

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

The Rev. Dale Rose

Minister of Pastoral Care

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

Mr. Brennan Rabbets *Interim Director of Youth* 

The Rev. Deborah Ban *Minister of Discipleship* 

Mrs. Miriam Little Director of Children's Ministries

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#### **MORNING WORSHIP • APRIL 26, 2015**

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

**Preludes** Prelude in A Minor (Die Kleinen Klavierstücke)

J. S. Bach

Bourrées (English Suite No. 2, BWV 807

J. S. Bach Cyril Scott

Bells (Poems for Solo Piano, No. 3)

Don Deathe, piano

Processional Hymn 8 – For the beauty of the earth (Dix 90)

Call to Worship The Rev. Dale Rose

**Introit – Hilariter** (congregation seated)

Arr. Martin Shaw

The whole bright world rejoices now, *Hilariter, hilariter*. The birds do sing on every bough. He guideth you on all your ways, *Alleluya, alleluia*. Then shout beneath the racing skies, To him who rose that we might rise, And all you living things make praise, He guideth you on all your ways, He, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Our God most high, our joy and boast.

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

The Rev. Dale Rose

Unison Psalm 23 (OT p.553)

The Rev. Dale Rose

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 744 – God, who made the earth** (Sommerlied)

**Prayer with the Children** 

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Sebastian

**Announcements** 

Window on the Church – Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec

Kathleen Wilson

Holy Scripture – Micah 6:6-8 (OT p.967)

**Galatians 5:16-26** (NT p.202)

Kathleen Wilson

**Pastoral Praver** 

The Rev. Deborah Ban

**Choral Response** 

G. Thalben Ball

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently on Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desire. Amen.

**Wonderfully Made** 

Offering – All things come of you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you.

(1 Chronicles 29:14).

Anthem - My beloved spake

Patrick Hadlev

My beloved spake, and said unto me, rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Christel Wiens, conductor

**Doxology** Hymn 766

**Hymn 231 – Gracious Spirit** (Heathlands)

Sermon – LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Recessional Hymn 43 – Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us (Mannheim)

**Benediction Choral Amen** (Stanford in B flat)

**Postlude** 

Prelude on Vulpius

Healey Willan

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

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 Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of

#### **JOHN STEVENS**

By Mary and family

Sunday, May 17 is available for anyone wishing to place memorial or celebration flowers in the Sanctuary. (Two or more people may choose to place a memorial together.)

Please contact Kay Hayes at 416-447-9416.

#### She said YES!

With joy, we invite you to join us **TODAY**, immediately following the morning service, to celebrate the engagement and upcoming September 5<sup>th</sup> wedding of **Jamie Holmes and Michelle Breeze.** We will gather in **Cameron Hall** for light refreshments, and a chance to express our best wishes to the happy couple. There will be an opportunity to write a message in a memory book, and to contribute toward a gift for Jamie and Michelle's new home.

For additional information, please speak to YP Women Executive members.

### **Coffee Talk Ministry**

Many of us at YP enjoy a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee and a biscuit in the Narthex following the Sunday morning service. The Coffee Talk Team invites you to volunteer with us to:

- Make others welcome
- Form new connections and build friendships
- Set up, serve or clean up.

If this way of serving both God and our church community interests you, contact Patricia Hemming at 416-927-8572 for more information.

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Christ, our Lord, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

- 2 For the beauty of each hour
  Of the day and of the night,
  Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
  Sun and moon, and stars of light;
- 3 For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild;
- 4 For each perfect gift of Thine
   To our race so freely given,
   Graces, human and divine,
   Flowers of earth, and buds of heaven;
- 5 For Thy Church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above, Offering up on every shore Its pure sacrifice of love:

# 744

GOD who made the earth,
The air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth,
Careth for me.

- 2 God who made the grass,

  The flower, the fruit, the tree,

  The day and night to pass,

  Careth for me.
- 3 God who made the sun,
  The moon, the stars, is He
  Who, when life's clouds come on,
  Careth for me.
- 4 God who sent His Son To die on Calvary, He, if I lean on Him, Will care for me.

Sarah Betts Rhodes, 1824-1904.

## 231

GRACIOUS Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be;
And, with words that help and heal,
Would Thy life in mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek,
Would for Christ my Saviour speak.

- 2 Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
  I myself would truthful be;
  And with wisdom kind and clear
  Let Thy life in mine appear;
  And with actions brotherly
  Speak my Lord's sincerity.
- I myself would mighty be,
  Mighty so as to prevail,
  Where unaided man must fail;
  Ever by a mighty hope
  Pressing on and bearing up.
- 4 Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
  I myself would holy be;
  Separate from sin, I would
  Choose and cherish all things good;
  And whatever I can be,
  Give to Him who gave me Thee.

# 43

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us O'er the world's tempestuous sea; Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For we have no help but Thee, Yet possessing every blessing, If our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; All our weakness Thou dost know; Thou didst tread this earth before us, Thou didst feel its keenest woe; Son of Mary, lone and weary, Victor through this world didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy.
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston, 1791–1867, altd.

#### **EVENING SERVICE**

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

Preludes Voluntary in D William Boyce

Adagio for glass harmonica W. A. Mozart, arr. E. Power Biggs

Processional Hymn 12 – King of glory, King of peace (Gwalchmai)

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

Introit – I am risen Healey Willan

I am risen and still with thee, alleluia: thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia; thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia. Thou hast searched me out and know me: thou knowest my down sitting, and mine uprising.

Gloria.

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

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

Holy Scripture - Luke 6:43-49 (NT p.66)

James 3:10-13 (NT p.248)

Solo - O Saviour, hear me

C. W. von Gluck

Jessica Willingham, soprano

Pastoral Prayer The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Choral Response W. Maddox

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

**Announcements and Offering** 

Anthem - O be joyful in God

Catherine M. Palmer

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, Alleluia; Sing praises unto the honour of his Name Alleluia. Make his praise to be exceeding glorious, Alleluia.

**Prayer of Dedication** 

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

Sermon – WORDS AND ACTIONS:

The Rev. Dale Rose

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Hymn \*SHB 19 - Creation's Lord we give Thee thanks (Wareham)

**Benediction** 

Choral Amen (Darke in E)

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.

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

#### It's Been 20 Years!

This spring marks twenty years since the Rev. Dr. Peter Holmes and his wife Janet came to begin ministry with our Yorkminster Park congregation. In the spring of 1995, Peter, Janet and their three young children came to us from First Baptist Church Montreal, where Peter had served as pastor. We have been blessed by their leadership and presence among us over these many years. So we want to have a party to celebrate this milestone. On **Sunday, May 31**st we will acknowledge this twenty year anniversary in our 11 am worship service. Right after the service, we will hold a special luncheon and reception in Cameron Hall. It will be a time to remember, give thanks, and celebrate the Holmes' years of service and ministry among us. Please mark the date on your calendar.

#### You are invited...to grow with YP Reflects

Easter has come and gone, but we are Easter people 365 days a year. Continue your journey as a disciple of Jesus with companions from the YPBC family, who are reflecting on stewardship of God's spiritual and material gifts to each of us. Read these reflections on **YPReflects.com**; contemplate your own commitment to the body of Christ at YPBC with your gifts; grow in community. New devotional by Janet Kim.

YPBC Stewardship Committee

#### 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not yet picked up your 2015 Offering Envelopes, please contact Sheila Stonehouse in the Finance Office. Upon request, your box of envelopes will be available for pick up at the Information Desk in the Narthex the next time you are at church. Thank you. Sheila Stonehouse 416-922-1210 or <a href="mailto:stonehouse@yorkminsterpark.com">stonehouse@yorkminsterpark.com</a>

## General Fund Revenue and Expenses January 1 to March 31

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	Year to Date (March 31st)			Year End		
	2015	2015	2014	2015		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
General Fund Offerings	\$328,000	\$266,000	\$241,000	\$1,246,000		
Use of Facilities and Interest Income	\$58,000	\$56,000	\$46,000	\$200,000		
Net Expenses	\$369,000	\$ 370,000	\$327,000	\$1,501,000		
Surplus (Deficit) for the period	\$18,000	(\$48,000)	(\$39,000)	(\$56,000)		
Mission Offerings and Expenses	\$42,000	\$35,000	\$31,000	\$160,000		

The table above shows our expense and revenue position to the end of March. The table shows that the overall offerings are up over budget and over last year. Most of this was in a single very generous offering. Outside of our very large offerings, offerings are slightly down. Our expenses are almost exactly on budget. We currently have a surplus of \$18,000 which is well ahead of the \$48,000 deficit which we budgeted. Our mission offerings are ahead of budget and ahead of last year which is very encouraging. If we keep going for the rest of the year as we did through the first three months of the year we will end the year in good shape. With grateful thanks for your understanding and support.

The Board of Finance and Administration

#### YPBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES - Today, a change has come...

For many years now, Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec (CBWOQ) has expressed its profound gratitude for the generous support of YPBC through our fall and spring THANKOFFERING events. We will have the opportunity to support the ministries of CBWOQ in a new way at YPBC. In order to make it possible and convenient for a greater number of people to do this, envelopes for our THANKOFFERING to CBWOQ will be available in our church bulletins. Cheques may be made out to YPBC Women and designated for CBWOQ at the bottom.

CBWOQ is a mission organization founded in the mid 1800's and is rooted in Convention Baptist Churches across Ontario and Quebec. Its mission is that of facilitating authentic experiences with God and fostering intimate connections to mission, both local and global. The overall vision is that of a spiritual community of women deeply rooted in Christ and intimately connected to missions. All women at YPBC are part of our women's ministries and are also members of CBWOQ.

Like any denominational non-profit organization, CBWOQ depends on strong volunteers and equally faithful donors who believe in the dynamic vision of women's leadership and call to mission that fuelled its very beginnings. We ask that you would prayerfully consider investing in this vital ministry. Thank you so much.

(Envelopes may be placed on the offering plate this morning.)

#### PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP

This group is an initiative of the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Women. We meet at 7pm in the Friendship Room on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

If you are interested in knitting or crocheting we encourage you to join us for an evening of fellowship and of creating shawls to be given to people in need of comfort. In the two and a half years we have been meeting, approximately 140 shawls have been given out and are much appreciated by the recipients. We welcome new people to join us and we would welcome back those who have not

recently attended.

If you are less experienced in these skills, assistance is available. Yarn and needles are also provided.

Please consider joining us this coming Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7pm.

Save this date...

SALT AND LEAVEN - Cold potluck supper - **Monday May 25, 2015**At the home of Heather Hetherington - 88 Lawrence Crescent

All women are warmly invited for an evening where we share a meal, enjoy conversation and are inspired by one another's stories. This time, we look forward to hearing some personal reflections on the upcoming Israel trip. All women are warmly invited! We look forward to welcoming you.

#### **MISSION NEWS**



Yorkminster Park is sending a mission team to the **Oneida Nation of** the **Thames in conjunction with First Oneida Baptist Church.** The team will run a week of day camp for children, ages 5 - 12 at the

Standing Stone Elementary School located near London, Ontario from July 26 to 31, 2015.

A wonderful team of both young people and older congregants have come together to enthusiastically lead. We invite you to sponsor one or more of our team members who may not be able to participate unless they get help with the \$400 registration fee. Would you consider giving so our team members can serve the children of Oneida Nation of the Thames?

You may give by designating your gift to 'Mission Trip – Oneida Nation'.

If you have questions, please speak to Rev. Dale Rose <u>drose@yorkminsterpark.com</u> or Miriam Little <u>mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com</u>.



Our Lebanon Mission Team\* is gearing up for our July 20 to July 30 trip. We will be serving with YPBC **STEP Partners in Beirut, Lebanon during the week of July 20**<sup>th</sup> - **30**<sup>th</sup>. Partnering with Gladys Haddad, we will be working with the children's camp, as well as serving among refugee families and distributing hygiene kits as a symbol of care.

Please join us for The Gathering on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-7 pm to hear more about our plans. Other opportunities for support will unfold in the weeks ahead.

\*Deborah Ban, Ken Little, Corinne Furtney, Kathleen Wilson, Braelyn Rumble, Craig Rumble

Don't forget to treat mom! On Mothers Sunday – **May 10**, following the morning service in the Centre Hall and Friendship Room, the Lebanon short term mission team will be having a bake sale to raise funds for our upcoming mission trip. Stop by and see us to buy a treat and help support our team!

If you would like to donate a baked good for the sale, please email Kathleen Wilson kathleen.wilson56@gmail.com or call the church office.

# CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT 2015 Squeaky Clean! Providing hygiene kits for refugee families in Lebanon



Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development (LSESD) is very actively helping over 1000 Syrian refugee families. Our YPBC mission team hopes to distribute hygiene kits to 250 families to encourage them. These gifts will help with family hygiene and be a tangible way that we can share God's love.

You can help by giving a gift of money either by marking your offering envelope with Squeaky Clean Mission Project or pick up a special envelope in the Centre Hall. Please bring your gift on or before May 24.

Please pray for the families who are suffering because they have been displaced.



#### YOU ARE INVITED

**The Gathering...** is an event for people of all ages and stages

This Month's Theme – Let's go to Camp!

YPBC Summer MISSION TEAMS will both be leading kids' camps.

Come to hear the story of a young person going on the Oneida trip
and an adult who is going on the Lebanon trip.

Why are they going to on the mission trip and what will they be doing?

Join in singing camp songs and games around the table,
make a sculpture and have camping fun!

Worship will be lead by our YOUTH praise team

Taco dinner prepared by our YOUTH

Please Join Us!

Bring your family, friends & neighbours.

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 - 7:30pm

Please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing <a href="mailto:Dban@yorkmminsterpark.com">Dban@yorkmminsterpark.com</a> or Mlittle@yorkminsterpark.com by Thursday, April 30th

#### **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 April is "Jesus wants to be my friend forever." and the memory verse is: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19, NIV.

The Bible story this week is from Acts 16:16-34, Paul and Silas praised the Lord while in jail. God caused an earthquake that freed them, but they stayed to tell the jailer about Jesus



**252Basics (Grades 1 to 5)** – The monthly theme is "Peace, proving you care more about each other than winning an argument". The memory verse is, "So let us do all we can do to live in peace. And let us work hard to build each other up." Romans 14:19, NIrV. This week's lesson is the story of Abigail's request of David to save her household, 1 Samuel 25:1-35. The bottom line we want to teach our children is: Prove you care about others by being part of the solution.

**Looking ahead:** We will be having our summer kids camps at the church from July 20 to 24. There is still room in the morning Bible camp "G-Force". Registration forms are available on the website or from Miriam. The afternoon art camp is now full.

If you have questions about Children's Ministries speak to Miriam Little 416-922-1361.

#### The YPBC Sunday Calendar in your inbox - every week

The Sunday calendar is now emailed each Friday. The email comes from "Yorkminster Park" and will normally highlight two or three items for your attention and will include the entire calendar as an attachment. If you would like to receive the Sunday Calendar, please email the Church Office <a href="mailto:office@yorkminsterpark.com">office@yorkminsterpark.com</a> to be included.

#### **PRAYERS**

Yorkminster Park endeavours to be a people of Prayer. We believe that personal intimacy with God our Saviour in prayer is the privilege and responsibility of every believer. We must live our lives through prayer and trusting God! If you wish to submit a request to the ministry team, please email prayer@yorkminsterpark.com.

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 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. 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, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.

#### ART GALLERY

Last week for the April Show - "The Colours of Life"

Opening: Sunday May 3rd, 12:20 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Title: Perception
An Exhibition by Chinkok Tan
May 1 to May 28, 2015

Gallery Hours: Monday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday: Noon - 4:00 p.m.



Over the past 40 years, Chinkok Tan has become one of Canada's most prolific painters. Possessing an innate knowledge of how to capture the essence of light and colour on canvas. Tan's large scale pieces evoke the quiet, serene beauty of landscapes. What makes his painting unique is that they are as emotionally powerful at a distance as they are close up; inviting the viewer to experience the meditative feeling of being in the natural world.

Title of painting: Foray into the woods 39" X 54"

#### THIS WEEK AT YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Monday, April 27	8:00pm	Dance Class, Gym
Tuesday, April 28	9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 12:10pm 7:00pm	Prayers, Chapel Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room Dorcas Group, Room 508 Lunchtime Chamber Music Series – Andrea Tyniec Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, Friendship Room
Wednesday, April 29	12:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Noonday Organ Recital – Christel Wiens Israel Update Meeting, Friendship Room Worship Committee Meeting, Administrative Board Room
Thursday, April 30	7:00am 1:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Men's Bible Study, Friendship Room Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship Meeting, Library Board of Trustees, Red Boardroom Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall Don Mills Bible Study, offsite
Friday, May 1	9:00am 6:30pm	Senior Exercise Program, Room 508 Bay Street Life Group, offsite
Saturday, May 2	5:00pm	The Gathering, Cameron Hall

### Next Sunday, May 3

Pleased be advised that the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Goodlife Fitness Marathon will run through the neighbourhood on **Sunday, May 3**. Lane restrictions will be in effect and some intersections will be closed to traffic from 8am to approximately 3pm. Detailed road closure information is available at <a href="https://www.torontomarathon.com">www.torontomarathon.com</a> or for more information, please call 416-920-3466. Please plan your route.

9:15am	Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:30am	Youth Bible Study, Room 510
9:45am	Berean Bible Study, Red Boardroom
9:45am	Discipleship 101, Friendship Room
10:00am	A Pilgrimage with Jesus Bible Study, Administrative Boardroom 502
10:00am	Chorister Rehearsal, Room 203A
10:00am	Parent Life Group, Room 508
10:00am	Youth Bible Study, Room 510
11:00am	The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, The Sacrament of Holy Communion
11:30am	Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
12:30pm	Full Life Group, Room 508
12:30pm	Art Reception, Centre Hall
7:00pm	The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, An Iona Liturgy

#### Nominations for Members of Boards Church Elections 2015-16

The Nominating Committee invites members of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church to submit nominations for election to the five Standing Boards of the Church. **Only members of the Church may nominate people to the Boards, or be nominated.** Each nomination must be submitted in writing and include the Nominee's Statement of Agreement to Serve if elected. Appropriate nomination forms are available in the Narthex and the Centre Hall. Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee or left at the Church Office **by Thursday April 30th, 2015**. No nominations may be made from the floor at the Church Business Meeting in May.

The number of members to be elected and the terms for which they will serve are:

Board of Deacons

7 members for a three-year term
4 members for a one-year term
1 member for a one-year term
3 members for a two-year term
4 members for a three-year term
4 members for a three-year term
5 members for a three-year term
6 members for a three-year term
7 members for a three-year term
8 members for a three-year term
9 members for a three-year term

Gordon Mackay, Chair, Nominating Committee

#### AFTERNOON MISSION FELLOWSHIP

If you missed greeting Conrad and Fiona Kwok on Sunday April 12 at YPBC, you will have another chance to visit with Fiona at Afternoon Mission Fellowship on **Thursday, May 7** in the YPBC Friendship Room. Everyone is warmly invited to bring a lunch at **12:30**, enjoy conversation around tables and then be inspired by Fiona who will be our guest speaker at 1 pm. (A drink will be provided.)

Fiona and Conrad serve with Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) in Thailand alongside CBM's Chinese Ministries team in the areas of leadership formation and community development. They work in collaboration with the Bethel Bible Institute (BBI) to provide training for young Chinese church leaders from mainland China, northern Thailand and Burma. Conrad teaches theology and mentors students and young leaders while Fiona serves in various roles consisting of teaching at BBI, helping with translation of integral mission resources into Chinese and participation in community development projects. The Kwoks also serve in an itinerant capacity in other parts of Asia, which includes working with a unique and needy people group from China and the Golden Triangle (Burma, Thailand and Laos), an area known as the heroin production and consumption capital of the world.

Come and be encouraged, inspired and blessed - women and men!

#### **Annual Neighbourhood Interfaith Gathering**

Please join us for our 29th Annual Event, being held at **7 pm on Thursday May 14, 2015 at Beth Sholom Congregation** (1445 Eglinton Avenue West; Eglinton Avenue & Allen Expressway). This year's event will feature an interfaith panel discussion and a dessert reception. Tickets are \$15; to purchase, please contact the Church Office at 416-922-1167 or office@yorkminsterpark.com.

#### 2015 Ontario Prayer Breakfast



It is an honour and a privilege to encourage and uphold our provincial and municipal leaders in prayer at this annual event. Please join us on **June 3 from 7:15am to 8:45am** at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Our guest speaker is Dr. Kent Brantly who will share his incredible story of survival from Ebola. Our musical guest is Greg Skyes. Tables: \$600, Individual: \$60. Register for the event at <a href="http://www.ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca/ontario-prayer-breakfast-purchase-tickets.html">http://www.ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca/ontario-prayer-breakfast-purchase-tickets.html</a>.

Plan now for our Spring Bus Trip to Stratford to see Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Carousel" THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Cost: \$165 per person includes transportation, lunch and theatre ticket. RSVP before **Sunday, May 24** to Judy MacDonald at 416-225-8295

#### 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 10:50am 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, <a href="info@yorkminsterpark.com">info@yorkminsterpark.com</a> 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.