

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

THE REIGN OF CHRIST

THE SACRAMENT OF  
BAPTISM



# Yorkminster Park

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## BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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*Minister of Pastoral Care*

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*Interim Director of Youth*

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## MORNING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 23, 2014 – THE REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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

**Preludes**                     Andante cantabile (Symphony IV)                     Charles-Marie Widor  
                                    Cebell   Henry Purcell

**Processional Hymn 180 – All hail the power of Jesus’ name**, omit vss 2 & 3                     (Miles Lane)

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

**Introit – Christ, whose glory fills the skies** (congregation seated)                     Keith Bissell

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of  
righteousness arise; triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high,  
be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

**Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** (*sung Amen*)   **The Rev. Deborah Ban**

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

**Hymn \*SHB 70 – My Lord you wore no royal crown** (O Waly Waly)

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

**Wonderfully Made**   **Ewan**

### **Announcements**

**Scripture -**             Isaiah 6:1-8 (OT p.704)   **Janet Kim**  
                                    Luke 5:1-11 (NT p.64)

**Pastoral Prayer** (*seated*)   **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**Choral Response**   **W. Maddox**

                                    Say to them that are of a fearful heart:  
                                    be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come and save you.

**Offering -** *Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs the trouble. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)*

**Anthem – Beati quorum via integra est**   Charles Villiers Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est,                     Blessed are the undefiled in the way,  
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.                     who walk in the law of the Lord.  
   (Psalm 119:1)

**Doxology** Hymn 766

**Sermon – INTO THE DEEP**   **The Rev. Dale Rose**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Hymn 443 – Just as I am, verses 1-3** (Woodworth)

**Words of Introduction**   **The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes**

**Prayer**

**Choral Preparation – Come, Holy Ghost**   *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire. (Text at Hymn 226)

*Following the baptism of **Jonathan Fernandez**,  
the congregation will remain seated and sing*

**Hymn 443 – Just as I am, verses 4 and 5** (Woodworth)

*Following the singing of the hymn, the congregation rises and sings:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him  
that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.**

**Words of Invitation**

**Recessional Hymn 184 – Jesus shall reign** (Duke Street)

**Benediction**

**The Rev. Deborah Ban**

**Choral Amen** (Maddox in the Dorian mode)

**Postlude**

Rondeau (Abdelazar)

*Henry Purcell*

*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*

**CECIL YIP**

*by Yvette; Christopher, Jen, Katherine and Matthew; Adrian, Sue, Carolyn and Evan*

**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.

**FALL BUSINESS MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Fall Business Meeting will be held in the Heritage Room **TODAY** 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*

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O JESUS, King most wonderful,  
Thou conqueror renowned,  
Thou sweetness most ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found !

2 When once Thou visitest the heart,  
Then truth begins to shine;  
Then earthly vanities depart,  
Then kindles love divine.

3 O Jesus, light of all below,  
Thou fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
All that we can desire,

4 May every heart confess Thy name,  
And ever Thee adore;  
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame  
To seek Thee more and more.

5 Thee may our tongues for ever bless;  
Thee may we love alone;  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Thine own.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and with Thy light  
Illume the soul's abyss;  
Scatter the darkness of our night,  
And fill the world with bliss. Amen.

**My Lord, you wore no royal crown**

O Waly, Waly

Trad. melody



1. My Lord, you wore no royal crown;  
You did not wield the powers of state,  
nor did you need a scholar's gown  
or priestly robe to make you great.

2. You did not live a world away  
in hermit's cell or desert cave,  
but felt our pain and shared each day  
with those you came to seek and save.

3. You came unequalled, undeserved,  
to be what we were meant to be:  
to serve, instead of being served--  
a Light for all the world to see.

4. So, when I stumble, set me right;  
command my life as you require;  
let all your gifts be my delight  
and you, my Lord, my one desire.

JUST as I am—without one plea,  
 But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
 And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
 O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am—and waiting not  
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am—though tossed about  
 With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
 Fightings and fears within, without,  
 O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind;  
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
 Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
 O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am—Thy love unknown  
 Has broken every barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come.

7 Just as I am—of that free love  
 The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 Here for a season, then above,  
 O Lamb of God, I come.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- 2 For him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.
- 5 Where He displays His healing power,  
Death and the curse are known no more;  
In Him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.
- 6 Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honours to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud "Amen."

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

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.

DECEMBER SHOW

**Reception Sunday, November 30, 12:30pm to 2:30pm**

MAURICE SNELGROVE "Watercolours"



Snelgrove's love of the outdoors and his concern for the environment are manifested in his watercolour landscapes. He has traveled extensively and painted coast to coast across Canada, including the Yukon, and the Nunavut Arctic and Greenland, the Northwest Territories, Newfoundland, Alaska, the Caribbean, Costa Rica, Italy, Belgium, France, Greece, Scotland, Mexico, New England and New Mexico in the USA.

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**HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

For the health and well being of the YP community,  
4 additional Hand Sanitizers have been added throughout the Church.

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](mailto:parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com).

All communications are strictly confidential.

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7pm Choral Evensong with the Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes preaching



**Yorkminster Park**  
BAPTIST CHURCH



## 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](mailto: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 1:20-25*, God made the animals 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, NIRV. This week’s lesson is about Israelite Feast Days taken from *Exodus 23:14-19 (and 2 Kings 23)*. The BOTTOM LINE we want children to learn is “Take time to celebrate what God has done”.

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](mailto:dban@yorkminsterpark.com)

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

**Today**, 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 today.** 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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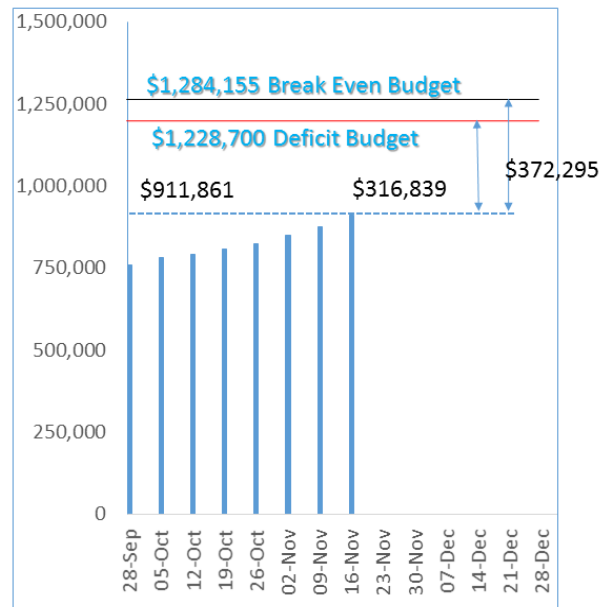
### **DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

The Board of Finance and Administration is very pleased to announce that Debbie Bozzi is joining Yorkminster Park as our Director of Operations, starting on November 24th. Debbie comes to the church with extensive experience in Church Administration. Please take the opportunity to welcome Debbie if you see her.

## 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 16, the general offerings year-to-date were 71% of the amount needed for the church to break even for the year.



Our church services are shared with people who are not able to attend on Sunday mornings. The Sunday morning services and some select evening services are streamed live with audio and video over the internet. They are also available in archived form from the church website [www.yorkminsterpark.com](http://www.yorkminsterpark.com). The audio from the services is also recorded and CD copies are available. The budget for the webcasting and CD ministry is \$19,700 for this year. We hope to recover about \$10,000 of this by webcasting other events in the church.

### 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**.

### 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 25 – No recital  
 December 2 – Alheli Pimienta, flute and Adam Sherkin, piano

## 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](http://yestv.com) for more information on how you can tune into this feature program.

The preview is posted at <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](http://www.musicmissionkiev.org).

Ontario YES TV (formerly CTS).

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

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## PRAYER SHAWL 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, November 25 at 7pm.***

***Please note that there will not be a meeting in December.***

***We look forward to seeing you again in January.***

## 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, there was a circle of friends and partners to participate in an "LSESD Relief Consultation" that took place this month to reflect 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](mailto:pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca)

### **BOARD OF MISSION - 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 MetroInx

*Philanthropic Partner:* Stacey Campbell, Executive Director and CEO of

Prison Fellowship Canada

Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Tables: \$500/Tickets: \$50

RSVP [www.eventbrite.ca](http://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.

### **"In Our Own Backyard" - Christmas 2014 Children's Mission Project**

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

Each year, we have given gifts to others out of thankfulness for all God has given us. We have chosen to be involved locally by providing gifts for people 'in our own backyard'! We are collecting items to help a ministry here in the city. In partnership with Youth Unlimited, we are assisting families in the Shoreham Court and Driftwood communities.

How can you help?

Pick up an empty gift bag in the Narthex or the Centre Hall, take it home and fill it. Or bring an unwrapped gift and drop it in the specially marked boxes in the Centre Hall by **December 7**. The dedication of the gifts will be on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Information sheets are on the Centre Hall and Narthex tables.



### **The Christmas Cakes are coming!**

The Men's Baking Group will have this year's Christmas Cakes ready for sale starting Sunday, December 7 following the morning service. The proceeds from this sale will be donated to House of Compassion.

### **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.





## White Gift Sunday 11:00 a.m. - December 7th

**White Gift Sunday** has been a long standing tradition here at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. On this special Sunday before Christmas, we collect gifts that are given to a mission right here in the city. This year it is Yonge Street Mission. You may bring a gift of non-perishable food to be presented by you to the service in the sanctuary at 11:00am.

At a specially designed time, children will collect your gifts and place them under the tree. You may also bring your gifts for "In Our Own Backyard" Mission project to place under the tree.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Yonge Street Mission Christmas Wish List 2014

Food for the Christmas season & to stock our Food Bank during the depths of the winter:

#### Canned Food:

- Chick peas & other beans
- Vegetables & fruit
- Tuna & salmon
- Soups & stews
- Fruit juice
- Spaghetti sauce

#### For the Christmas Season:

- Christmas cake
- Oranges
- Cookies & biscuits
- Condiments & seasonings

#### Packaged Food:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta & kraft dinner
- Rice & cereal
- Gluten free pasta & cereal
- Cooking oil

- Tea & coffee
- Powdered milk
- Candy & chocolate
- Jars of jam
- Power bars & meal replacements
- Baby cereal & jarred food
- Baby formula liquid or powdered
- Other infant items bottles, soothers, diapers

### 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.

## 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
- Sign up to be one of our characters: be a soldier, guide, shepherd, or wise man.
- Be a host to welcome people in Cameron Hall for refreshments

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

### *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.



## YPBC WOMEN'S RETREAT

**WHEN:** Please note, the date for our retreat is **Saturday January 17, 2015**  
at **NOVOTEL, North York - 9am-3:30pm**

**WHAT:** JUST AS I AM: BODY AND SOUL - an exploration of self-acceptance.

**WHO:** CINDY MOSEY will once again be our facilitator. Cindy is a committed Christian and a Social Worker by profession.

**FEE:** \$45 Light refreshments and a full hot lunch will be served.

Registration forms with details will be available throughout December and early January on the Centre Hall bulletin board and a table in the Narthex by our poster. The cut-off date will be **Sunday January 10, 2015**.

All women are warmly invited to this day apart for a time of renewal and re-creation. And what a wonderful Christmas present this could be for a special woman in your life!

(YPBC Women's Ministries)

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### 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.



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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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](mailto:leonardlinton@rogers.com).

## THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014

### **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 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. Dale Rose – The Sacrament of Baptism  
(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 Children's Ministry Stick Drama Practice, Heritage Room  
1:00pm Ball Hockey, Gym  
7:00pm Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes – Choral Evensong

### **Monday to Friday**

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

### **Monday**

- 7:00pm Bereavement Support Group, Room 508

### **Tuesday**

- 9:30am Prayers, Library  
10:00am Dorcas Group, Room 508  
10:00am Women's Prayer and Bible Study, Friendship Room  
12:00pm Community Basketball, Gym  
6:00pm Budget Committee Meeting, Red Boardroom  
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, Friendship Room

### **Wednesday**

- 10:00am Open Door, Narthex  
12:30pm Noonday Organ Recital – *Daniel Norman*  
2:30pm Pulpit Supply Committee Meeting, Red Boardroom  
6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gym and Heritage Room  
7:00pm Bible Study, Friendship Room

### **Thursday**

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

### **Friday**

- 6:30pm Life Group, offsite
- 7:00pm Christmas in the Hall, Cameron Hall
- 7:00pm YP Trailblazers Volleyball, Gym

### **Saturday**

- 12:00pm Art Gallery

### **Next Sunday – Advent I**

- 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. Dr. J. Peter Holmes  
*(Classes for toddlers to senior high youth after the Children's Prayer)*
- 11:20am Doxa Youth Worship, Cameron Hall
- 12:30pm Art Gallery Reception, Centre Hall
- 12:30pm Board of Mission Refugee Sponsorship Open House,  
Friendship Room
- 7:00pm Rev. Dale Rose



# 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

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# 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.*


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# 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  
**[yorkminsterpark.com](http://yorkminsterpark.com)**