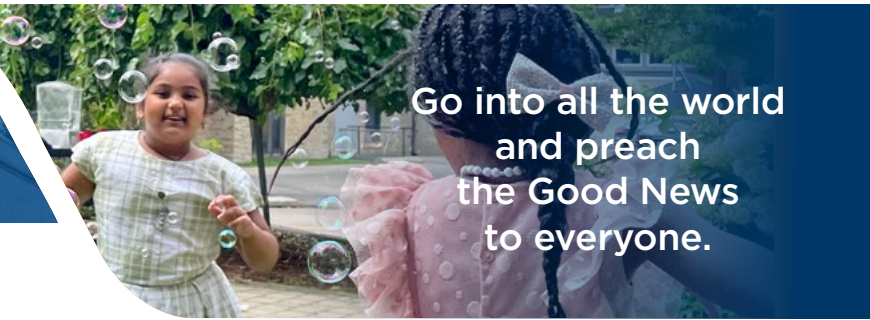




Go into all the world
and preach
the Good News
to everyone.



FROM PETER'S PEN A WORD OF CAUTION

It seems a day rarely goes by in which I don't receive a phone call on either my cell phone or my landline from someone claiming to be from Revenue Canada to inform me that my Social Insurance

Number is going to be cancelled, or from someone claiming to be from VISA to say that there has been suspicious activity on my credit card, or from someone else claiming to be from Microsoft to inform me that my computer has a serious virus. Have you received any calls like these? All of these messages are scams. Each one is an attempt by someone to gain access to our accounts in order to steal money or even identity. They will inevitably ask for bank account information, SIN numbers, or computer passwords. **Do not give any personal information.** The best thing to do is to hang up immediately.

One scam I have heard about from several of our members and even from my own mother, specifically targets seniors. It comes in the form of a phone call from a young person identifying themselves as your grandson or granddaughter. They will inform you that they have gotten into a bit of trouble, but don't want their parents to know and so could you please help them by delivering an envelope of cash to a particular address asap, but please tell no one. It is a scam. Hang up. There are many scams that target seniors and others that specifically target new Canadians and refugees.

Be warned. Last year alone in Canada there were almost **42,000 victims** of such fraud and **569 million dollars** was stolen from Canadians through such schemes.

Scam artists use not only the telephone, but also email. Members of the ministry team have received numerous emails from

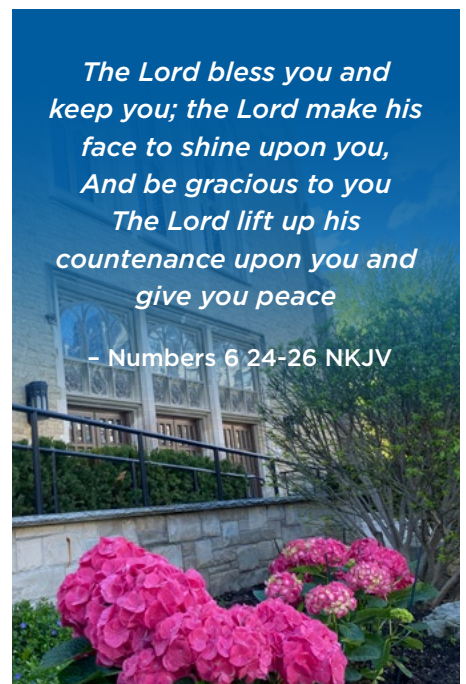
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*The Lord bless you and
keep you; the Lord make his
face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you
The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you and
give you peace*

- Numbers 6:24-26 NKJV



someone using my name and informing them that I am in a bind and need help immediately with either money or gift cards. While the scam email will use my name, these emails all come from an email address that is not my own. Recently a senior in the church told me that she had received such an email and was very concerned for me and went to her bank ready to make a transfer. Fortunately, her bank told her the email was a scam.

Ignore any emails using my name asking for money or any personal information. I will never send any such email and neither will anyone in the employment of the church.

With the growth of Artificial Intelligence (AI) these scams will undoubtedly become more sophisticated. There may be phone messages in which someone's voice is being imitated, or even video messages in which their voice and face have been duplicated using sophisticated computer programming.

To learn more about how to protect yourself from such scams visit the government website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenueagency/campaigns/fraud-scams.html>

Yorkminster Park Day at the Daily Food Bank

Thanks to the forty-five volunteers who took part in the first annual Yorkminster Park Day at the Daily Bread Food Bank on Saturday, May 4th. Upon arrival we were met by the CEO, Neil Hetherington, who updated us with information about food insecurity in Toronto and gave us a tour of the remarkable facility. We then split into three teams to sort and box non-perishable food items to be taken to the warehouse for distribution.

As a church family we are very proud of Neil's leadership in our city and province. He is the face of the Daily Bread Food Bank and he continues to inspire people to not only offer support but also to address the underlying causes to the increasing problem of food insecurity. In 2023 there were more than two and a half million visits to food banks in our city. This number was an increase of one million from the previous year and reflects the fact that 10% of Torontonians now rely on food banks. At the heart of the problem is the cost of living. By the time the average person has paid rent, which on average for a one bedroom apartment in Toronto was \$2700 a year ago, as well as utilities and cell phone, there is just not enough left over to provide three square meals a day.

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If you receive an email or text asking you to contact us for any type of special help, please **delete without opening or responding**.

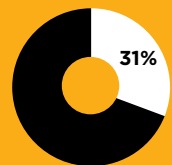
If you ever have a question, please call the church office at **416-922-1167** or email office@yorkminsterpark.com.

To learn more about how to protect yourself from email scams please read the article on [page 17](#), *Staying Safe with Email: Simple Tips for Everyone*.

FOOD INSECURITY BY THE NUMBERS

31%

of food bank clients went an entire day without eating



1 in 10

people in Toronto are relying on food banks, up from **1 in 20** last year.



On average per day, after rent and utilities, food bank clients have **\$6.67**.

The cost of a round trip on the TTC is **\$6.60**

Remaining each day **\$0.07**



**Daily Bread
Food Bank**

While the Food Bank needs more money than ever to provide the sought after meals, Neil tells the government to direct the money to those living on fixed income by increasing government supports. Neil would far rather see his business shrink than grow as it has been doing for several years.

The Yorkminster Park day at the Daily Bread Food Bank ended with a wonderful lunch provided by Neil. We all went away feeling we had learned more about the problem of food insecurity, that we had made new friends in the YP family and that we had been inspired by what we can do together to make a difference. Thank you to Neil, Bobby Giles and the entire Daily Bread team for making us feel so welcome.

Finally, thank you for all your kind words and warm wishes on the occasion of the recent Acadia University Convocation in Wolfville, Nova Scotia at which I was honoured with a special presentation. As I said to the graduates, I share this honor with my family and the wonderful people of my church without whom I would not be able to accomplish anything. And above all, thanks be to God.

*Respectfully,
Peter Holmes*





FROM THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE AND DISCIPLESHIP

As we move towards summer, a time when so many of us go travelling for a few weeks, it is a great comfort to those of us who will be staying in the city that the church remains open. As is our summer tradition we can look forward to welcoming many guest preachers to join us in worship on Sundays. And this summer we will also be offering **Prayers in the Park each Wednesday at noon in the Meditation Circle through July and August.** All are welcome and may we all be blessed as we worship God under his blue sky.

Our Wednesday summer bible study begins on July 10 and continues each Wednesday evening until August 14. It will take place on Zoom to accommodate all those who are away from the city but would still like to take the time to study the Word together over the summer months.

Over the six weeks we will be looking at the **Hard Sayings of Jesus.** There are many sayings of Jesus that caused the people of his day to pause, and that still cause us to pause today.

For instance,

“What did Jesus mean?”, we often wonder, in response to such verses as this one found in Mark 10:25: *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”*

Or what about this from Matthew 8:22. *“Let the dead bury the dead.”*

We can look forward to many an interesting discussion on **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.**

It is my pleasure to share with you that I will be joined by Janet Kim, Rick Doust, Rob Inman, John Speller, and Dale Rose, each of whom will lead one session.

You can register for **Summer Bible Study** by visiting <https://bit.ly/4emyUxk> or email pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com.



On June 27nd the Pastoral Care Committee is hosting a Caregiver Luncheon for our many caregivers, sadly some of whom have been recently bereaved. Thank you to the Committee for this beautiful tradition of honouring and thanking our caregivers. This time we will be meeting at the National Yacht Club due to a generous donation from an anonymous donor.

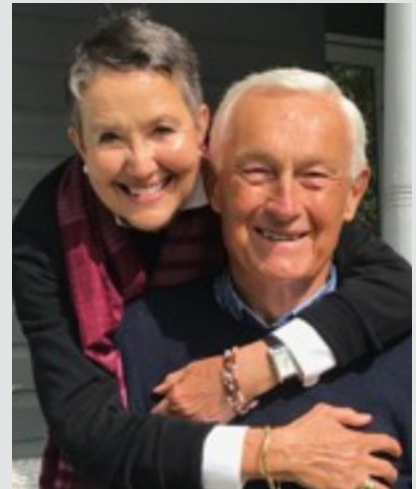
Finally, I wish to thank all those who have so faithfully led studies over the last year. Thank you to Janet Kim and Brenda Lam, Suzanne Wilkinson, Stuart Campbell, Rick Doust and John Speller for your leadership. A special thanks also to the Life Together Group, who each take turns leading each month, thank you to Eva Guo for being your group’s administrator. Thank you as well to Denise Roeleveld for your leadership of the most excellent YP Book Club.

Summer is a time when we most often think of relaxing and visiting with friends and family, working in our gardens and lingering into the evening over dinners outside. Whatever graces we enjoy in the warmer weather, the summer season can also be a difficult time and so I invite you to reach out to me if you need a good word, or a prayer, or a listening ear. My email address is pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com and my telephone number is **416-922-1240.**

The Rev. Paula Willis

YORKMINSTER PARK **DEACONS DEVOTIONAL**

When the Board of Deacons meet, one of the Deacons begins the meeting with a brief devotional and prayer. After John Schram offered the following devotional at the May meeting it was suggested that it be shared with the wider congregation. John served with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs for 36 years. After beginning his career in Nigeria and London, John and his wife Alena were engaged in the South African struggle against apartheid and the transition to democracy. From 1994 through 1998, he was High Commissioner to Ghana. He was Canada's Ambassador to Ethiopia, from 1998 to 2002; and Ambassador to Zimbabwe from 2002 to 2005. Since retirement he focused on conflict resolution, peace building and development at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, and the Centre for International and Defence Policy, Queen's University in Kingston.



To learn more about John and Alena's involvement in the South African struggle, go to <https://www.cbc.ca/2017/a-personal-letter-from-nelson-mandela-to-two-canadians-who-helped-fight-apartheid-1.3954124>

Devotional by John Schram on May 7th at Deacons Meeting

Tonight, I'm going to ask you to think with me about something that must challenge us all – not least in our collective roles as deacons of Yorkminster Park Church.

I suspect that all of us are dismayed when we think about what is happening to ordinary, real people both here in Toronto and around the world. We look with shock beyond our own problems to see what people are doing to each other in the Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Sudan and Ethiopia and even Haiti – in all these places where ordinary people like you and me are caught up in fighting and threatened with starvation.

Although life can be tough for people right here in our Church and in Toronto, we can be grateful most of this suffering is far from Yorkminster Park and even Canada. But of

course that doesn't let us off the hook of our faith community, of YPBC and of our role here as Deacons. Deep down inside, we must all know that people in the world's trouble spots are not that much different from us; they, too, love their kids and families; they share our ambitions; they don't want to be sick; they are hurt when someone they love dies. They want to protect what they have and they hope to improve their lives – to get a good job, good education for their children.

As deacons and as individuals, all of us are confronted with the question: "what do we do in the face of a topsy-turvy world; how do we help Yorkminster Park respond to a world where love and justice can seem far away.

Whether we are here in the midst of our much-blessed church community, or even if we are in the midst of hundreds of thousands of suffering people, we all need something absolutely sure that

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we can hold onto. In short, we need to recognize our blessings and build on God's promises.

Many of us grew up singing "Count Your Blessings" and "Standing on the Promises". It's easy, even fun, to sing about these things. But for most of the world, it's often tough to face the reality of life. Yet time and again we see those who have faced terrible difficulties saying that they got through by reminding themselves of God's promises of good things amidst the bad. And so should we. If we want to find the strength and resolve to do something about life's iniquities, we should count our blessings. And we must believe and trust God's promises.

Look again at Romans 8:3:

... Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or the sword? For I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, and heights or depths – nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

That's quite a promise, quite a blessing isn't it?

Let us pray

Father God, here we are before you again – a small group caught between being grateful for all our blessings as mainstream Canadians, yet faced with the daily reality that many people in this world are far from sharing our good fortune. We want to be thankful for what we have been given. We want to remember and work for those who have so little and who are being so wronged.

Help us not to feel overwhelmed, much less to despair. Give us as church leaders the initiative to find ways to make practical contributions ourselves. Give us courage and give us the inspiration to help put the world's problems right. Give us the hope that however the world may look to us, you are in charge. And you have promised that you will support us in trying to bring faith, love and commitment to the work of Yorkminster Park Church in Toronto, across Canada and around the world.

We pray in the name of our saviour,
Jesus Christ

Amen

John Schram



Christian life and growth happens in community.

As a life group, we meet weekly to study God's word, pray for one another, and enjoy fellowship both within and outside the walls of the church, with mutual respect, discretion, and confidentiality. If you are seeking a family within the larger YP community, **why not join us?**

**FRIDAYS 6:30 P.M. IN PERSON ONLY
YOUTH ZONE - FIFTH FLOOR (508)**

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE



We are excited to share an update on the search for a new Youth Ministry Assistant. A search group consisting of Ann Jeffries, Heather Mackey, Trevor Sinker and Hazel Reyes interviewed the applicants and prayerfully agreed to offer the position to Isaac Melsan. Isaac has already been volunteering with Family Ministry. Isaac will be starting this part-time role August 1.

A Journey of Faith **By Issac Melsan**

I grew up in a Christian household. My parents loved God so much that they wanted us to understand why they loved Him and how to love Him as much as they did.

When I was younger, I never understood it. In fact, I didn't think it was worth praying to someone I couldn't see, and I disliked the songs because I found them boring. However, as I grew up, I started to realize all the things He does for me, and my eyes were opened.

I grew closer to God. I began to read the Bible, trying to understand Him, and I realized that God has a sense of humour. This realization ultimately made me want to worship Him and get closer to Him. The only way I could do that was by getting baptized, but I didn't think I was worth it. I thought I had to be perfect and couldn't make any mistakes anymore. So, I waited and waited, and it took me 2-3 years to finally realize that even if I were to be baptized, I wouldn't be perfect – far from it, but that God would be with me and guide me.

In the end, I finally made my decision and got baptized on Sunday May 26th here at Yorkminster Park, which is one of the best days of my life, if not the best.

In Christ,
Isaac Melsan

2024 | YP SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

THE HARD SAYINGS **OF JESUS**

Wednesdays July 10 to August 14
7:00 pm | ZOOM Only

July 10: Rev. Paula Willis

July 31: Rick Doust

July 17: Rob Inman

August 7: Janet Kim

July 24: John Speller

August 14: Rev. Dale Rose

To register: <https://bit.ly/4emyUxk>
or email pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Arzhang

Backgammon, it is said, is the cruelest game. Perhaps your tactic fails. Or your opponent seems to roll magic. You can only marvel and try to laugh. Nevertheless, new YPBC member, Arzhang, clearly loves the game! A problem solver by training, Backgammon puts his brainpower to the test.

He also applies his keen intellect to English. New to Canada, Arzhang is working consciously to improve his conversational English. He is never shy to consult his pocket dictionary, seeking that special word. These mindful pursuits are no real surprise. Arzhang is an industrial engineer by training. Further, he holds a PhD in Business Administration. In his home country of Iran, he built his career in the senior management of complex pharmaceutical manufacturing operations.

Here in Canada, Arzhang joins his adult son and daughter. His daughter lives and teaches here in Toronto. His son has made a home in BC. His other favourite pastimes include soccer, chess and film.

Please welcome him. Arzhang heard of YPBC by reputation and felt drawn to our congregation. He became a YPBC church member this year on Palm Sunday.

Bentley Green

A native of beautiful Barbados, Bentley grew up in the St. James Parish with his parents and two brothers. They were Methodists, and it was in that church that he received his spiritual foundation. After Bentley left school, he entered the service Industry, first of all in Barbados. When he was still a young

man he moved to Toronto where he continued in that field, initially at private clubs, and then later on as a private butler. He has now retired and enjoys spending more time with his favorite hobbies, cooking and travelling.

After Bentley had visited our church from time to time in the past, he decided in the autumn of 2023 to make a commitment and join YPBC. It was just recently, March 24th, that Bentley entered the waters of baptism on Palm Sunday at our church, joined by several members of his extended family and his new Yorkminster Park friends. Bentley regularly reads his Bible at bedtime, and says he is so nourished and encouraged by Peter's sermons.

Bentley joins YPBC by baptism.

Aaron McSwain

Aaron McSwain was raised in a devout 4th generation Baptist family. There was a strong Christian influence in their home. As a teen-ager however, he "fell away". Only recently, after many difficult years, Aaron has found his way back.

During the last year, after spending many hours daily in intensive bible study, prayer and meditation, he says "it finally registered, and Jesus became my Lord and Saviour".

Our congregation had the joy of hearing some of Aaron's faith journey and witnessing his baptism on Palm Sunday morning. He consistently starts his day in the wee hours of the morning with several hours of bible study, prayer and meditation.

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WELCOME TO **OUR NEW MEMBERS** (continued)

A rose was placed on the Communion Table in thanksgiving to God for the birth of Aaron and his wife, Kira Smylie's, first born son who arrived May 8th. James 1:22 is one of his favorite verses, *"Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only"*. Aaron states that "I live my life with God's Word as my authority".

Aaron enthusiastically shares his faith, and is keen to grow his faith and invite others to YPBC. "I truly admire the congregation at Yorkminster Park. I see individuals here who are rooted and grounded in our community offering stability to those around them. I want to be part of the rich history of YPBC".

Aaron joins YPBC by baptism.

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

We are pleased to announce our line-up of guest ministers for 2024.



July 7

**The Rev.
Laura de Jong**

Pastor, Christian Reformed
Church of North America



July 14

**The Rev. Dr.
Andrew Stirling**

Ambassador, Canadian
Bible Society



July 21 & 28

**The Rev. Dr.
Casey Barton**

Assistant Faculty and
Director of the Pastoral
Ministry Program, Lancaster
Bible College



August 4

**The Rev. Dr.
Das Sydney**

President, Canadian
Council of Churches



August 11

**The Rev. Dr.
Joni Sancken**

Butler Chair of Homiletics
and Hermeneutics,
Vancouver School of
Theology



August 18

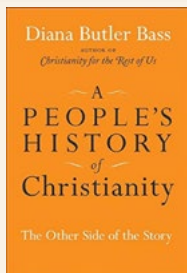
**The Rev.
Dale Rose**

Former Minister of Pastoral
Care, Yorkminster Park,
2012 to 2021.

For more
information about our
guest ministers visit
YPBCSummerPreaching.com ▶



CHECK OUT THE **GLADSTONE LIBRARY!**



Book review by John Phillips

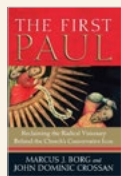
A People's History of Christianity: the Other Side of the Story

Diana Butler Bass. 2009.

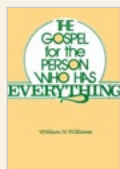
This book was written in response to a comment from a close friend of the author's, who remarked that she "had no trouble with Jesus, it's just the stuff that happened after Jesus that makes me mad"; hence the subtitle of the book "*The Other Side of the Story*". This is a spiritual journey to help us discern God's spirit through Christian history, telling us stories we may not know, or may have overlooked, or misunderstood.

The book is divided into five time periods, and includes numerous accounts of lesser-known individuals whose Christian thinking, ethics and practices provide instruction and direction for how we should act today. It includes a study guide, which makes it suitable for group discussion.

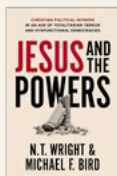
New Titles



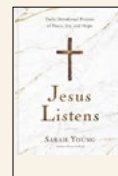
The First Paul:
Reclaiming
the Radical
Visionary Behind
the Church's
Conservative Icon
by Marcus J. Borg



**The Gospel for the
Person Who Has
Everything**
by William H.
Willimon



**Jesus and the
Powers: Christian
Political Witness
in an Age of
Totalitarian Terror
and Dysfunctional
Democracies**
by N.T. Wright



Jesus Listens:
Daily Devotional
Prayers of Peace,
Joy, and Hope
by Sarah Young

The Gladstone Library is open before and after Sunday service.

Contact the library by calling 416-922-1167, extension 241,
or by email at library@yorkminsterpark.com.

You can search the catalogue at: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/YPBlib>.

PRAYERS IN THE PARK

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

in the Meditation Circle
through July and August.

ALL ARE WELCOME



The Yorkminster Park Speakers Series wrapped up its 2023-24 season on June 7th with a fascinating lecture by public opinion researcher Greg Lyle on Canadians' attitudes about our contemporary political scene as well as some of the key issues facing our country like climate change, the cost of converting to low emission energy and the cost of living. If you were not in attendance or watching online – or if you'd like to watch it again – you can do so on the YPSS website, www.YPSpeakersSeries.com, where you can watch the lectures from the past season, or indeed from the past five seasons on-demand whenever convenient for you.

Perhaps this year's highlight was the Evening with Joe Clark, who was sworn in as Canada's youngest Prime Minister 45 years ago this month. Mr. Clark was in conversation with former

Ambassador and MP Chris Alexander, himself a former presenter in the Speakers Series. (See photo with Joe Clark and Chris Alexander along with Peter Holmes and YPSS chair Allan Williams taken in Peter's office before the event). The lineup for 2024-25 is set and includes ten Friday evening lectures with compelling speakers on a wide range of topics including history, science and cultural issues. On September 27th, former Ontario education minister Sean Conway will talk about the threats facing our democratic traditions with the US elections imminent and a Canadian election on the horizon. On October 25th our speaker will be Galen Weston, Chairman and Director of Loblaw Companies Limited.

To receive email reminders about each upcoming lecture, you can join our email list at www.YPSpeakersSeries.com.



The **YPSS** is a continuing education program of Yorkminster Park Church intended to engage the Midtown community at Yonge & St. Clair, and from across Toronto and beyond. We aim to build a community of the curious, where you can encounter authoritative speakers eager to share their knowledge, discover new areas of interest or dig deeper into familiar ones, and engage with others of like mind in a convivial setting of mutual respect.

We are always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20).

Praise God for Family Ministries at YPBC. Praise God for all our families and praise God for our faithful team that come alongside our children/youth and parents... pouring into them God's love, teachings and prayers. Words do not fully express the joy we share as we serve one another with love.

Family Ministries continues to bear Spiritual fruit and it was an honour and a privilege to share words of blessing to our six youth who were baptized as well as offer God's Words of promise on May 26th. Isaac, Angel, Joshua, Ren, Philip and Azaliya were eager to publicly declare their faith in Jesus to all. It was also joy and a delight for Family Ministries to host a fellowship luncheon after the service to celebrate this special day with all! Praise God!!

We lead a **Family Ministry Worship Service** in the late afternoon on Sunday, April 28th with a potluck dinner to follow. Our Youth were involved in the service for a special tableau drama and our FM band were a big part of our worship time. We were also blessed to have **Winston Davis** come along-side us in singing a special song; ***"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"***





One Saturday in April, we had a crew of youth and leaders attend **CBOQ's Faith Sticks Event**. They all had a blast together watching the **Toronto Marlies** Hockey Game. Following the game, they heard one of the players share his testimony about Jesus' impact on his life! Afterward, they had some free skate time on the ice and snacks.

Hazel has been doing a wonderful job as our FM intern these past several months while we look for a new Youth Ministry Assistant. She has many creative gifts that have provided support with our FM Band, Online Videos, Mural paintings and events with Youth.

Leticia (Part-time Children's Ministry Associate) is a big support to us in many ways. She handles a lot of our administration needs and creates weekly power point presentations, collages, craft prepping and monthly videos. She also organizes our

photo gallery and Canva ads along with providing much needed support with our families, online ministry and special events.

Our **FM Band rocks!** We have adults and young adults giving of their time and sharing their gifts to lead all in praise songs. We are also blessed to have a **dynamic team of FM leaders** on board committed to serving God and one another.

Over the summer, we are eager to provide **Potluck Luncheons** after Sunday services on July 15th and August 11th. We are starting up an **Inter-generational Prayer Time Group**, meeting from 9:45-10:15 am in Room 403 most Sundays. And we continue to run our **FM zoom time** every Tuesday evenings.

We are blessed by the Lord, creator of Heaven and earth and give thanks to God for His mercies and grace.

In Christ, Heather Mackey, Director of Family Ministries



INTERGENERATIONAL
SUMMER
PRAYER GROUP



Sundays 9:45-10:15 am
July 14, 21, 28 & August 11, 18, 25 | Cameron Hall
Contact: Heather (Family Ministries) hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Highschool Graduates

Philip Poca graduated from St. Anne Catholic Academy. He is taking a gap year and hoping to get into a Culinary or Special Education Program the following year.

Ava Robertson graduated from Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute and will be attending McGill University in the fall for her Bachelor of Arts

Taya Torrance graduated from Bill Crothers Secondary School in Markham. She will be attending Fleming College in Peterborough in the Mental Health and Addiction Counselling program, with the intention of being a Social Services Worker.

University Graduates

Nancy Alberti graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology on June 11th. She is a YP member and was an active participant in the Choristers, Minster Singers and Youth Programs before she graduated from high school before you arrived. Please join us in praying for her as she explores her future post-graduation.

Casey Charette graduated from Redeemer University with an Honours Science Degree with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Chemistry. She has enjoyed her time in Ancaster and is ready to move home to Toronto. She has begun her search for a professional role. This summer, she will be volunteering at Ontario Pioneer Camp.

Luke Reyes studied Civil Engineering and graduated from Toronto Metropolitan University. He decided to specialize in Transportation Engineering which is a branch under the Civil stream and hoping to find a job in this field.

Colette Seebalack graduated with an Honours BA in Arts and Contemporary Studies, Double Minor in Professional Communication and Sociology from Toronto Metropolitan University. She will continue her work for the Honorary Consulate-General of the Republic of Singapore.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do and he will establish your plans

- Proverbs 16:3

MISSION UPDATE

With summer underway and holidays in full swing the Board of Mission would like to remind the congregation of the investments in the Kingdom their mission dollars achieve.

Please take a look at our video by clicking on the thumbnail or at <https://www.yorkminsterpark.com/give/>

Your generosity is both local and global in scope and impact. Mission dollars are vital to missionaries here and abroad.

The Good News and Good Works go hand in hand. Thank you for your continuing support.



JUST AS I AM



UPDATE FROM YP ART GALLERY

YPBC has received several generous donations of paintings, all of which are intended for permanent display within the building. These art works are a meaningful reminder of the donors and their love and relationship with Yorkminster Park. We are grateful, and invite you to enjoy the art in person over the summer in the YP Gallery (or as indicated).



Emerald Lake – Howard C. Dierlam (d. 1975)

Howard C Dierlam was the first Director of Art of the Toronto Board of Education. Born in Waterloo, Ontario, his career as an arts educator was matched by a passion for painting, which he pursued in his spare time. Dierlam painted on location, with his work focused on traditional landscapes in oil, acrylic and watercolour.

Howard and his wife Florence were original members of Yorkminster Baptist Church, participating actively in the life of Yorkminster. Their daughter, Lois Dierlam (1933-2019), was also well known as an artist and arts educator.

In 2011, the YP Gallery hosted a father/daughter exhibition of the works of Howard and Lois (“Dierlam & Dierlam: A Legacy”). We are grateful to the Dierlam family for the donation of “Emerald Lake”.



Stacked Linens (2018) – Janette Hayhoe

Janette Hayhoe’s oil paintings focus on the ‘everydayness’ of contemporary life. Images of familiar objects and spaces have the power to evoke memory and psychological responses that call our attention to what is often overlooked. The fall of light on an object or space both describes and transforms the mundane.

“Stacked Linens” was part of Janette Hayhoe’s solo exhibition “Objects & Interiority” hosted by YP Gallery in 2018. It has been donated by the family of the late Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas Kenneally.



The Choir (2014) – Tony Kenneth Miller

Tony Miller’s “The Choir” was created as part of a series of paintings, “The Journey”, portraying the artist’s family’s history from Africa, slavery and eventual freedom in Canada. The painting is made in mediums consisting of oil, enamel and acrylic paint on stretched canvas.

This painting has been exhibited at Bliss Studio, The Royal Ontario Museum, Tom Thomson Gallery, Grey Gallery and The Durham Gallery. It was part of Tony Miller’s solo exhibition “Bloodlines” hosted at YP Gallery earlier this year. “The Choir” was donated by Janice Ivory-Smith.

STAYING SAFE WITH EMAIL: SIMPLE TIPS FOR EVERYONE

By Jay Kerr

Emails are a wonderful way to stay in touch with friends and family, but sometimes they can also bring unwanted surprises. It's important to know how to spot suspicious emails to protect yourself from scams. Here are some easy tips to help you stay safe.

1. Beware of Strange Senders

If an email looks suspicious, don't open it. Delete it right away.

When you receive an email, it's important to know who sent it. Scammers often send emails pretending to be someone you know or a trusted company to trick you into opening the email and following their instructions. This tactic is called **"email spoofing."**

When it comes to recognizing spoofed emails, there are a few key signs to watch for. If you receive an email from someone you don't usually correspond with, be cautious. Scammers often use generic greetings like "Dear Customer" instead of your name. Legitimate companies will never ask for sensitive information like passwords or credit card numbers via email. Beware of emails that use urgent or threatening language to prompt immediate action.

2. Look for Errors

If an email has several mistakes, it's likely a scam.

Scam emails often contain **speling mistakes**, grammatical errors, or awkward language that doesn't sound professional. These errors are a red flag because legitimate companies take great care in their communication.

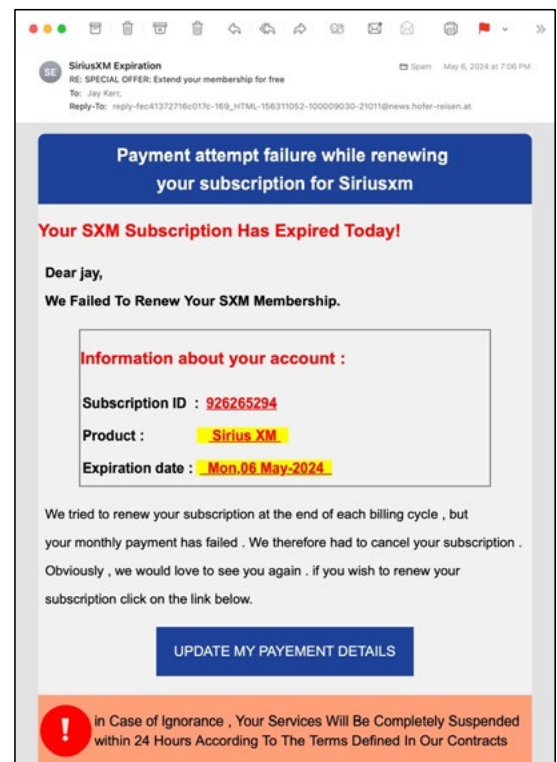
If you notice unusual phrasing or many mistakes, the email is likely not from a trusted source. **Always double-check emails with noticeable errors**, especially if they request personal information or prompt urgent action. When in doubt, contact the company directly using a phone number or website you trust to verify the email's legitimacy.

The email on the right is riddled with multiple flags – spelling mistakes, grammatical errors, poor punctuation, and urgent messaging. SiriusXM would never send an email with this many mistakes.

3. Check the Email Address

Look carefully at the sender's email address. If it looks odd or unfamiliar, be careful.

Scammers often use email addresses that look similar to real ones but with slight changes, such as



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extra numbers, misspelled words, or different domains. For example, an email might come from “support@amaz0n.com” instead of “support@amazon.com.”

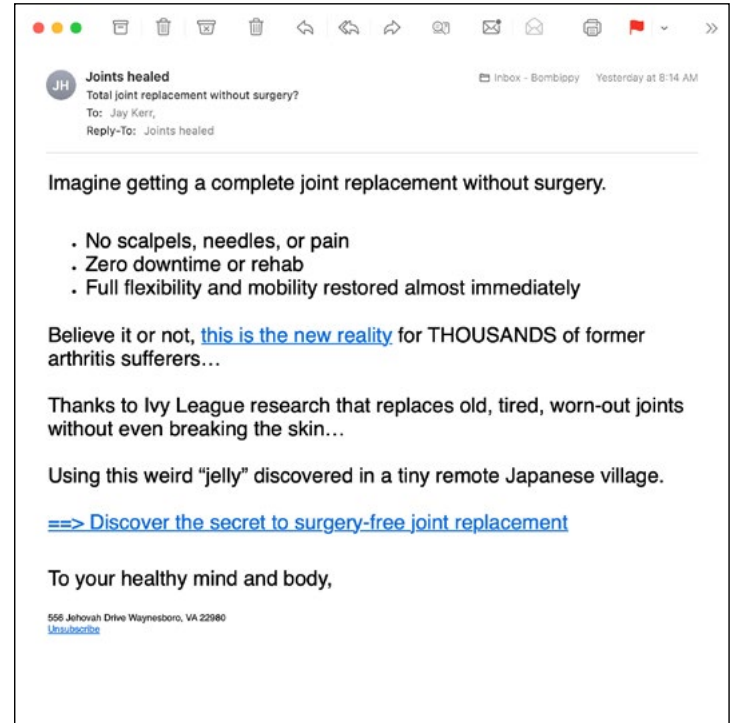
Always look closely at the sender’s email address to spot these subtle differences. **If the email address seems off or unfamiliar, it’s best to be cautious.** When in doubt, don’t respond to the email and contact the company directly using a verified phone number or website.

4. Don’t Click on Unknown Links

Hover over a link to see where it leads before clicking. If you’re unsure, don’t click it.

Links in scam emails can lead to dangerous websites designed to steal your personal information or infect your computer with malware (computer virus). Before clicking any link, hover your mouse over it to see the URL (website address) and check if it looks legitimate.

Be especially cautious if the link seems unrelated to the content of the email or if the email comes from an unknown sender. If you’re unsure about a link, it’s safer not to click on it. Instead, go directly to the company’s official website or contact them through a trusted method to verify the email’s content.



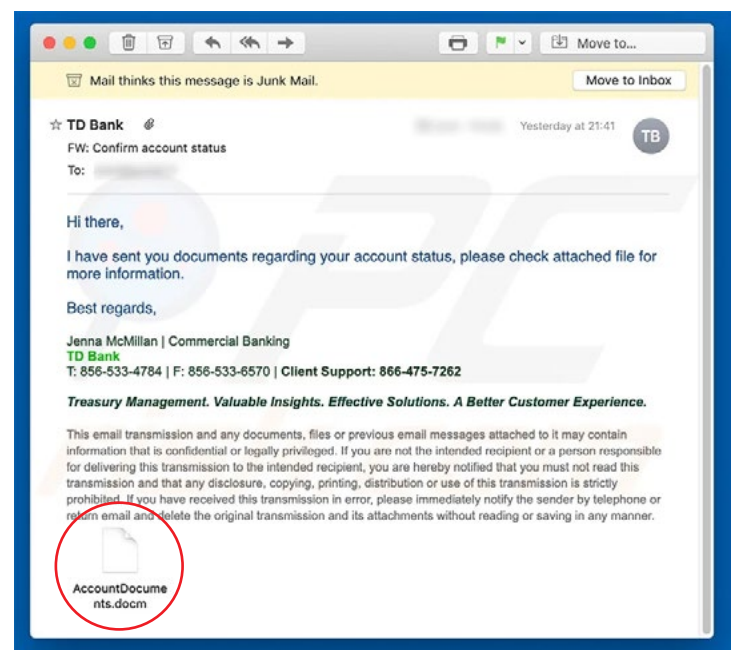
5. Attachments Can Be Dangerous

Don’t open attachments from unknown senders. If a known sender sends an unexpected attachment, confirm with them before opening.

Attachments in emails from unknown senders can contain viruses that harm your computer or steal your information. Even if the sender appears familiar, be cautious of unexpected attachments. Scammers can hack email accounts to send malicious files to people on the contact list other email addresses.

If you receive an attachment you weren’t expecting, verify its legitimacy with the sender before opening it. As a rule, **never open attachments from unknown sources** to keep your computer and personal information safe.

The HTML file attached at the bottom of this email is likely a malicious file. Messages like this should be deleted immediately.



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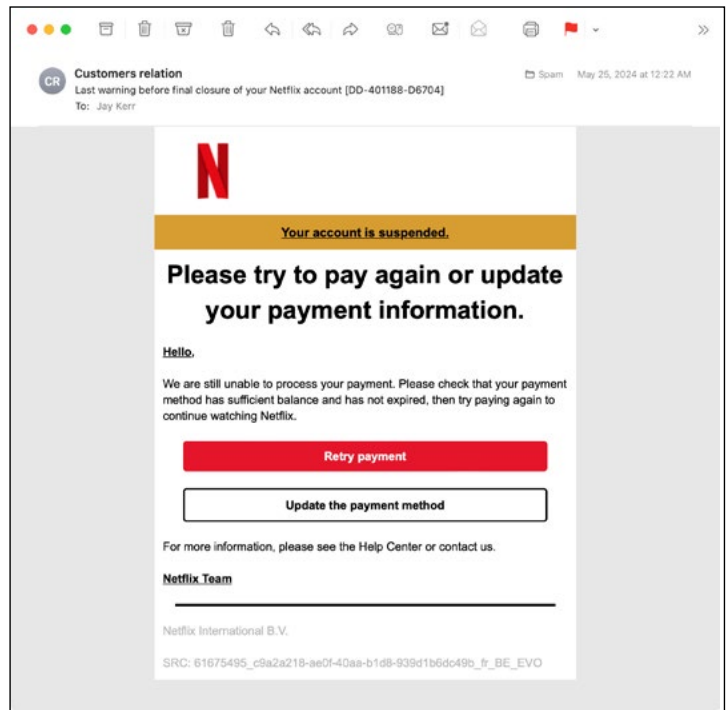
6. Watch for Urgent Messages

Take your time. Verify urgent messages by contacting the company or person directly using a phone number or website you trust.

Scammers often use urgent or threatening language to create a sense of panic and prompt quick action without thinking. Emails that claim “Your account will be closed” or “Immediate action required” are designed to rush you into making mistakes.

Always take a moment to verify the authenticity of such messages. Legitimate companies usually provide ample time and clear instructions for addressing issues without creating a sense of urgency. If you receive an urgent message, contact the company directly using a trusted phone number or website to confirm if the email is real.

In this example the sender is pretending to be Netflix. The subject line and messaging in the email is threatening that if you don't enter your payment information, your account will remain suspended. Note the grammatical errors in the sender's name and the cryptic messaging at the bottom of the email.



7. Protect Personal Information

Legitimate companies will never ask for sensitive information via email.

Never share personal information such as passwords, your social insurance number, or bank details through email. Legitimate companies will never ask for sensitive information via email. If an email requests this information, it is likely a scam attempting to steal your identity or financial details.

Always be cautious and verify any request for personal information by contacting the company directly through a trusted method. Protecting your personal information is crucial to maintaining your privacy and security online.

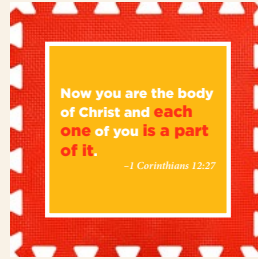
By following these simple tips, you can enjoy the benefits of email while keeping yourself safe from scams. Remember, it's always better to be cautious and take your time to verify emails before taking any action.

LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL 2024



Sunday September 8, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Holy Communion and
Dedications



Sunday September 15, 11:00 a.m. Fall Start-Up

Invite your family and friends to join us as we welcome everyone back from summer travels and vacations.



Sunday September 29, 11:00 a.m. Anniversary Sunday

The Rev. Leanne Friesen,
Executive Minister, CBOQ
will be our guest preacher.

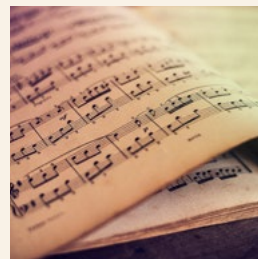


Sunday October 6, 7:00 p.m. Iona Liturgy with music by Iona Passage

Evening services are back!



Sunday October 13, 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service



Sunday October 20, 7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing



Sunday, October 27th to Tuesday October 29th Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship

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Share your email address to receive emails about life at Yorkminster Park and to notify you of any special upcoming services and events. You can also **sign up to receive** the **Sunday calendar** in your inbox every Friday. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with others.

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