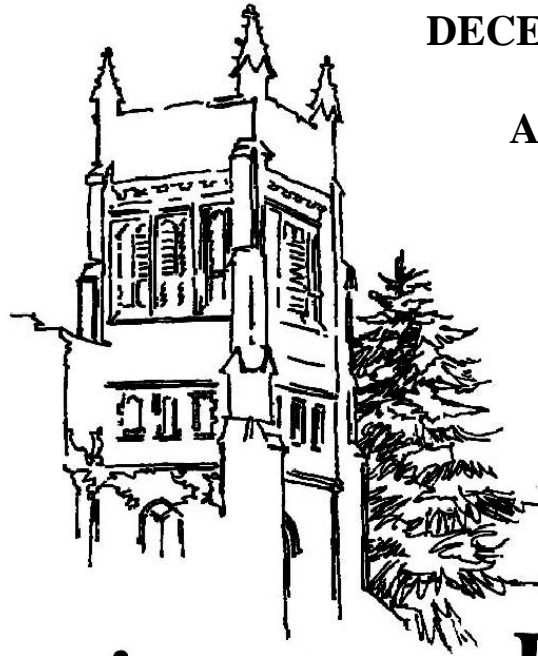


DECEMBER 12, 2010

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Yorkminster Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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Associate Minister, Pastoral Care

The Rev. Cheryle Hanna
Associate Minister, Discipleship

The Rev. Sam Lee
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Anthem – E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come *Paul Manz*
Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all
and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord
Almighty God, who was and is and is to come. Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in
heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is
coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light
nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Doxology Hymn 766

Hymn *SHB 80 – People look east (Besancon)

Sermon – THE LIGHT OF JOY

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Recessional Hymn 78 – Come Thou long expected Jesus (Hyfrydol #173)

Benediction

Choral Amen (Stanford in B flat)

Postlude Toccata

Gilbert Martin

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude

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

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

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by the
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN
to celebrate the advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Today's Greeters are: Kim Aikenhead, Carol Belford and John Shaw.

Do you know the History of White Gift Sunday?

White Gift Sunday dates back to 1904 in Ohio. The wife of a Methodist minister and her two daughters came up with the idea of giving gifts wrapped in white paper at Christmas time to people in need.

Gifts are wrapped in white so that they will be anonymous.

There is a Chinese tradition where all the people gave their king a gift wrapped in plain white paper so that every gift would look the same. Each person gave the king what they were able, and the king welcomed them all.

The White Gift shares in the spirit of Christ and the God of love at Christmas. We give gifts of love to people in need.

TODAY AT 4:30PM – CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

ART GALLERY

Tracey Lawko

Inspirations in Textile

November 12 - December 22, 2010

Tracey will be in the Gallery on December 15 from 12pm to 2pm

Our gallery's first fibre artist will set the mood for Christmas. Creemore-based Tracey Lawko creates breathtakingly intricate and rich tapestries. Her subjects come from nature in all its seasons. Through embroidery techniques Lawko depicts berry, flower and field with a tangible three-dimensional allure known as "stumpwork". You will want to visit this jewel-like exhibition more than once.

The Gallery will be "resting" between December 22 and early January, when we will then install Non-Objective Works by **Margaret Glew**.

***A warm welcome** to Yorkminster Park! Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and complete one of the Visitor's cards in the pews. City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 p.m. Have your ticket stamped in the Narthex.*

Communications:

- *The morning worship services are available on the church website: www.yorkminsterpark.com and are also recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the desk in the Narthex. Please find the updated YPBC Monthly Prayer Calendar on the Centre Hall, Narthex and South tables.*
- *If you wish to receive regular church email communication, please email the church office and we will register your address.*
- ***The 2011 Offering envelopes, YP Women's envelopes and Link and Visitor envelopes are available for pick up in the Centre Hall.***
- **2010 Donations**
All donations to be receipted for 2010 must be received by December 31, 2010. This means that they must be either on the offering plate on December 26th, or hand-delivered to the church/finance office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2010.
- **Reminder:** The Children's Christmas Mission Project bags are due today and they will be dedicated alongside the White Gifts that we bring **today**.
- The Christmas Newsletter is now available on the Church website and copies are available on the Narthex, Centre Hall and Heath Street tables for those without internet access.
- **Christmas Holiday Church Office hours:**
 - December 27 – church office closed
 - December 28 – church office closed
 - December 31 – 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Abbreviated Statement of Operations
Eleven months ended November 30, 2010

	(UNAUDITED)		
	2010 <u>Budget</u>	2010 <u>Actual</u>	2009 <u>Actual</u>
General Offerings	932,952	904,372	874,853
Mission Offerings	146,667	127,746	120,383
Other Income	249,212	178,328	152,375
Total Income	1,328,831	1,210,446	1,147,611
Expenses	1,403,056	1,362,081	1,156,181
DEFICIT	(74,225)	(151,635)	(8,570)

<u>Deficit as at:</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>2,009</u>	<u>Increase over prior year</u>
September 30	294,082	146,228	147,854
October 31	254,985	141,273	113,712
November 30	151,635	8,570	143,065

"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in the grace of giving."
II Corinthians 8:7

John K. Fenton,
Treasurer



On **Monday, December 13th**, you are invited to a holiday celebration for the whole family with a special performance of Mavor Moore's adaptation of the eternal classic "A Christmas Carol". This one hour musical production is presented by Smile Theatre Company.

The performance will be held in **Cameron Hall**. The doors open at 1:30pm. The performance begins at 2:00. The show will run approximately one hour.

Tickets are **\$10**.
Tickets can be obtained at the door.
Light refreshments.

DISCIPLESHIP



Sunday, December 19 at 9:45am

Interactive Bible Study

led by Joyce Fish
in 3rd Floor Boardroom

Berean Bible Study

led by Peter Ferguson
in Red Boardroom

Friday, December 17 at 7:00pm

in the Gym

YP Trailblazers Recreational Volleyball

Discipleship 101 9:45am

Room 306 Beginning Sunday, January 16, 2011

Discipleship 200 9:45am

the Library Beginning Sunday, January 16, 2011

The winter session of Discipleship 101 and 200 will begin Sunday, January 16, 2011. Again Discipleship 101 will focus on the basics of our faith and Discipleship 200 will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.”
2 Timothy 2:15*

BOARD OF MISSION

IN NEED OF CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS?
HERE ARE SOME HOPE-FULL, OPPORTUNITIES...



AND DISCOVER, ON-LINE, THE EMAS
CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE AT

www.emascanada.org/giftsofhope.htm

(Education, Medical Aid and Service -
Michael Wills)



EXPLORE THE CBM CATALOGUE "HOPEFUL
GIFTS FOR CHANGE"
- on the north hall table



Sharing. Inspiring.
Energizing Partnerships.

SEND A NEEDY LEBANESE CHILD TO CAMP

Each year the Baptist Children and Youth in Lebanon run several camps. As part of our STEP partnership we would like to suggest donations be made to this ministry at Christmas. Cheques may be made out to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, clearly designating funds for the Baptist Children/Youth Ministry, Lebanon, CBM and place on offering plate. The cost to send a child to camp is \$100 but any amount is appreciated.



Christmas Party at Sam's house on
Friday, December 17 from 7pm to 10pm.

Come celebrate the Christmas season
with a potluck dinner
(this means you have to bring a dish of food)
and a gift exchange (please bring a \$10 gift).

There will be door prizes

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN?

The Board of Music is planning a hymn sing
on January 30, 2011, featuring the best-loved
hymns of our congregation. Nominate your
favourite hymn(s) using the ballots in the
narthex and centre hall or in previous church
bulletins. Place completed ballots in the
"Favourite Hymn" box on the CD desk in the
narthex no later than **December 19, 2010.**

Out of the Cold Christmas Treat

Once again we are asking you to help us
bring Christmas joy to others less fortunate by
providing some nut-free goodies for the Out of
the Cold Christmas dinner planned for
December 22.

Please bring your baked goods to the
Heritage Room kitchen between

December 19th and 22nd.

Please mark the baked good 'Out of the Cold'.
Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

YP Centre Greeters This Week
(10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday; 9:30am-1:30pm
Tuesday)

Monday – Gwen Brown

Tuesday – Len Linton

Wednesday – Jennifer D'Asari

Thursday – Shirley Vardon

Friday – Barbara Smith

Service of Comfort and Hope December 22, 2010, 6:00 p.m.



If, at this Christmas season, you are experiencing feelings of loss or loneliness please join us
for a **Service of Comfort and Hope** in the Chapel.
The homily will be given by The Rev. Carolyn King.

Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the Friendship Room by the
members of the Health and Wellness Committee.

Please contact Heather Hetherington, Parish Nurse for more information at
416-922-1167 x245 or parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com.

The Men's Baking Group would like to thank everyone who participated in making this
year's sale a success. The cakes are gone. We hope to see you again next year.

UPCOMING

Baptism

If you are interested in being baptized, please speak with one of the ministers. A baptismal service will take place in late January 2011.



The Great Canadian Bible Study, led by Carol Belford, **12:30 p.m. on January 6, 2011.**
Bring toonies for Tuni.



Candlelight Epiphany
Ancient-Future Worship Service
In the Chapel
Thursday, January 6, 2011

Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, is the day on the Christian calendar that celebrates the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles.

A common epiphany theme is 'manifestation'. Manifestation refers to the act or process through which something made evident or certain by showing or displaying it. The Scripture tells us that the wise men "entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matt. 2:11 NLT) There was something about the effort and experience of Jesus that evoked a response of worship, bowing and giving the most treasured and valued gifts. Christians are called to manifest Christ, so those who see Jesus reflected in our lives will also bow, offering their most treasured gifts, and giving themselves to Christ.

In this contemplative and provocative service, we will pause to worship Jesus, the Saviour of the world and ponder what it means to manifest Christ and consider what is required of each of us in doing so. Join us Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Chapel, as we engage with the Triune God through ancient, traditional, and contemporary worship expressions and identify how to '*know Christ and make Him known*'.

Contact Alan Brisco at 647-869-1619, for further information.

Mooredale Concerts

Sunday, January 16, 2011 3:15pm

Alain Trudel & Patrick Wedd

"the Jascha Heifetz of the trombone" with Canada's stellar organist

Original works of trombone & organ

(Liszt, Holst, Messiaen, Guilman, Schnittke and more)

***Music & Truffles for children at 1:15pm**

\$30/\$25, M&T \$12

416-587-9411 [www. Mooredaleconcerts.com](http://www.Mooredaleconcerts.com)

YP WOMEN



It's time to renew your subscriptions for 2011 for \$20. Please make cheques payable to YP Women L&V and place on the offering plate. Consider a gift subscription of L&V for a loved one. Gift cards are available.



*Stimulating. Satisfying.
Tantalizing. Delicious.*

Chocolate is that sweet "something extra" that infuses anything ordinary with delectable flavor and zest. In the same way, loving friendships can sweeten a woman's life and make almost any situation — good or bad — taste even better. Blending true stories and several original chocolate recipes with rich biblical examples, Karen Porter explores eight ways that friends can help one another enjoy life — and point each other to the God who made every good and perfect gift — especially chocolate!

A RETREAT FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED!

**WHEN: SATURDAY JANUARY 15 -
9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**TOPIC: "I'LL BRING THE
CHOCOLATE" -
Satisfying a Woman's Craving for
Friendship and Faith**

LED BY: The Rev. Cheryle Hanna

**LOCATION: 33 Harbour Square -
Party Room, 35th floor -
SW corner of Queen's Quay
and Bay Street**

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00
Lunch and Light Refreshment Included**

Please find registration forms on the Centre Hall bulletin board and in the Narthex and return with payment (cash or cheque) to Diane Letsche, Rhoda Hill or Ellen Branscombe or the Church office
by **Wednesday January 12.**
Cheques may be made out to
YPBC Women.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Advent
&
Christmas
at
Yorkminster Park
Baptist Church



Sunday, Dec. 12 – Advent III

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
White Gifts Sunday
4:30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight

Saturday, Dec. 18

2:00 p.m. CP24/CHUM
Christmas Wish Carol Sing

Sunday, Dec. 19 – Advent IV

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Christmas Sunday Service
4:30 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols

Wednesday, Dec. 22

6:00 p.m. Service of Comfort & Hope

Friday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. 'Bethlehem on Yonge'
Outdoor Service – Live Nativity with Animals

11:15 p.m. Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Saturday, Dec. 25 Christmas

10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Communion

Sunday, Dec. 26

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
No Evening Service

Friday, Dec. 31

11:15 p.m. New Year's Eve
Watchnight Service

BUNDLE UP FOR

Bethlehem ON *Yonge*

CHRISTMAS EVE LIVE NATIVITY with ANIMALS

Friday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve - 5:00 p.m.
Outdoors in the Park at Yorkminster Park

Hot Chocolate and Carol singing indoors with the Minster Singers
For more information call 416-922-1167

THE CHRISTMAS WISH CAROL SING

In support of the 44th Annual CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish

Saturday, December 18th 2:00 pm

at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

With Special Guests - International Opera Stars

Isabel Bayrakdarian & Richard Margison

pianist Serouj Kradjian

Host: Nalini Sharma, CP24 Reporter/Weather Specialist

Featuring: 3 time Canadian Olympic medalist Karen Cockburn,
The Larkin Singers, True North Brass, The High Park Children's Choir,
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Choir and Choir of Christ Church Deer Park

Admission is FREE, with donations
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More Video throughout the site • Rare Archival Audio Sermons • Stained Glass slideshow
Peter's blog • online prayer requests • volunteer requests • and more
Visit yorkminsterpark.com today!

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Sunday

- 9:45am • Berean Bible Study,
Red Boardroom
- 10:00am • Interactive Bible Study,
3rd Boardroom
- Senior High Youth Class,
Youth Zone
- 10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 years old
- 11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
White Gift Sunday
*Classes for toddlers to junior high
after the children's prayer
- 4:30pm Carols by Candlelight
*Childcare provided for children
under 5 years old*

Thursday

- 10-3pm Open Door, Narthex
- 11:40am Youth Drop In,
Youth Zone and Gym
- 12:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Brentwood- Toronto (AA),
Heritage Room
- 7:00pm Budget Committee,
Red Boardroom
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal,
Cameron Hall
- 7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study (offsite)
"Names of God"
Contact Tom and Kay Hayes at
416-447-9416.

Monday to Friday

Meals on Wheels

Friday

7:00pm YP Recreational Volleyball, Gym

Monday

2:00pm Smile Theatre, Cameron Hall
"A Christmas Carol"

Saturday

2:00pm Christmas Wish Carol Sing,
Sanctuary

Tuesday

10-3pm Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Men's Basketball
5:30pm Board of Trustees,
3rd Floor Boardroom

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45am Berean Class, Red Boardroom
10:00am • Interactive Bible Study,
3rd Floor Boardroom
• Senior High Youth Class,
Youth Zone
11:00am The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
Children's Christmas Nativity
4:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday

10-12:30pm Open Door, Narthex
12:30pm Daniel Norman,
Director of Music,
St. Anne's Anglican Church and
Director of Music, Sisters of St.
John the Divine
6:00pm Out of the Cold,
Heritage Room and Gym
7:00pm Board of Music, Red Boardroom



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