HELP ME.

252Basics – The monthly theme is 'Gratitude' and the memory verse is, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV. The scripture lesson is taken from Matthew 20: 1-15, the Parable of the Vineyard Workers. This week the bottom line which we want to impress on our Grades 1 to 5 kids is: TAKE TIME TO ADJUST YOUR ATTITUDE.

We would love you to join our Church!

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

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

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

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

Discipleship 101

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

The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am until 10:30 am and the entire ministerial team participates, providing an opportunity for us to spend time with each of you. **Classes Begin TODAY.**

IN BETWEEN LIFE
“The Help”

An aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960's decides to write a book detailing the African-American maid's point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis.

We meet for conversation over soup and sandwiches in the Friendship Room the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. A donation for dinner is accepted.

Read the book or view the movie and come prepared to discuss.

CHRISTMAS IN ART AND SONG

A Visual Commentary



Paintings by the old masters on themes from Scripture.

Presented by Tom Hayes

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

7:30pm

Cameron Hall

Come and see the Bible portrayed in great art

CHRISTMAS NOTICES

THE CHRISTMAS CAKES ARE COMING

The Men's Baking Group will have this year's Christmas Cakes ready for sale starting Sunday, November 27th

CHRISTMAS SET-UP

Helpers needed for Christmas Set- Up of the Sanctuary on **Tuesday, November 29**. If you wish to assist, please come to the Church between 7:30am and 11:30am.



Bells on Bay St.
 "No Room in the Inn"
December 2, 2011 7am-8:30am
 The Arcadian Court
 401 Bay St at Queen
 RSVP by November 30, 2011

Guest Speakers: Neil Mitchell, Director of Marsh Canada Ltd and Neil Hetherington, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity, Toronto
 Cost: \$40 per ticket
 Please email Nicole Paserin at intern@intriciti.ca to reserve a ticket or table.
 Space is limited.

ADVENT PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SPACES

Friday, December 9th. Join Dr. Peter Holmes, William Maddox, and Curator Corey Keeble of the Royal Ontario Museum as they depart from the Church at 8:30 am to visit seven historic churches and chapels in Toronto. Corey will lead us on an interpretive tour of the spaces while William Maddox and Dr. Holmes lead the music, prayers and reflections rooted in the themes of the season. The tour will include St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church; First Church of Christ, Scientist; Walmer Road Baptist Church; The Church of St. Mary Magdalene; the Wycliffe College Chapel; Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral; and Royal St. George's College Chapel. The price of \$40 will include lunch at Wycliffe College. To register contact Judy MacDonald or the Church office.

CITY TV CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

Saturday, December 17 at 2 pm at Yorkminster Park featuring Richard Margison, tenor, Lauren Margison, soprano, as well as the High Park Children's Choir, members of a brass band, the Larkin Singers, and the choirs of YPBC and Christ Church Deer Park.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

COLLEGE AND CAREER

Sunday at 12:30pm
 in the Youth Room
 Lunch will be provided
 Starting November 20 the group will study the letter to the Romans
 For more information, contact Sam Lee
slee@yorkminsterpark.com
 or
 416-922-1167 ext. 229.
 We are looking for people to volunteer to provide lunch.

10am - Doxa, our youth worship service will be happening every week in Cameron Hall.

Please pray that God will meet the youth at the service and that their lives will be transformed by Jesus Christ.

11am - Everyone in the main service. After Prayer with the Children, junior high and senior high small groups meet in the Youth Zone.

One with Purpose November 18, 7pm

Little Trinity Anglican
 425 King St. East
 At Parliament
 Joint worship night by Toronto Youth Network:
 Knox Presbyterian Church
 Blythwood Baptist Church
 Church in the City
 Evangel Temple
 Church of the Messiah
 Little Trinity Anglican
 St Paul's Anglican
 Dovercourt Baptist Church
 The Stone Church
 Timothy Eaton

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 TO SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Sunday

- 9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am Discipleship 101, Library
9:45am Senior High Class, Room 508 Youth Zone
9:45am Bible Basics, Room 502 Administrative Boardroom
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203
10:00am Parent Book Study, Room 504
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
11:00am Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence
– *Lester C. Randall Preaching Fellowship*
(Classes for toddlers to junior high children after the Children's Prayer)
12:15pm College and Career Book Study, Youth Zone
12:15pm Children's Ministry Stick Movement Rehearsal, Gym
12:15pm Youth Worship Band Practice, Cameron Hall
7:00pm Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence
– *Lester C. Randall Preaching Fellowship*

Monday to Friday

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

Tuesday

- 9:30am Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 203
10:00am Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
4:30pm Property Committee, Administrative Board Room 502
6:00pm Board of Mission, Library
7:00pm Board of Finance, Administrative Board Room 502
7:00pm In Between Life Book/Movie Club, Friendship Room

Wednesday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Imre Olah*
6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room
7:00pm Board of Music, Red Boardroom

Thursday

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex
11:40am Youth Drop In, Youth Zone
12:30pm Community Basketball, Gym
12:30pm Caregivers Luncheon, Friendship Room
7:00pm Brentwood-Toronto AA, Heritage Room
7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall
7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, offsite

Friday

7:00pm YP Trailblazers Volleyball, Gym

Saturday

12:00pm Art Gallery, YP Centre

Next Sunday, November 20 – Christ the King

- 9:15am Minster Singers rehearsal, Heritage Room
- 9:45am Bible Basics, Room 502 Administrative Boardroom
- 9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
- 9:45am Discipleship 101, Library
- 10:00am Long Range Plan Discussion and Questions, Heritage Room
- 10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203
- 10:00am Parent Book Study, Room 504
- 10:00am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
- 10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, room 213
- 11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – *Out of the Cold Dedication*
- 12:15pm College and Career Bible Study, Youth Zone
- 12:15pm Fall Business Meeting, Heritage Room
- 7:00pm The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
– *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Next week’s scriptures: Ezekiel 34: 11-15 and Luke 15: 1-7

OUT OF THE COLD

We still need 2 more people for the evening shift (6:45-11pm), 1 person for the overnight shift (11 pm- 6 am), 6-8 for the morning shift (6-8 am). Donations of DVDs are welcomed.

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fall Business Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room on **Sunday, November 20** immediately following the morning service. At this meeting, there will be a presentation of the Long Range Plan. Copies of the minutes of the May 15, 2011 Spring Business Meeting are available in the Narthex and Centre Hall. Please bring a bag lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

David Wilson, Church Clerk

Notice to members - Long Range Plan

The Long Range Plan 2012 has been emailed to members. Paper copies are available in the Narthex and the YP Centre. Members of the LRP committee and the Board of Deacons will be available before church from 10am - 10:40 a.m. in the Heritage Room on **Sunday November 13 and 20**, for discussion and questions.

The Board of Deacons will present the Long Range Plan for adoption at the Business Meeting on November 20. This plan will guide our planning and focus for the next few years.

Diane Letsche

Chair, Board of Deacons

“In Our Own Backyard”

Christmas 2011 Children’s Mission Project

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

Each year we have given gifts to others out of thankfulness for all God has given us. Like last **year**, we have chosen to be involved locally by providing gifts for people ‘**in our own backyard**’! We are collecting items to help two ministries here in the city.

A missionary supported by our congregation, Karen Robinson of Youth Unlimited, is working in an area of the city called Shoreham Court. It is a dynamic neighborhood filled with people from across the globe. The neighborhood is a Toronto Community Housing development that has established a strong and active leadership group of residents called the Shoreham Court Animators. Youth Unlimited works closely with this leadership group. Together they care deeply about keeping their neighborhood safe and meeting the needs of families. This is a community where many of the parents struggle to provide for their families. The Christmas season can be a difficult time for them. Often the parents don’t have money to buy gifts. We are partnering with them this year to help provide gifts.

We continue to partner with Yonge Street Mission’s Evergreen Centre, a refuge for street-involved youth between the ages of 16-24. Evergreen Centre is a safe, peaceful place where young people can receive help, counselling, encouragement and refuge.

How can you help?

- On or after November 13th you may pick up an empty gift bag, take it home and fill it. Fill a green bag to donate to youth through Evergreen. Fill a red bag to give to families in need through Youth Unlimited. Or just bring a gift along and drop it in the specially marked boxes in the Centre Hall. (No wrapping is needed)
- Purchase a gift or several gifts suggested on the reverse of this pamphlet to be given to families in need.
- Bring the gift(s) to the church on or before December 11th, our White Gift Sunday.

Deadline! We will be collecting the items from November 13th until December 11th and they will be dedicated alongside the White Gifts that we bring on December 11th.

Questions? Contact Miriam Little, Director of Children’s Ministries

mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com 416-922-1167 ext 231

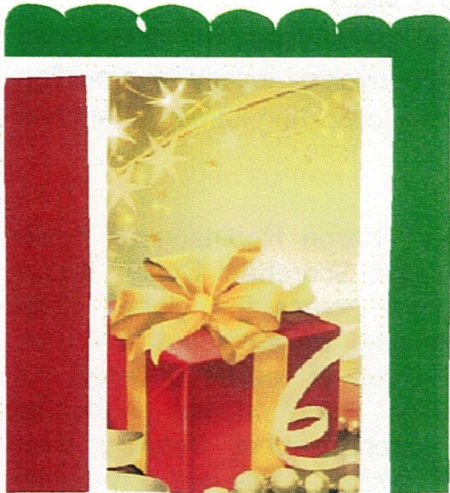
For more information about Shoreham community, contact Karen Robinson,

karen@youthunlimitedgta.com 416-901-1625 ext 223

For more information about Evergreen Centre go to www.ysm.ca

Christmas Celebration Wish List

Shoreham Court Community



TOYS for Children babies to 12

(NEW items please)

- Infant & toddler toys
- Play sets
- Cars, trucks, boats, trains
- Books & board games
- Dolls
- Colouring books & markers
- Lego & Duplo building toys
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Basketballs, soccer balls, & hockey equipment
- Bicycles & tricycles

Ages 13-17

this age group loves the freedom to select their own gifts:

- Gift cards!! Favourites include: HMV, iTunes, Famous Players or Cineplex, Wal-Mart, Chapters, Yorkdale Mall, etc.
- Electronic games, board games, books
- Sports Equipment
- Roller blades, ice skates, snow boards

'tis the season to bring joy!

Your gifts will make it possible for the Shoreham Court Animators in partnership with Karen Robinson and Youth Unlimited to bring joy and hope to struggling families with children and youth living in Toronto Community Housing this year.

In partnership with:



Karen Robinson
(416) 901-1625 x223

karen@youthunlimitedqta.com

Shoreham Court Animators are residents devoted to implementing change for children & families

Evergreen - www.ysm.ca

At a very young age **Evergreen youth** fend for themselves, mainly living in the youth hostel system. Small items that most people take for granted – a toothbrush, clean underwear & socks, shampoo and soap – become desperately needed luxuries. Over 100 youth without close family ties celebrate Christmas Day Dinner at Evergreen when the gifts will be given out!



1. Pack a zip-lock bag with basic hygiene items

toothpaste & toothbrush, soap, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, disposable razors, hand sanitizer

2. Gift cards

Choose from one that would appeal to youth (for example: H&M, HMV, movie theatres. Tim Hortons. McDonald's).