

NOVEMBER 16, 2014



Yorkminster Park

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MORNING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 16, 2014

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ

Preludes

Gaudeamus
Voluntary in G minor

Joseph Jongen
William Boyce

Processional Hymn 35 – Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Was Lebet)

Call to Worship

Brennan Rabbets

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

People: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

Leader: The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

People: Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

Leader: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Let us worship God.

Introit – (congregation seated) **O God, our Light**

Rollin Burkholder

O God our light, our beauty, our rest, with the appearance of your Son, You have brought us into your new creation. Form us into your people, and order our lives in You, through Christ, the living One. Amen.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*)

Brennan Rabbets

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

Dedication of the Out of the Cold Team and Prayer

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Minister: Today we recognize those who have committed themselves to the ministry of Out of the Cold. I therefore invite the volunteer staff of the Out of the Cold ministry to rise and come forward.

My friends, you have responded to the call of God to offer a ministry of hospitality to the homeless of our city. Do you dedicate yourselves to this high and holy task of identifying with the poor with a humble mind, a compassionate spirit and a warm heart?

Response: We do, the Lord being our helper.

Minister: As a sign of appreciation of the commitment of these volunteers and of the church's support of this ministry, I invite the entire congregation to stand with these volunteers as a sign of our love and concern for all God's children. May our prayers surround these volunteers that they may be wise and sensitive in all their encounters and open always to the presence of Christ among the poor and lowly of heart. Through their example may we also be encouraged in the doing of good and kind deeds in the world and may all these good deeds lighten the load for those whose burdens are too heavy to bear alone and may the deeds also enlighten the path for those who are lost and without hope. In the hope of the risen Christ let us lift our eyes and offer our gifts and talents towards that day when poverty and hunger and homelessness will be no more. As a sign of this resolve, let us offer together in Christ's name our prayers for this world.

The Prayer of St. Francis (unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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

Prayer with the Children

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Wonderfully Made

Liam

Announcements

Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NT p.219)

Callum

Pastoral Prayer (*seated*)

The Rev. Deborah Ban

Choral Response

G. Thalben Ball

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. Amen.

Offering

Jesus said whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all (Mark 10:43)

Anthem – O how amiable are thy dwellings

G. Thalben Ball

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and a longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even the altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork, O prosper thou our handywork.

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn 561 – Who would true valour see (Monk's Gate)

Sermon – WE BELONG TO THE DAY

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Hymn 52 – God is love (Abbot's Leigh)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Udell in A)

Postlude Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout

Played by Christel Wiens

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

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

*Soloists: **Jessica Willingham**, soprano; **Dawn King**, soprano;*

***Margaret Terry**, mezzo soprano;*

***Martin Houtman**, tenor; **Stephen King**, baritone.*

***Christel Wiens**, Associate Musician*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of
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PRAYERS

Immediately following the morning worship service, **Prayers for Healing and Blessing** will be offered in the Centennial Chapel, which is located in the south transept beneath the south balcony, for all who wish a lay leader to pray with them. If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, members of the Pastoral Care Committee are present in the Chapel to offer PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND BLESSING each Sunday, following the morning worship service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Pastoral Care staff. You may also submit a request for prayer on the Welcome card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

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

The Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation on
Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm and Wednesday 10am to 12:30pm.

ART GALLERY - NOVEMBER ART SHOW and SALE **JOHN BENNETT - *From WWII to Today***

In keeping with Remembrance services, Yorkminster Park Gallery is honoured to host a retrospective exhibition of works by **John Bennett**, WW II veteran, artist, career art teacher and retired Dir. of Art Education for the Toronto District School Board.



From 1943-45 while serving as an infantry camouflage officer, Bennett painted in Normandy, Belgium, Holland and Great Britain. Seventy-eight of those watercolours are in the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

Yorkminster Park Gallery exhibition spans the war years, the middle years, and Bennett's current creations from the Art Therapy Studio of Sunnybrook Veterans Residence.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Please see the Influenza Fact Sheets and Clinic Locator in the Narthex and Centre Hall.

If you would like more information or to discuss any health matter,

please contact Parish Nurse Cathy Newman RN

at 416-922-1428 or mobile 416 358-6453

by email: parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com.

All communications are strictly confidential.

The Rev. Dale Rose has been out of the office this week, and will be returning next Sunday. Please address pastoral concerns to The Rev. J. Peter Holmes at 416-922-1167 x228 or jpholmes@yorkminsterpark.com

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WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring and adore Him; the Lord is His name!

2 Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as
thine;
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and
fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring and adore Him; the Lord is His name!

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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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WHO would true valour see,
Let him come hither;
One here will constant be,
Come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

2 Whoso beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound;
His strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
He'll with a giant fight,
But he will have a right
To be a pilgrim.

3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
Can daunt his spirit:
He knows he at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away,
He'll fear not what men say,
He'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

1 JOHN iv. 8.

GOD is love: let heaven adore Him;
 God is love: let earth rejoice;
 Let creation sing before Him,
 And exalt Him with one voice.
 He who laid the earth's foundation,
 He who spread the heavens above,
 He who breathes through all creation,
 He is love, eternal love.

2 God is love: and He enfoldeth
 All the world in one embrace;
 With unfailing grasp He holdeth
 Every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking
 Under sorrow's iron rod,
 All the sorrow, all the aching,
 Wrings with pain the heart of God.

3 God is love: and though with blindness
 Sin afflicts the souls of men,
 God's eternal loving-kindness
 Holds and guides them even then.
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 O'er us final triumph gain;
 God is love, so love for ever
 O'er the universe must reign.

EVENING SERVICE

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

Prelude Méditation-Prière *Alexandre Guilmant*
Prelude on Rhosymedre *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Processional Hymn 15 – Let us with a gladsome mind (Monkland)

Call to Worship **The Rev. Deborah Ban**

Introit – A new commandment *Richard Shepherd*

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (*sung Amen*)

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

Holy Scripture - **Judges 4:1-7** (OT p.243)
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 (NT p.219-20)

Pastoral Prayer **The Rev. Deborah Ban**

Choral Response *W. Maddox*

O keep my soul and deliver me, for I have put my trust in Thee. Amen.

Announcements and Offering

Anthem – Lord, I trust Thee *G. F. Handel*

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee, Ah! thou friend of man restore me!
On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing,
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease, fill my heart with joy and
endless peace,
When the breath of life hast left me, may my soul be blended with thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon – A HEALING PRAYER **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn 317 – I hunger and I thirst (St. Cecilia)

Choral Preparation – Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor *St. Osmund*

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, first begotten from the dead, Thou alone, our strong
Defender, liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesu, true and living Bread.

Invitation to the Table **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving **The Rev. Deborah Ban**

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn 313 – Dear Lord, before we part (Franconia 463)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Maddox in G)

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.*



***Communion at Yorkminster Park is open to all who love Christ
and seek to live in His ways.***

To address the needs of some congregants whose allergies have prevented them from fully participating in the Sacrament of Communion, the communion bread in the centre of the plate is gluten-free.

MEALS ON WHEELS



Are you tired of preparing your meals each day? Are you a senior or a disabled person having difficulty shopping for food supplies? If so, call Yorkminster Park Meals on Wheels at 416-482-0549. We have volunteers who can deliver hot meals or a frozen entrée (chosen by you from an extensive menu) to your home at reasonable prices. New volunteers are also needed.



CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOODBANK

November's Food of the Month suggested donation is **Canned or Dry Beans**. Please support your Churches On-The-Hill Foodbank to help those in need, donations can be left in the donation box in the Centre Hall just outside the Sanctuary (north east exit), near the doors to the Friendship Room. On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.

A NOTE TO ALL MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you are planning a meeting or rehearsal, please make sure to call/email the Church Office to book the space you need. Thank you.

YORKMINSTER PARK CENTRE HALL GREETERS

We are reaching out to anyone with an interest in putting a few hours in each month to be Centre Hall desk greeters. The times are Monday to Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, for a maximum of four hours a month. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Len Linton at leonardlinton@rogers.com.

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be with us, we hope that you will feel comforted and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. Please fill out the Welcome card you find in the pew, place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

Parking:

Parking is FREE on Sunday mornings until 12:45 pm. at City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair).

Don't forget to have your ticket stamped in the Narthex.

Accessibility:

A limited number of large-print Bibles and calendars are available for use in worship on the Narthex information table. If you would like one, please ask an usher.

Hearing assistance available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Narthex Information table.

For Children:

Nursery is available for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to grade 5 after the Children's Prayer.

Fellowship:

Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex, reached through the Sanctuary. We invite you to participate with us.

Stay Connected:

The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website and all morning and evening worship services are recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the Audio Desk in the Narthex.

Please find our quarterly newsletter on the Centre Hall, Narthex and South tables. To be included on our mailing list, please fill out the card you will find in the pew and give it to an usher or mail it to us.

If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park or if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please contact the Church Office, info@yorkminsterpark.com or **416-922-1167**.

Community Information

Downstairs in the lower level, there are bulletin boards where we post some church-related and community-related events. Next time you are in the lower level, take a moment to browse all of the events that are happening in our community.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

What's Up in Children's Ministries

Each week in this space we will let you know what our kids are learning so you can pray for them and encourage them!

First Look (Preschool and Kindergarten) – The monthly theme for November is “Thank You, God, for everything.” and the memory verse is: “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.” Psalm 111:1, ESV. The Bible story this week is from *GENESIS 1:14-19*, God made the sky, sun, moon, and stars and we are thankful.

252Basics (Grades 1 to 5) – The monthly theme is ‘GRATITUDE, Letting others know you see how they’ve helped you.’ The memory verse is “Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV. This week’s lesson is about The Parable of the Vineyard Workers, from *Matthew 20:1-15*, and the bottom line we want children to grasp is: “Take time to adjust your attitude.”

‘In Our Own Backyard’ Mission Project – was launched last Sunday. Red gift bags may be picked up in the Narthex and Centre Hall today. The dedication of the gifts will be on December 7th.

If you have questions about Children's Ministries and how you can be involved, speak to Miriam Little 416-922-1361.



The December 2014 – February 2015 ‘Our Daily Bread’ is available in the Centre Hall, Narthex and at <http://odb.org/>

You are invited to join any BIBLE STUDY AND LIFE GROUP at any time.

For information and ideas, please contact: The Rev. Deborah Ban
at 416-922-1167 x. 235 or dban@yorkminsterpark.com

Gifted for Giving...In Prayer...Prayer Partner Commitment

Today and November 23, please find a Commitment Card for Prayer Partnership enclosed in the calendar. We are asking you to give of yourself in a pledge to become a partner in prayer with a family within our Church School ministry. You will be asked to pray regularly for this family. The partnership can be anonymous or built upon a personal connection.

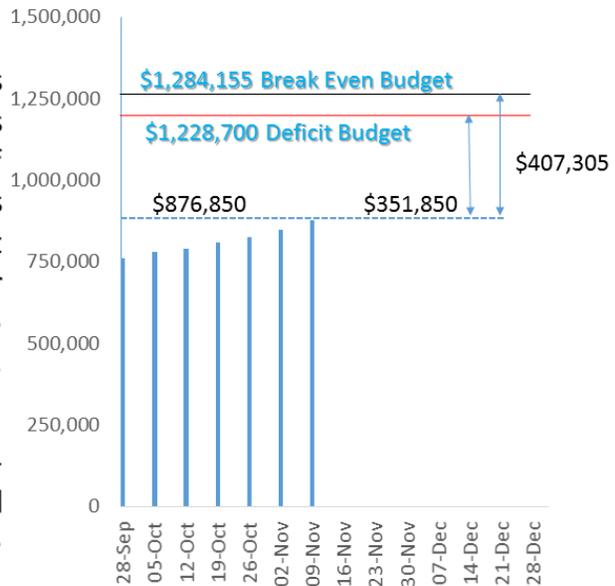
Prayer Partnership is a thoughtful commitment, an opportunity as a congregation to give ourselves most deeply and personally. **Please say “Yes” to this call of God and sign the Commitment Card inserted in the calendar on November 16 or 23.** You will be matched with a family and encouraged to begin the prayer journey as the season of Advent begins. This ministry is supported in prayer by the Board of Christian Education, Director of Children's Ministries and Minister of Discipleship.

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An Update on 2014 Offerings

This chart shows, in weekly increments from September 28th, the progress toward accomplishing the level of general offerings and contributions needed in 2014 to meet the Budget (leaving a deficit of \$55,455) or better still, to break even. Last year we were able to break even. Similarly generous commitments are needed again in 2014.

As of Nov 9, the general offerings year-to-date were 68% of the amount needed for the church to break even for the year.



This morning we recognize the volunteer efforts behind the Out of the Cold program. Out of the Cold uses the general facilities of the church including the building, the heat and the light paid for out of the general budget. Most of the direct funding for the program, about \$16,000 per year, comes from direct contributions to Out of the Cold made by members. You can contribute by putting Out of the Cold beside an amount on your offering envelope.

OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM SUPPORT

Our Out of the Cold program started up again, running from the first Wednesday evening/Thursday morning of November to the first Wednesday evening/Thursday morning of April. We served many overnight guests last year and met their needs for shelter, warmth, food and companionship during a particularly brutal winter. Now we must ask that you help us meet our needs for new funds for the 2014/15 season. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of our caring congregation. This will be our 21st year serving the homeless.

Thanks to your compassion and generosity of time we are pleased to announce that we have filled our current need for volunteers for the Out of the Cold programme.

Joyce Rankin, Director, Yorkminster Park Out of the Cold Ministry

DORCAS GROUP Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Room 508

We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship, while we knit/crochet articles and garments for those less fortunate. We also trim stamps for the Canadian Bible Society and soup labels which help to purchase sports equipment. Bring your lunch and coffee/tea will be provided. See you there!

YPBC is hosting a new LUNCHTIME CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES (9sparrowsarts.org)

Tuesdays at 12:10pm

November 18 – Rising Stars Recital featuring performance students from the University Of Toronto Faculty Of Music

November 25 – No recital

PRIMETIMERS - NOVEMBER 18 • BOOKS AS THEATRE

Join us for a humorous, informative and inspirational talk by retired minister Bruce Woods, as he shares stories from his Canadian best-selling memoir

"Between Two Women, A Stratford Story"

Bring a lunch and come at 12:30pm for a time of fellowship followed by the programme at 1 pm. Dessert and tea provided in the Friendship Room.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

Toronto Baptist Ministries Joint Ordination Council for Paula Willis (Yorkminster Park Baptist Church) and Greg Kay (Spring Garden Baptist Church) is scheduled for **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Saturday, November 22nd, 2014** at Blythwood Road Baptist Church.



What is *Songs for Ukraine: Helping a People in Crisis*?

In partnership with Crossroads Relief and Development, *Songs for Ukraine: Helping a People in Crisis* features world class music from Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. This one hour special brings Canadians award-winning music, while raising awareness and support for more than 400,000 Ukrainian refugees who have been displaced during the ongoing crisis in

Ukraine. *Songs for Ukraine* challenges Canadians "to send tangible hope to many who continue to suffer and live in places where freedom and prosperity do not exist in ways we so much enjoy in Canada." Viewers in your area can watch *Songs for Ukraine: Helping a People in Crisis* exclusively on YES TV beginning next Saturday, November 22nd. Visit yestv.com for more information on how you can tune into this feature program.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2w-Vluna1Us>

Featuring Slavic a cappella, sung and spoken prayers, hymns and spirituals, sacred classics, timeless instrumental chamber music, stories and testimonies of God's grace in the midst of conflict and despair, Ukrainian voices, and hearty Ukrainian folk music. For more information visit www.musicmissionkiev.org.

Ontario YES TV (formerly CTS).

**Saturday, November 22 at 1pm, Sunday, November 23 at 8pm,
Wednesday, November 26 at 10am, and Saturday, November 29 at 6pm.**

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fall Business Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room on **Sunday, November 23** immediately following the morning service. Copies of the Minutes of the May 25, 2014 Spring Business Meeting are available in the Narthex and Centre Hall.

The Board of Deacons is recommending that a call be extended to the Rev. Deborah Ban, to be Minister of Spiritual Growth and Discipleship. A motion will be placed before the membership at the meeting. Please bring a bag lunch.

David Wilson, Church Clerk

COME JOIN US

Helpers needed for Christmas set-up of the Sanctuary on **Tuesday, November 25**. Our two beautiful Sanctuary Christmas trees will be put up. We need volunteers to help with the assembly of the trees, the fluffing of branches, the testing and installation of the lights and other related tasks. Even if you can only come for two or three hours, your help is important. Please come to the Church between **7:30am and 11:30am**.

AN INVITATION FROM CANADIAN BAPTIST MINISTRIES (CBM)



CBM invites us to attend a presentation by Rev. Jihad Haddad at Immanuel Baptist Church, North York, 1100 Finch E. on **Tuesday November 25 at 7:30 pm**. Rev. Haddad is the Pastor of True Vine Church in Zahle, Lebanon and will share about his church's experience in serving the Syrian refugees who have flooded into his community over the past few years. His church has been one of CBM's partners on the ground to deliver relief and care during the refugee crisis.

Prayer Request for LSESD's 3-day Relief Consultation. Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD) is currently providing support for around 7,000 vulnerable Syrian families affected by the crisis. Yet, as the needs continue to be overwhelming and in the absence of any clarity or foreseeable end to the Syria crisis, we've invited a circle of friends and partners to participate in an "LSESD Relief Consultation" that took place this week so that we may reflect together on the best way forward....

We appreciate your prayers for our partners and for God's wisdom and guidance as we brainstorm on how best to alleviate the suffering of the fast-increasing number of internally displaced families and refugees in our country and region - always keeping in mind that Lebanon today is hosting around 1.5 million Syrian refugees at a time when our population is just above 4 million.

The other challenge is that over 51% of the Syrian refugees are under 18 years of age, yet the majority of them remain school-less for a variety of reasons including curricular challenges, inability of Lebanese public schools to accommodate the enormous numbers, and the dire need to raise income to sustain their families.

We do appreciate your prayers.

CAREGIVER LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 27 at 12:30pm in the Friendship Room

The care that you offer to a relative or a friend is a reflection of Jesus' statement to "love one another as I have loved you," but even as Jesus found it necessary to take a break from time to time, it is hoped that this event will be seen as a short relief for you, and a time to "talk, listen and learn."

This is a reminder for those who received an invitation that the caregivers' lunch is coming soon. If you are caring for a loved one, but did not receive an invitation, please consider attending. This will be a time of fellowship and an opportunity to talk with fellow caregivers as you enjoy lunch together. You will have an opportunity to chat with others who have similar responsibilities over lunch. Please RSVP to Denise in the Church Office by Tuesday, November 24.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HALL "Sounds of Christmas"
Friday November 28, 2014, 7 pm - Cameron Hall, YPBC

In anticipation of Christmas, please join us for a delicious dessert and a festive musical evening featuring Margaret Terry and Christel Wiens from our own YPBC choir. This is an opportunity to bring phone cards for Matthew House and toiletries for Oasis Dufferin. An offering will also be taken this evening for the ministries of Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec. EVERYONE WARMLY INVITED - a wonderful beginning to the Advent season.

PLEASE NOTE:

If anyone would like to decorate a table for this event we invite you to contact Rhoda Hill at 416 691-9219.

(YPBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES)

YPBC NEWS

Submissions for the December issue of the YPBC News are due by **28 November 2014**.

Text should be in WORD and photos/illustration to be in JPEG format.

Please send all items to: pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca

Open House on Refugee Sponsorship

Immediately following the morning service on **November 30** the Board of Mission will hold a brief Open House in the Friendship Room to discuss Refugee Sponsorship and to seek the Congregation's input and advice for continuing to sponsor refugee families. Please come and make your views known. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Bells on Bay St. PRESENTS The Bay St. Express

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 7:15 AM - 8:45 AM

Guest Speaker: Bruce McQuaig, President and CEO of Metrolinx

Philanthropic Partner: Stacey Campbell, Executive Director and CEO of

Prison Fellowship Canada

Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Tables: \$500/Tickets: \$50

RSVP www.eventbrite.ca by December 1.



Thursday, December 4, 12:30 • OASIS THEN AND NOW

Twenty years ago Phyllis Ortiz was so moved by the plight of Toronto's Hispanic immigrants that she launched the Oasis Dufferin Community Centre at what was then Dufferin Street Baptist Church. The Afternoon Mission Fellowship invites you to meet Joe Abbey-Colborne, pastor of the Oasis Church, and hear how Oasis has responded to the changing needs and challenges of the community it serves. Thursday, December 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. Bring a sandwich for yourself and toiletries for the Oasis Christmas gift distribution.



Christmas Cookies for our elderly and homebound friends

Please bake and bring 4 dozen home-baked goodies to the Heritage Room Kitchen before the morning service of Sunday, December 14.

Your sweets and treats are greatly appreciated.



SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE - Saturday, December 20, 11:00 am

If at this Christmas season you are experiencing feelings of loss or loneliness, or you would just like a break from the upcoming stress and busyness of the holiday season, please join us for a Christmas Service of Comfort and Hope in the Chapel. This is a quiet, contemplative service to help validate our feelings and draw us closer to God. A light lunch will follow in the Friendship Room.



BUNDLE UP FOR
Bethlehem
 ON *Yonge*



**CHRISTMAS EVE
 LIVE NATIVITY with ANIMALS**

Wednesday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.
 Outdoors in the Park at Yorkminster Park

Hot Chocolate and Carol singing
 indoors with the Minster Singers

Bethlehem on Yonge

We are already planning for Christmas Eve's 'Bethlehem on Yonge' event.

Did you know that last year in spite of the ice storm we had over 380 people who registered at the census table? And 220 of those were visitors! Imagine having the opportunity to speak to so many about the birth of our Lord! We need your help in making the evening a welcoming success.

How can you help?

- Freeze ice lanterns – If you have freezer space, take a mold home to use to freeze several lanterns
- Bake cookies (nut free) to give to our guests
- Sign up to be one of our characters: be a soldier, guide, shepherd, angel, or wise man. And Mary and Joseph!
- Lend us a candle-lit lantern to light the manger
- Help with building the stable, inn door and other set up
- Be a host to welcome people in Cameron Hall for refreshments

Please contact Miriam Little mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com; 416-922-1361) or Sally Roy (sallyroy@rogers.com; 416-218-8806) with how you will be part of welcoming the neighbourhood to visit Bethlehem.

Wednesday, December 24, 5pm – Bethlehem on Yonge Live Nativity and Family Service

People of all ages will enjoy "**Bethlehem on Yonge**", our outdoor Christmas Eve nativity with animals. The 'trip' is followed by hot chocolate and cookies in Cameron Hall then a short carol service. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, December 24, 11pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

A community of faith gathers together to recognize the light of Christ delivered as a little baby so long ago, and to share the light of Christ with each other and then take it to the world. It is a wonderful metaphor of the Christian walk that is incredibly renewing and unifying.

Thursday, December 25, 11am – Christmas Day Communion

A quiet service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 31, 11pm – Watchnight Service

A **watchnight service** is a late-night Christian church service. It is held late on New Year's Eve, and ends after midnight. This provides the opportunity for Christians to review the year that has passed and make confession, and then prepare for the year ahead by making new commitments. There is a deep sense of blessing for many that they have begun a new year with their sisters and brothers of the Christian family in God's house.

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014

Sunday

- 9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am A Pilgrimage with Jesus Bible Study, Fifth Level Boardroom
10:00am Parenting Life Group, Youth Zone Room 508
10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am Youth Bible Study, Youth Room 510
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
(Classes for toddlers to senior high youth after the Children's Prayer)
12:30pm Discipleship 101, Friendship Room
12:30pm Young Adults Bible Study, Youth Zone 508
12:30pm Children's Ministry Stick Drama Practice, Heritage Room
7:00pm Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes - The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Monday to Friday

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

Monday

- 7:00pm Bereavement Support Group, Room 508

Tuesday

- 9:30am Prayers, Chapel
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508
10:00am Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gym
12:10pm Chamber Music Series, Sanctuary
12:30pm Prime Timers, Friendship Room
7:00pm Board of Mission, Library

Wednesday

10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *John Paul Farahat*
6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room
7:00pm Bible Study, Friendship Room
7:00pm Board of Music, Red Boardroom

Thursday

7:00pm Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room
10:00am Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Community Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Brentwood -Toronto Support Group, Heritage Room
7:30pm Senior Choir rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

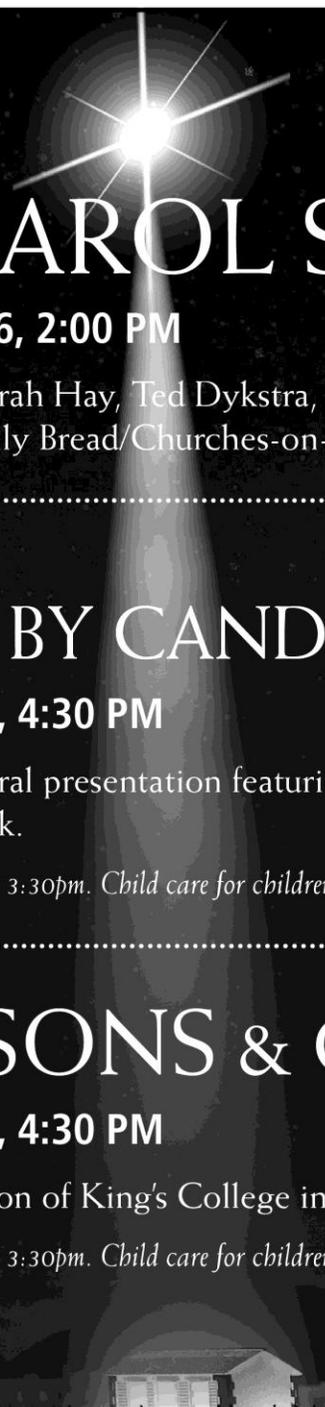
6:30pm Life Group, offsite

Saturday

9:00am Ordination Council at Blythwood Road Baptist Church
12:00pm Art Gallery

Next Sunday – Reign of Christ Sunday

9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
10:00am A Pilgrimage with Jesus Bible Study, Fifth Level Boardroom
10:00am Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am Parenting Life Group, Youth Zone Room 508
10:00am Youth Bible Study, Youth Room 510
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213
11:00am The Rev. Dale Rose
(Classes for toddlers to senior high youth after the Children's Prayer)
11:20am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
12:30pm Fall Business Meeting, Heritage Room
12:30pm Young Adults Bible Study, Youth Zone 508
1:00pm Ball Hockey, Gym
7:00pm Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – Choral Evensong



CITY CAROL SING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2:00 PM

With Gord Martineau, Deborah Hay, Ted Dykstra, choirs, brass.
An annual benefit for the Daily Bread/Churches-on-the-Hill Food Banks

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 4:30 PM

A traditional candlelight choral presentation featuring choirs and musicians of Yorkminster Park.

FREE ADMISSION | Doors open at 3:30pm. Child care for children 5 years and under.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 4:30 PM

Following the historic tradition of King's College in Cambridge.

FREE ADMISSION | Doors open at 3:30pm. Child care for children 5 years and under.



For more information on our Advent and Christmas events and services visit
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