

## PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes is returning from vacation on Tuesday, August 18. Pastoral care concerns can be reported to the Rev. Deborah Ban at 416-922-1167 x235 ([dban@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:dban@yorkminsterpark.com)) or our Parish Nurse, Cathy Newman at (416) 922-1428 ([parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:parishnurse@yorkminsterpark.com)).

You may submit a request for prayer on the Welcome card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

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### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

**MAY HAMBLY**

*By Fraser and Hope*

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### SUMMER SUNDAYS • 11 am and 7 pm

August 23 & 30 *The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes*

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### Dance Classes - Fundraiser for Refugee Sponsorship

Please join us for a series of 10 1-hr Ballroom and Latin dance lessons to be held in the Church gymnasium on Monday evenings, starting **September 14 at 8 p.m.** Net proceeds will go to the Refugee Sponsorship Fund. Come and meet your fellow members and have fun with our very own Francisco, a certified dance instructor. Cost: \$120(single), \$200 (couple). This follows our very popular spring series. For more information or to register go to [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) and enter Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in the search bar. Please register now as spaces are limited.

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Our summer Sunday program runs through until September 6th. Preschool and Kindergarten will meet together and Grades 1 to 5 will meet together. Nursery will run for the whole service for babies and toddlers.

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### YOUTH MINISTRY - Volunteers Needed.

Please contact Brennan Rabbets at [brabbets@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:brabbets@yorkminsterpark.com)

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**WANTED :** "kids of all ages"... 9 to 90 + yrs ...to come out for a free, fun evening of lawn bowling and/or croquet at our scenic Alexander Muir Park at [www.lawrenceparklawnbowling.com](http://www.lawrenceparklawnbowling.com) for **Thursday August 27th 2015**... with rain date if necessary... the following Thursday September 3rd 2015. Dressing in whites is optional, but smiles and laughter are NOT optional! Equipment and instruction will be provided complimentary from the members of our Lawrence Park Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club. IF interested please email [glenfield1862@gmail.com](mailto:glenfield1862@gmail.com) for further information. Thanks !

- Frank Gardiner and Peter Holmes

## YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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### The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

*Minister of the Congregation*

**The Rev. Dale Rose**, *Minister of Pastoral Care*  
**The Rev. Deborah Ban**, *Minister of Discipleship*  
**Mr. William Maddox**, **BMus, FTCL**, *Director of Music*  
**Mrs. Miriam Little**, *Director of Children's Ministries*  
**Mr. Brennan Rabbets**, *Director of Youth*  
**Mrs. Cathy Newman**, **RN BScN**, *Parish Nurse*

**The Rev. Dr. William A. Sturgess**, *Minister Emeritus – Pastoral Care*



**August 16, 2015**

### THE REV. DR. STEPHEN FARRIS

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris has preached at Yorkminster Park on many occasions and he has preached in many venues around the world. Dr. Farris has been serving as Professor of Homiletics and the Dean of St. Andrew's Hall at the Vancouver School of Theology since 2003. Dr. Farris was educated at the University of Toronto, Union Seminary in Virginia and Cambridge University. He served as minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Amherstview, Ontario prior to embarking on his teaching career.

Dr. Farris is the author of several books on preaching including Preaching that Matters. He is married to Patty and they have two sons, Allan and Daniel. Stephen's sister, Marion Evans, is a long time member of Yorkminster Park.

In June, Dr. Farris completed a term as the Moderator of the 140<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He is now on sabbatical leave and will be retiring at the conclusion of his sabbatical. During his sabbatical, he and Patty will be going to the south of France where he will complete his upcoming book on storytelling.

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### WELCOME

*Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be with us, we welcome you to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives.*

*City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair) provides free parking Sunday morning until 12:45 pm. Have your ticket stamped in the Narthex. The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website. All morning and evening worship services are recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the Audio Desk in the Narthex. A limited number of large-print Bibles and calendars are available on the Narthex information table. If you would like one, please ask an usher. Please find our quarterly newsletter on the Centre Hall, Narthex and South tables.*

**For children and youth:** *Nursery for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to grade 5 after the Children's Prayer. Parents are reminded to pick up a pager before the service or when the children head to the classes. Please note that there is no Bible study for youth during the summer. Youth are encouraged to join the Doxa Youth Worship in Cameron Hall today and August 23.*

**Morning Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

*(The congregation rises as the Ministers enter.)*

**Preludes**

**Call to Worship** Brennan Rabbets

**Hymn 52 – God is love** (Abbot's Leigh)

**Invocation & The Lord's Prayer** (*seated*) Brennan Rabbets

**Responsive Psalm 84** (OT p. 600-1) Brennan Rabbets

**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.**

**Prayer with the Children** Miriam Little

**Scripture: Proverbs 9:1-6** (OT p.655-6)

**Ephesians 5:15-20** (NT p.207)

**Solo – I will extol Thee, O God** *Michael Costa*

**Dawn King**, soprano

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Deborah Ban

**Announcements & Offering** Rev. Deborah Ban

**Duet – My friend is mine** (Cantata 140) *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Dawn King**, soprano; **Stephen King**, bass

**Doxology**

**Hymn 596 – May the mind of Christ my Saviour** (St. Leonard's)

**Sermon: "THE GIFT OF WISDOM"** Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris

**Hymn 533 – Where cross the crowded ways of life** (Fulda 680)

**Benediction** Rev. Deborah Ban

**Postlude**

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

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***Join Us for Lemonade***

During August, we invite you to join us for Lemonade in the Collins Courtyard (weather permitting).

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The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship (lesterrandall.com)  
A Toronto Festival of Preaching • "This Season of Preaching"  
**Sunday, November 1 - Tuesday, November 3**

Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet • Rev. Mrs. Fleming Rutledge

Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll • Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey

**Evening Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**

*(The congregation rises as the Ministers enter.)*

**Preludes**

**Call to Worship** Rev. Deborah Ban

**Hymn \*SHB 10 – Be still** (Evans)

**Invocation** (*seated*) Rev. Deborah Ban

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14** (OT p.338, 340)

**Psalm 34:9-14** (OT p.561)

**John 6:51-58** (NT p.101-2)

**Solo – I got me flowers** (Five Mystical Songs) *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**Stephen King**, bass

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Deborah Ban

**Announcements & Offering**

**Duet – We wait for thy loving kindness, O God** *Edward Elvey*

**Dawn King**, soprano; **Stephen King**, bass

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn \*SHB 70 – My Lord, you wore no royal crown**

(O Waly, Waly)

**Sermon: "TAKING IT ALL IN"** Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris

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

**Benediction**

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, House of Compassion

**SAVE THE DATE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 – 7:00 pm**

**In Celebration of 25+ years for House of Compassion**

**featuring a piano performance by *Master Class Players***

**Reception to follow**

**Admission \$30 – All proceeds to benefit House of Compassion**

Preceded by Annual General Meeting at 6:30 PM

(Public is welcome to attend)

**To reserve tickets** – via email at [info@hcoctononto.com](mailto:info@hcoctononto.com) or

by phoning the House of Compassion office 416-532-0550

Tickets will also be available for sale

at YPBC in September following the morning service.

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The September – October – November 2015 'Our Daily Bread' is

available in the Narthex, Centre Hall and online at <http://odb.org>

1 JOHN iv. 8.

**G**OD is love: let heaven adore Him;  
 God is love: let earth rejoice;  
 Let creation sing before Him,

And exalt Him with one voice.

He who laid the earth's foundation,  
 He who spread the heavens above,  
 He who breathes through all creation,  
 He is love, eternal love.

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

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

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

**M**AY the mind of Christ my Saviour  
 Live in me from day to day,  
 By His love and power controlling  
 All I do or say.

- 2 May the word of God dwell richly  
 In my heart from hour to hour,  
 So that all may see I triumph  
 Only through His power.

- 3 May the peace of God my Father  
 Rule my life in everything,  
 That I may be calm to comfort  
 Sick and sorrowing.

- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me,  
 As the waters fill the sea;  
 Him exalting, self abasing,  
 This is victory.

- 5 May I run the race before me,  
 Strong and brave to face the foe,  
 Looking only unto Jesus  
 As I onward go.

*Kate B. Wilkinson.*

## 533

**W**HERE cross the crowded ways of life,  
Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
We hear Thy voice, O Son of man !

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed,  
We catch the vision of Thy tears.

3 The cup of water given for Thee  
Still holds the freshness of Thy grace ;  
Yet long these multitudes to see  
The sweet compassion of Thy face.

4 O Master, from the mountain-side,  
Make haste to heal those hearts of pain ;  
Among these restless throngs abide ;  
O tread the city's streets again ;

5 Till sons of men shall learn Thy love,  
And follow where Thy feet have trod ;  
Till glorious from Thy heaven above,  
Shall come the city of our God.

*Frank Mason North, 1850–1935.*