



# YPBC News

September 2018

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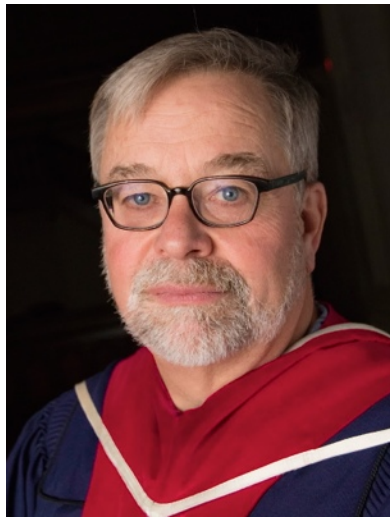
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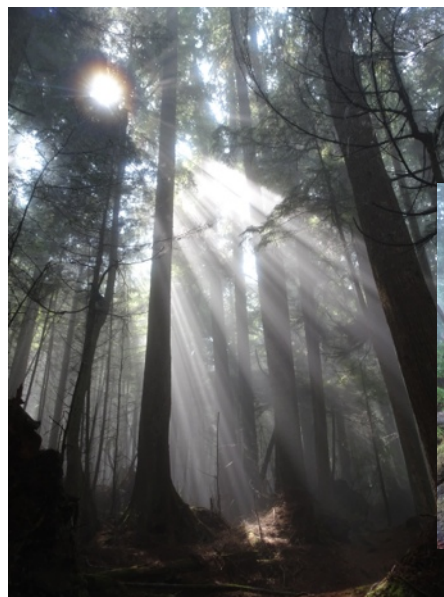
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## PETER'S PEN

Welcome to the fall season at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. It is so wonderful to be back together with all of you as we enter a new season of worship, service and mission at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in the name of Christ.

### Summer Meanderings

Janet and I had a wonderful summer working in the garden, visiting with family, and taking in a number of spectacular hikes along the way. In the midst of a west coast heatwave we visited Malcolm Island off the north-east shore of Vancouver Island and stayed in a seaside cabin outside the village of Sointula - a world away from all things overheated. An afternoon hike through Malcolm Island's seaside forest along 'The Beautiful Bay Trail' was almost mystical. The photos offer a glimpse into the wonder of this little corner of the world. Summer afforded us daily opportunities to be immersed in the beauty of the earth and the wonder of God's love. As the colours begin to turn and the crops are harvested, we are reminded yet again of how much we have to be thankful for. I pray that each day we will grow in our awareness of the wonder and beauty all about us and the love that lives within.



World War I - It was called the "Great War", the "War to End all Wars" and today we know it as World War I. Thousands died each day. Each year we remember the fallen; this being the 100th year. The cenotaph at Old City Hall refers to the fallen as *Our Glorious Dead* (cover).

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them* - Binyon

Comments and suggestions for future editions are welcome. Please send to: [pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca](mailto:pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca)

The next newsletter will be published in December. The deadline for submissions will be announced in the Church Calendar.

*Paul R Hill*

## **A Few Fall Highlights**

### **Metropolitan United's Bicentennial**

On September 30th at 7 p.m. we will have the privilege of joining with the people of Metropolitan United Church for the celebration of their 200th Anniversary. Metropolitan is located adjacent to St. Michael's Hospital on the north side of Queen Street between Church and Bond Streets. It is but a short walk east along Queen from the subway station. Metropolitan United is one of our partners in the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship and their minister, Malcolm Sinclair is a great friend of Yorkminster Park.

Our choir and William Maddox will be involved in the service as will the choirs of Metropolitan United and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. I will have the privilege of offering the sermon. I hope you will join us for a remarkable occasion. Malcolm will be retiring in January and so who knows, maybe a few of my reflections from Malcolm Island will find their way into my sermon at Malcolm's church.

### **Harvest Festival Luncheon (Oct. 14)**

This year's congregational Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 14 following the morning service. Tickets are available from the Yorkminster Park Women at \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Plan to join us and bring members of your family. Please note it is the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

### **Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship (Nov. 11-13)**

At this year's Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship, (November 11-13), we will have the privilege of welcoming the remarkable Rowan Williams, author, poet, preacher and former Archbishop of Canterbury to our preaching fellowship. Our theme is reaching and preaching for peace and coincides with the centennial of the end of World War One.

Our theme also challenges us to apply Christ's preaching on peace to these times in which we live. For the Canadian Church this has to involve the work of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations. With this and so much more in mind, we are delighted to also welcome as a keynote speaker, Terry LeBlanc a Mi'kmaq-Acadian from PEI and founding member and current Executive Director of the North American Institute for Indigenous

Theological Studies. Cheryl Bear another founding member of NAIITS will also be with us as a guest artist. Cheryl is a member of the Nadleh Whut'en First Nation. Terry and Cheryl will help open a new chapter in our preaching fellowship while stimulating and encouraging our hearts and minds as we seek to reach and preach for peace in this world. This important preaching event founded by Yorkminster Park is open to both laity and clergy. To learn more and to register go to: [www.lesterrandall.com](http://www.lesterrandall.com)

### **The Ministry Team**

We are a little smaller as we start the fall season. Our Director of Children's Ministries, Kelly Dixon, announced in February her intent to leave at the end of June. A decision was made to merge the children's ministries with youth ministries under one full time Director of Family Ministries. Our Director of Youth Ministries, Brennan Rabbets, chose not to apply for the new position and instead tendered his resignation to also leave at the end of June. We thank God for Kelly and Brennan and all they have done to strengthen our ministry with families. In the interim, Shara Benavidez is heading up our children's ministries and a team led by Trevor Sinker and Jake & Tali Aikenhead are leading our youth and their Doxa service. Please keep our youth and children and their families in your prayers as well as these who have stepped forward and the MRC.

We are also missing the presence of our Minister Emeritus: Pastoral Care, John Torrance as tends to Margaret who has been through surgery and is now receiving chemo and radiation treatments. John and Margaret are grateful for your prayers and support. Robyn is also grateful for the prayers being offered for her son-in-law, Curtis, who awaits surgery on October 2nd to have a tumour removed. The manner in which the congregation rallies around these and so many others in need is a great testimony to the reality of God's love. Thank you.

### **Dates and Times for Special Advent and Christmas Services**

City Carol Sing, Saturday, December 8 at 2 p.m.  
Service of Comfort and Hope, Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m.

Carols by Candlelight, Sunday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 23, 4:30 p.m.

Bethlehem on Yonge, Monday, December 24, 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Choir, Monday, December 24, 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Communion, Tuesday, December 25, 11 a.m.



### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jessica Willingham and Steve on the birth of twin boys, MacKenzie and Cameron  
Congratulations to Jonathan and Catherine Maier on the birth of their son, James.

Congratulations also to Paul Evans on the successful defense of his doctoral thesis in Canadian history at the University of Waterloo. His area of focus was Political and Immigration history and international relations in post-war Canada. The degree will be conferred on Paul at the fall convocation.

Congratulations too to our Iona musicians, Eric Robertson, Anne Lindsay, Sharlene Wallace, Stephen Ellison and Colleen Burns. Over the summer they formalized their musical partnership under the name Iona Passage. The next Iona Services will be on October 14, November 4 and December 2 at 7 p.m. Hopefully there will be a recording one of these days.

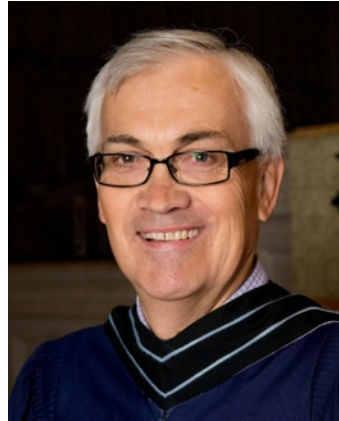
### **Sacred Spaces**

I have posted reflections and photographs from our June Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces trip to Detroit on my blog at:

<http://www.yorkminsterpark.com/blog/pilgrimage-of-sacred-spaces-2018-detroit-an-introduction/>

Grace and Peace, Peter

## **MUSINGS FROM THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE**



*"Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin." (Proverbs 18:24)*

*"When times get rough and friends just can't be found; Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down." (Paul Simon)*

Perhaps the greatest of God's gifts to us is the gift of true friendship. My experience has been that friends come in many different forms and in various seasons of our lives. This is the normal ebb and flow of human relationships. We form friendships in many contexts. We form them as neighbours living on the same street. We make friends at work and school, in sports and social clubs. We make friends in the church, as we worship and serve God together. These friendships can run very deep for a period of time. But then life circumstances change, such as a move to a new city; a change of job which takes us across the country; moving away from home to attend university. Sometimes we lose touch with friends, and we move on to a different stage of life.

But then there are those rare and special friendships which last a lifetime. I have been privileged to experience a few of these over the years. This past summer Donna and I made a trip to Nova Scotia – the province where I was born and raised. It was my first visit back there since my mother passed away almost five years ago. We had a wonderful time navigating the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton, where around every corner there seems to be another spectacular vista. I tracked some of my roots by finding the grave of my grandparents in North Sydney. We walked the grounds of my old alma mater, Acadia University, and saw some of the recent changes on the campus. We travelled the Lighthouse Route on the south shore, walking the rocks of Peggy's Cove, and we visited two of the churches in my first pastorate in Mahone Bay. It was good to be



near the ocean again – to feel the breeze, smell the salty air and see the colourful sailboats on the water. The best part of the trip, however, was the chance to connect again with some old friends. I am still in touch with two school buddies of mine. One friend I have known for over fifty years, since we were in Cub Scouts together at my home church. The other friend I have known since high school. All three of us were in youth group together at the Baptist church in our small town. We shared many adventures together in our formative years. These days we only see each other every few years, since geography and life responsibilities create their own challenges. But I love how when we do see each other, we just pick up where we left off. The memories flow so easily, and our friendship continues to flourish. Over the years I have come to realize that this kind of long-time friendship is rare. Although I wish I was in closer proximity to these men, I understand that our relationship has stayed strong because of our past shared experiences and our common faith in Christ. Both my friends are still active laymen in my home church.

What exactly makes for a good and lasting friendship? I don't really have the answer to that question. There are so many variables. This is why close friendships are so special. To experience a true kindred spirit is a wonderful gift – a gift that is often serendipitous. But for me, a special kind of friendship is the one which shares a mutual faith in God. For me, there is no greater joy than to serve alongside a kindred spirit in ministry. These are the friendships that can last not only a life time, but for eternity.

A generation ago the singer/songwriter Michael W. Smith wrote a beautiful song about friendship. It describes how special are friendships that remain even after our challenges come and we move on in different seasons of life:

*Packing up the dreams God planted  
In the fertile soil of you  
Can't believe the hopes He's granted  
Means a chapter in your life is through  
But we'll keep you close as always  
It won't even seem you've gone  
'Cause our hearts in big and small ways  
Will keep the love that keeps us strong*

*And friends are friends forever  
If the Lord's the Lord of them  
And a friend will not say never  
'Cause the welcome will not end  
Though it's hard to let you go  
In the Father's hands we know  
That a lifetime's not too long  
To live as friends*

May you know the joy of true friendship – whether it is for a season or for a lifetime. Either way, you will be blessed.

## DISCIPLESHIP



### #whatsourbhag?

**Question:** How many *beehags* does it take to change a lightbulb?

**Answer:** (sorry that was a trick question) The lightbulb *is* a *beehag*.

The *beehag* (BHAG) is a Big, Hairy, Audacious Goal, a phrase coined by

Jim Collins and Jerry Porras in the 1990's and ubiquitous throughout the business and organizational world. Like most great catch phrases or buzzwords, it has been over-used and perhaps become tiresome (like 'paradigm shift' and 'born again,' two other great phrases), which is unfortunate because it is a fabulously apt acronym!

Thomas Edison, the quintessential 19<sup>th</sup> century inventor, set his mind to, among other inventions, producing an incandescent light bulb for commercial use. At the time (1879) it was a Big Hairy Audacious Goal, much like the incredulous and daunting goal of putting a man on the moon (with an optimistic success rate of 50%). Like the moon mission of the 1960's, a true BHAG is as clear and compelling as it is huge and daunting.

As Jesus followers, we should be pretty familiar with BHAGS, after all we follow a carpenter-come-Liberator who secured victory over evil and death by ... dying! Then was resurrected and now calls us to join his BHAM (Big Hairy Audacious Mission) of

the redemption of all creation. (How about that Jim and Jerry?)

According to Collins and Porras, a BHAG “engages people – it reaches out and grabs them in the gut. It is tangible, energizing, highly focused.”

Early in the summer someone came to me with a BHAG. She wants to see 1000 new people at YPBC within the next 12 months. Particularly young people. (I know what you’re thinking). In church circles we call this a vision. Admittedly, this reached out and grabbed me in the gut! And this isn’t just a pie-in-the-sky vision but a passionate and determined BHAG. But to be a true BHAG it must be as clear and compelling as it is huge and daunting. This vision, or BHAG, is “tangible, energizing, highly focused” -- a Saturday night worship experience once a month that is engaging to younger people by its casual atmosphere, interactive teaching, contemporary music, and fillin’ and chillin’ time (snacks and conversation).

***Vantage Point (VP@YP)*** launched Saturday, September 15 in Cameron Hall with 30 people in attendance. Just 970 more to go!

Though *Vantage Point* is one vehicle for engaging new people it isn’t the only one. Alpha and Life Groups are other on-ramps and ways to introduce people to Jesus who might otherwise not darken the door of a church.

Would you join me in praying for this BHAG of 1,000 people? This is not just a number; it’s 1,000 souls who are searching for God, even if they don’t know it yet. Our next *Vantage Point* is Saturday, October 13 @ 6:30.

Robyn Elliott

## NURSES’ NOTES FROM LILY



This past July, I had the privilege to attend a one week residency program, "Foundations in Parish Nursing"/ St. Peter's Seminary / London, Ontario. The

course was held on the beautiful property of Brescia College, UWO, I am truly grateful to have had such an incredible learning opportunity to further my spiritual growth and development. It continued to strengthen my understanding of the power of Prayer. We are so blessed here at YPBC to have such a beautiful outdoor surrounding, encompassed by a Meditation and Prayer Circle.

Over the summer months, a few of us gathered regularly on Tuesday afternoons, instead of the usual Tues AM time during the year, to come together in prayer for others and for ourselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for taking the time and making the effort to welcome me to YPBC Community, with such warm hearts and kind words.

I am blessed to be working with the entire Church Staff who is always so helpful and also to be on a ministerial team which values the the role of the ecumenical nursing health ministry.

I look forward to working together as we all strive to achieve our optimal health holistically.



### VANTAGE POINT

is a contemporary worship experience for those desiring rousing praise music, honest conversation, and are unafraid of serious engagement with a biblical text that is real, relevant and sometimes raw.

**COME FOR THE EXPERIENCE, STAY FOR THE CONVERSATION.**

WHEN: Saturdays - Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00pm

WHERE: Cameron Hall, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church



Toonie snack & drink combos available

QUESTIONS? Contact Robyn at [relliott@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:relliott@yorkminsterpark.com)

I welcome hearing from you, either by telephone and/or email, and/or in person. Drop in visits are welcome, however scheduled visits are more secure, as I may be off site on a visit.

Please note that we have just been given a lovely Bulletin Board space, just adjacent to the friendship room, which I am hoping to begin updating on a regular basis. In the meantime please consider saving the following dates, with further details to follow in October.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 28th** after the Morning Service (exact time to be confirmed) 'MAKING HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR OTHERS', Power of Attorney for Health with Andria Bianchi, MA, PhD candidate, bioethicist, clinical scientist, UHN (University Health Network)

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18th**, after the Morning Service (exact time to be confirmed) 'ARE YOU IMMUNIZED', with a community pharmacist from APOTHECA on Spadina.

I would like to especially thank one of our congregation members Siobhan Carlin ACP (paramedic) for having given an incredibly relevant, informative and engaging Lunch and Learn Presentation on September 17th in our Friendship Room. Due to popular demand we hope to have Siobhan repeat this presentation sometime in the Spring of 2019.

On Monday the 24th of September, a few staff and a few congregational members including myself, attended a Basic Child and Adult CPR class, in the Friendship Room. This was a trial educational session which proved to be highly successful and relevant for everyone. We plan to repeat the class and open the invitation to all of you, either late Fall or early Winter. Please check the bulletin board for an update and details later on in October.

In closing, I would like to share this prayer with all of you:

#### *PRAYER FOR HEALTH*

*Lord, I thank you for the blessings of good health that I and those dear to me have enjoyed. May we continue to experience health in every aspect of our lives. Restore physical health to those of us weakened with illness, peace to those troubled with worry, and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help us*

*to find in the days of our strength a faith and trust in you and a love for one another to guide us through any health challenge we may face now and in the future. Amen. (from "Healing Prayers" by Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate)*

Peace and Good Health, Lily

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Generally at YPBC

Tuesday	11-5:30
Wednesday	11-5:30
Friday	11-5:30
Sunday	11-1:00

## **TRANSITIONS**

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

### **Baptism**

Nancy Alberti

### **Deaths**

Margaret Gray

Owen White

Albert Schnell



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## YPBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES...

### "WISE WOMEN BUILD"

#### WHO WE ARE

As women with a passion for serving God, we are a caring community who strive to be faithful, creative and accepting.

For such a time as this we endeavour to:

- Invite and welcome all women into our community
- Encourage women to discover their full potential in Christ
- Motivate, minister, mentor and befriend
- Live and serve under the influence and empowerment of God's Spirit

#### WHAT WE DO

"YPBC Women's Ministries" takes joy in providing, engaging with and supporting several initiatives:

- Partners in Mission
- The Dorothy Neal New Initiatives Fund (Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec)
- Women in Community - (Formerly Salt and Leaven)
- YPBC Annual Women's Retreat
- Dorcas
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Thankoffering Lunches
- Baptist Women's Recommended Reading Books
- Fundraisers
- "House" Management
- Special Events
- Sanctuary Flowers
- *live* Magazine (Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec)
- Friendship Cards to those who are Ill - Bereaved - Shut In
- Assistance at Funerals
- Flowers to Shut Ins
- Sponsors for children/youth to attend Camp Kwasind - New sponsorships are always welcome!

#### COMING SOON.....

**Sunday October 14** - Congregational Harvest Lunch and Thankoffering 12:30 pm - YPBC Heritage Room

Tickets: Adults \$20. Children \$5. On sale from Women's Executive and Church Office

#### **Monday October 29** - WOMEN IN COMMUNITY - Potluck Supper

At the home of Violet Pantelidis 16 Chestnut Park Road 6:30 pm

We are delighted to have Kathleen Wilson as our guest that evening and are looking forward to having Kathleen talk about her work with the North American Baptist Women's Union. All women are warmly invited, whether a member of YPBC or not!

#### AND IN THE NEW YEAR...

**Saturday February 23/19** - YPBC Women's Retreat - Courtyard Marriott Hotel - 9 am - 2:30 pm

Facilitator: Reverend Lee Ann McKenna



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Conflict Transformation, Mediation, Strategic Planning, Peacemaking). She is a trainer, teacher, writer, facilitator, musician and story teller and was the winner of the 2010 YMCA Peace Medallion. She has done academic research and writing in the areas of non-violence, economics, human rights, ethics, public policy, anthropology and theology and has published more than 45 articles in newspapers, magazines and journals. Her educational background includes McMaster University, Wilfred Laurier and the University of Toronto.

submitted by Jonanne Fenton on behalf of the YPBC Women's Executive



## REFLECTIONS ON ONEIDA

A reflection is defined as “a mirror image or representation; a thought occurring in meditation.” Reflection is a good word to introduce my thoughts on this past summer in respect to our mission trip to Oneida Nation of the Thames reserve near London, Ontario. There are many images that I continue to reflect on – wonderful images that mirror God’s love.



A team of 22 youth and adults travelled to Oneida for a week during the middle of the summer. This was our fourth summer leading a day camp for indigenous children, in partnership with First Oneida Baptist Church. It is a concrete way of building bridges with our First Nations people, and starting conversations about healing, reconciliation and friendship.

For the first time this year we partnered with another camp at Standing Stone School – a language and culture camp for children on the reserve. There were 20 campers who learned about the Oneida language and traditions. They joined us for lunch and a games time in the afternoon, and taught us some of their cultural background. Combined with the regular camp, we had as many as 100 campers some days. It was a challenging week, but our volunteers gave of their hearts, hands and voices each day, engaging the children and extending God’s love in action.

Here are just some of my reflections about the week:

– the things which really resonated with me as our team sought to mirror the life and love of Jesus:

--It is always exciting to watch “first timers” who volunteer at Oneida. They see the mission experience through fresh eyes, and provide us with valuable insights. We had one extra volunteer who came for just one day as a friend of a team member. She was so touched by the Oneida children that she convinced

her boss at work to let her stay for two more days as a volunteer! She is excited about coming for the full week next summer.

- - E a c h morning one of our team members would lead a devotional. Toward the end of the

week, one of our volunteers spent that time naming each team member, commenting on the gifts she saw in each of them. She then offered a blessing on each of us. It was a beautiful and meaningful time of spiritual affirmation.

--Our camp theme was “Jesus Rescues.” The kids saw a play each day about people stranded on a desert island. We learned that when we are lonely, worried, struggling, powerless – even when we do wrong – Jesus rescues us.

--One evening we visited a farm on the reserve – the family of one of our campers. They run an artisan and craft shop. Our team also got to see chickens, cows, and the youth jumped all over the huge hay bales. My wife Donna even had a scary encounter with a rogue rooster!

--Our team distributed prayer shawls for seniors at the church, and we also delivered baby clothes and other knitted goods from our Dorcas ladies. We led the Sunday evening service at the Baptist church, and enjoyed a wonderful meal put on by the people of

First Oneida. I preached the sermon that night, while a little boy from Oneida ran back and forth in front of me. You just learn to go with the flow in that church.



--The kitchen was a sight to behold. There was huge line up of children for both breakfast and lunch each day. Our volunteers worked hard to provide good, nutritious meals.

--It was a joy to see a young man named Jason again. He is only 25, with some severe heart and lung issues. He was only expected to live until 18, but he is still greeting us each summer at Oneida, with joy in his eyes as he sings the songs and visits with the children. He is a great cheerleader for our volunteers.

--Our largest group was the older youth this year. These are the kids who have been with us all four years, and have developed a rapport and comfort level. It was amazing to see how they responded to a program based on character formation; self-esteem; their individual goals; and life journey.

--As always, a poignant moment is when we say goodbye on the final day, as the children all wave to us as the bus pulls away. There were both smiles and tears as we considered the week we had together.

The apostle James writes: "But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like" (James 1:22-24) It was a great privilege to be part of our Oneida team this year – to work with true "doers of the word," who sought to reflect the love of God in

all they did. And a great big "thank you" to our Yorkminster Park church family who supported Oneida once again through your prayers; financial donations; prayer shawls; knitted goods and many good wishes.

Charles Dickens once wrote: "Reflect upon your present blessings -- of which every person has many -- not on your past misfortunes, of which all people have some." One of my greatest blessings has been to be part of the Oneida experience over four summers. It is with gratitude and praise to God that we celebrate another inspiring camp experience.

Dale Rose

## DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

The Daily Bread Food Bank was founded in 1983 and has become one of Canada's largest food banks. Recently a group of women from the church had the privilege of being taken on a tour of this warehouse facility in Etobicoke by Neil Hetherington, the CEO of the organization. It was an eye-opening



experience to see what a huge operation this is and to learn many things about it.

The buildings cover 108,000 square feet of space all of which is put to good use. The collection boxes are gathered from sites around the city by a fleet of 5 trucks and are taken to the facility to be sorted by volunteers. The smaller boxes of sorted items are then stored on floor to ceiling shelves according to the type of item.

This facility serves 134 food banks around the city including the one in the building. Food banks submit



a list of items needed each week and volunteers prepare the orders which include both shelf-stable and fresh items. These orders are then delivered to the local food banks. There are also 18 chefs who provide 5,000 meals a day for hostels around the city as well as other organizations which means that the DBFB provides food to nearly 200 food programs across Toronto.

Recently the DBFB has started a program by which farmers reap produce which would otherwise be plowed under. The transport truck picks it up from the various farms and delivers it to the terminal where the produce is washed, bagged and refrigerated or frozen at the facility until it is distributed to the various food banks.

More than 10,000 people volunteer here each year, many of whom are users of food banks who want to

contribute to the operation but more volunteers are always needed. Lunch is provided for each volunteer when they work here and at the end of our tour we enjoyed an excellent lunch prepared by their chefs. This is an organization which relies upon volunteers to do the many hours of work involved in keeping food banks supplied with what they need. If you ever have the opportunity to visit and tour this facility I strongly recommend that you do so.

We came away from our tour believing that the Daily Bread Food Bank certainly lives up to its Mission and Vision which is:

**WE BELIEVE THAT ACCESS TO FOOD IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE. NO ONE SHOULD GO HUNGRY.**

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## **THE CHOIR - c 1990**

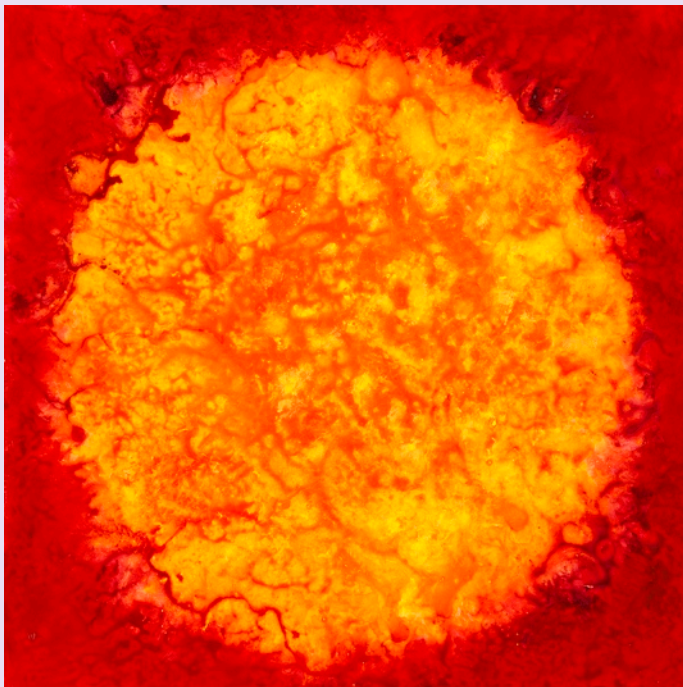


## IN THE GALLERY

continuing through Oct 11– **Janette Hayhoe** - *Objects & Interiority* - oil paintings that focus on the 'everydayness' of life. **Hayhoe** both describes and transforms the mundane, inviting us into a space of contemplation.



Oct 13-Nov 15; reception Sunday Oct 21, 12:30-2pm - **Rebecca Last** – *Cassandra's Garden: tracing shifted ground*. Poetic paintings grounded in observation and related to experiences at the artist's studio at Rice Lake. **Last** continues to explore how profoundly



Nov 17-Dec 20; reception Sunday Nov 18, 12:30-2pm – **John Adams** – *Interpretative Landscapes*. Adams motorcycles through the landscape concentrating on its overall effect, the big picture. His interpretive landscape paintings reflect a fresh approach to the wonderment of the outdoors.

