

THE KINGSWAY NEWSLETTER

Giving voice to the rich diversity of God's family and reaching out to the community beyond

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FAMILY FUN HOOTENANNY – LET THE LETTERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

By Karen Rankine

Far and wide, the best family fun!

Apple stacking challenge – highest wins

Moms, dads, grandparents, grandkids – all were welcome

If more people square danced, there would be fewer wars
in the world.

Little children with big smiles.

Yaahooo!

Fun games of no-hands donut eating, old time photo booth
and ring toss.

Unbelievable—we square danced for almost 2 hours!

Nathan McCoy and Jonathan Matthews were our
hoedown M.C.s.

Hooray for accomplished caller, Jeff Priest - he taught us well
and challenged us with every set.

On Friday, February 28th families came together at KBC.

Our many thanks to the awesome cooks, set-up and clean-up
crew.

The best pulled pork, baked beans and pizza.

Energetic square dancing with heads, sides, corners and no
hand weaving.

Not without the hard work of MJ, Julie and their team of great
volunteers!

And circle to the left, dosido, pass through, pivot, wheel,
promenade and swing.

Never a dull moment at our Family Fun Night!

Nice cupcake cones.

Yeeeeehaaaaw!



NOTE FROM NANCY WEBB, OUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE PASTOR

Life continues to be full of surprises. Someone wisely said to me one time, "Expect the unexpected." I've learned that life is a journey filled with many twists and turns, and when one trusts in the leadership of God's Holy Spirit it is surprising how life continues to unfold.

Clare and I felt it was divine intervention that brought us initially to Kingsway Baptist about 15 years ago. In true Kingsway fashion we were warmly welcomed by Linda Sparks and Phil Karpetz. If I remember correctly our first day was Laurie Barber's last day. How remarkable it is now that our paths have crossed and that we are both part of the KBC Team.

As a member of the elders board, although unanticipated, it seemed to be a natural flow of

events when I began to work with the staff team in Wayne's absence. Little did I realize that such responsibility would lead to my appointment as interim executive pastor. One is prone to wonder... can I do that? I was encouraged by a verse a dear friend gave me when I began as executive director of Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Once more I clung to those words of the Apostle Paul and accepted the appointment.

It is my joy and encouragement to work and plan with Julie, MJ, Melodie, Rosemary and Jon, and to have the support of Jo Djenar at a moment's notice. We are trying to understand each other's giftedness and release one

another to accomplish the tasks God has called us to both individually and corporately.

I trust that I will have opportunity to meet and interact with all who are part of the Kingsway family, and when I am needed in a pastoral way, you will call me and invite me to walk with you in your life journey.



JON MATTHEWS, INTERIM YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER, SHARES...



It is strange how one piece of news can be both sad and very exciting at the same time. As a volunteer leader with BASIC and Advance, I felt it, and I know we all felt it as a loss when Dave Smith shared that he was resigning his role as youth ministry leader at Kingsway. At the same time, I was delighted to hear that the elders were going to put my name

forward to the congregation to act as interim youth ministry leader. Having the opportunity to continue working with our awesome students in this new role is a dream come true for me.

I feel blessed to be part of a strong legacy of youth ministry that has been firmly established by both Dave and Bryce Dymond here at Kingsway. I'm thankful for their mentorship and especially thankful for all the time Dave has spent over the years investing in me. Without that I couldn't be in a place to "pay it forward," sharing with the middle and high school students how Jesus has changed my life and help them to have relationships with him that continue to do the same.

I look forward to continuing to work with youth, their parents, and our church family as a whole as we

learn and live together, in Christ, this year and beyond.

Please continue praying for our youth and thanking God for the amazing volunteer leaders that we have here at Kingsway!

(Editor's note: Jonathan first came to Kingsway as a pre-schooler, having begun his formal Christian education in the nursery at Walmer Road B.C. He had a succession of wonderful Sunday School teachers and was baptized as a young teen. Ask him about Bunny Camp, his first leadership opportunity at Kingsway . . . What about the photo he's chosen for this article? A little known fact about Jonathan is that he is a champion hatchet thrower, having a long-standing affiliation with the Backyard Axe Throwing League here in the city. Here he's celebrating another win!)

GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK AT KINGSWAY, ROSEMARY!

Anyone who knows Rosemary Borja will tell you about her warmth and her willing spirit, her efficiency and her expertise in a wide range of areas. You might also know that she's a modest person. When asked to write an article for the newsletter, Rosemary chose to write in third-person! Read on . . .

Three years after leaving Kingsway, Rosemary has accepted the invitation to re-join the church staff as office administrator on a part-time basis. One of the reasons that convinced her to return is because of the warmth and genuine Christian love demonstrated by both staff and congregation. As an immigrant who longs for the love and care of family and friends, she has always considered Kingsway as her second home. She had no idea that one day she would be returning, but she is grateful to God for allowing her to use her gift of administration in a church setting again.

As part-time administrator, her role includes finance and accounting, layout and production of printed material, office administration, coordination/scheduling of use of church facilities by both internal and external groups, design and maintenance of the church website, and administrative services to other staff and ministry team leaders (as time permits). Outside of Kingsway, she is also part-time administrator and bookkeeper for Toronto Baptist Ministries, and administration/accounting consultant and webmaster for other CBOQ churches in the GTA including Yorkminster Park, Kipling Avenue, Lisle Memorial, Farmer Memorial and her home church and its outreach church plants at Greenhills Christian Fellowship.



Married to Tom for 28 years and blessed with three amazing young adult children, Raymond, Rosanne and Russell, she enjoys developing deep and meaningful relationships, reaching out to newcomer immigrants, camping and travelling to new places, and singing together as a family.

If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me.

Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice.

The Father will honour and reward anyone who serves me.

John 12:26 (The Message)

FAMILY MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE!

The CBOQ is coordinating a mission trip to the Lighthouse School in the Dominican Republic in December of this year. This is the same location that the youth have served in past trips to the DR.

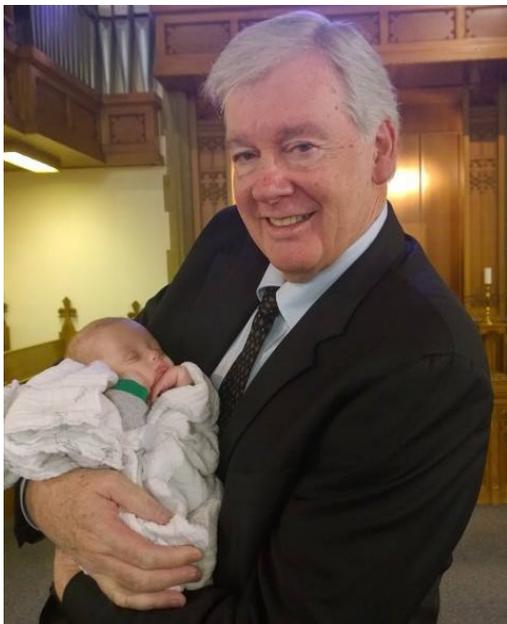
This is a family trip, and the families will look just like yours... maybe it includes grandparents? An aunt? It's an amazing opportunity for families with children ages 6 to 15 to serve together, seek

God together, and experience another culture together! The morning of each day will be construction-based (with age-appropriate tasks, of course) and the afternoons will have an outreach focus. What an incredible experience!

Applications are due in to the CBOQ by April 25. For more information and details, please see MJ Clarry.



HAVE YOU HEARD? Compiled by Ramona Matthews



Matthew and **Lauren Toy** enjoyed a successful ski racing season at Blue Mountain this year. They are now officially faster on the slopes than their mom, **Donna Chow**, and dad, **Phil Toy!** Matthew won fastest male racer in his class, and Lauren was clocked going 68 km/hr. down a course. Recently Donna returned to the paid workforce. Working at World Vision, she provides strategic leadership to the various communications, marketing insight and public engagement areas to support fundraising and engagement goals. She comments, "I'm honoured to work alongside some pretty incredible and committed Christians."

Congratulations to and God's richest blessings on **Ty Tieng**, who recently earned his MBA degree. In addition, he and his wife **Susie** are thrilled to share that their family will be expanding with the addition of a new baby in September.

Thomas Clarry and **Nathan Freeman** - both in Grade 2—enjoyed playing on the same hockey team this year. They'll continue to be team mates when Nathan's mom, **Karen**, and Tom's dad, **Dan**, co-coach their soccer team this spring and summer.

A new generation of Barber children came to worship at Kingsway when **Laurie Barber** returned as guest preacher in February. In fact, "Rev. Dr. Grandpa," as he's been described by son Jamie, had the opportunity to pose with new grandson **Cole** on his first Sunday at church. Cole was born on January 9th to **Jamie** and his wife **Genevieve** — congratulations! Cole's Barber cousins are **Andrew and Dana's** children, **Nathan** and **Charlotte**.

Knee and hip replacement surgeries are common these days, and you might know that the recovery from either is not for sissies! Our own **Deborah Kennedy** is credited with thanks in a very engaging, helpful YouTube video by Dr. Mike Evans, *Hip and Knee Replacement*:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAL_TrQdtTY
Deb, you might know, is manager of rehabilitation and program development for Sunnybrook's Holland Orthopedic and Arthritic Centre.

On his recent trip to China and Thailand with some CBOQ pastors of Chinese-speaking churches, **Tim McCoy** gained the apt nickname of *Smiling Pastor*. This was given to him by a Chinese Baptist pastor who bears the same name and told him that he had found his brother.

Did you notice the hose running into Kingsway House? This is a temporary water supply as a result of the underground feed to Kingsway House being frozen. It will be removed once we have a good thaw. . . whenever that might be!

Our sanctuary soon will be more welcoming than ever — new pew arrangement will allow for better wheelchair accessibility. This needs to comply with fire regulations, and will be done once all interested parties have seen the plans. Spread the word!

In Kingsway House, during our Grade 1/2 Sunday School class recently, we were sitting on the carpet talking about the different things we can do with our hands when we pray. One boy jumped up like a jack-in-the-box, with arms outstretched straight in front of him and twinkling eyes. He exclaimed with enthusiasm, "Zombie prayer!"



Do you wonder if **Jo Djenar** lost count of how many times he had to haul out the snowblower this year? Let's hope it's now in storage until 2015! Thanks, Jo, for your work this cold, snowy winter!

DO YOU KNOW OF A RENTAL HOME FOR SUZANNE AND JOEY?



My daughter, Suzanne, her husband, Joey Cherdarchuk, and their three children (9 year old Nia and 3 ½ year old twin boys Coen and Gabriel) are hoping to come to the Toronto area for a year from approximately August 2014 to August 2015. They will rent their home in Edmonton and need to rent a 4 bedroom detached, semi-detached, or townhouse with yard space in the Mississauga, Brampton, Etobicoke area. They have been looking online but would also like to explore the option of renting through someone they or we might know. If you know anyone who has a house to rent for a family of 5, please contact Suzanne by e-mail: cheeky_afro@hotmail.com.

Many thanks, Linda Deterville

Deb Sutherland was accepted to be a participant in a mission trip to Uganda by the rEcess parent organization, 99 Balloons. She'll be going in September. See Deb if you would like more information about her incredible opportunity.

At a special chapel service at McMaster Divinity College, **Dr. Phil Zylla** was inducted to the J. Gordon and Margaret Warnock Jones Chair in Church Ministry on March 10th. This chair was established to enable the work of the pastoral ministry and church in its various settings and to see the renewal of the church. Phil has been the Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology since 2007 and is married to **Melodie**.

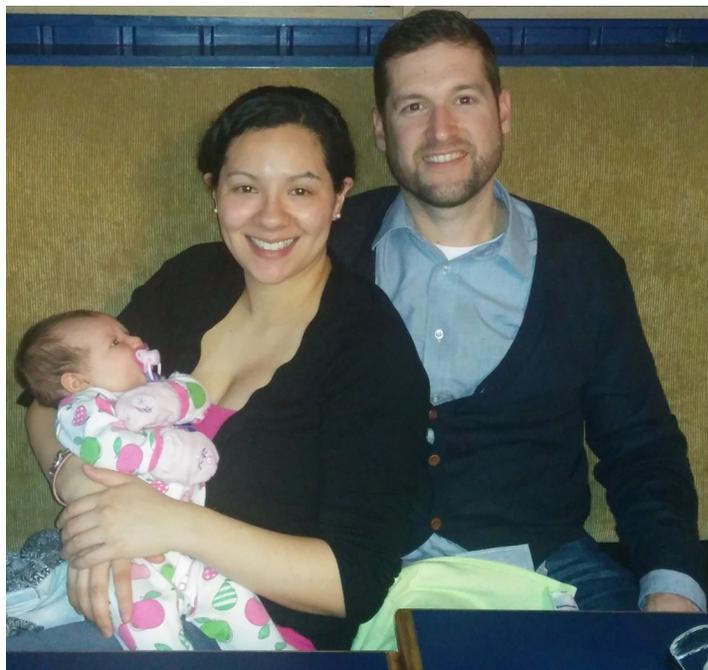


Bob Martin recently donated a beautiful, antique Bible stand to the church and it is now being used to hold our large Bible on the Communion table in the sanctuary.

Congratulations to **Greg Matthews**, who is engaged to be married to **Laura Bolender**! They first met as students at Etobicoke School of the Arts. Both Greg and Laura were attendants in the wedding party of **Ainslie (Froese) and Reg McLean**—before they started dating! Laura is the youth ministry leader at Weston Park Baptist Church, where she is the fourth generation on both sides of her family to participate in membership there. The wedding date is set for October 18th.

TWO (YES, TWO) DYMOND BIRTHS

Kingways's former teen and youth leader, **Bryce Dymond**, and his wife **Catherine** welcomed the birth of **Evelyn Colette Yee Dymond** in Ottawa on January 30th. Evelyn weighed 8 lb. 11oz. All are thriving!



Bryce has also announced that the book he has been writing, *Glorious and Free*, is ready for publication. You may recall that in 2011 Bryce and two of his friends ran across Canada in support of highlighting child poverty issues in our country. **Julie, Tim, Nathan and**

Daphne McCoy, Greg Matthews and Ken Froese all ran for several days with them in different provinces as part of this, the One Nation Run. Consider sponsoring the printing of Bryce's book through his Kickstarter campaign online, which continues until April 8th. Go to www.kickstarter.com then type in *Glorious and Free* in the *Search Projects* box. Bryce has an important message to share, particularly with young people. Note that if you contribute \$20 or more, you'll receive your own copy of the book. (As well, a copy will be placed in our resource centre for borrowing.)

KIDS' CORNER



The SWEET Truth of Easter

These candies tell a story ~
the best news you'll ever hear.
It's about Jesus dying on the cross
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see
the **M** becomes a **W**, an **E** and then a **3**.

The **E** stands for Easter....
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.
It reminds us of the cross
and the way God rescued sinful man.

The **3** represents the 3 days Jesus spent in the
grave
By His death, His children He did save.

The **M** reminds us of the mercy the Messiah
showed as He died in our place,
and the miracle of the resurrection
so we can see Him face to face.

The **W** reminds us that He alone
is worthy of our worship and praise
and calls us to be His witnesses
around the world for all of our days.

By Bethany Tapp

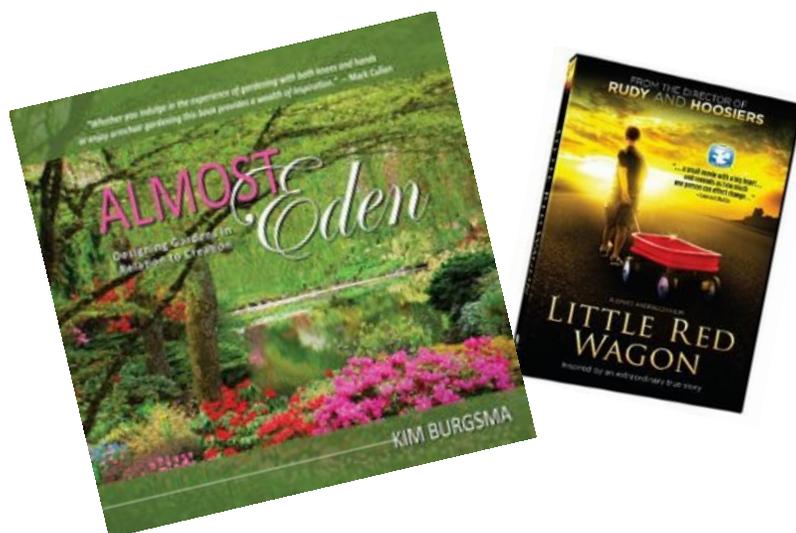
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CORNER ON RESOURCES: TWO REVIEWS

Book review by Linda Deterville

Because our thoughts may turn to gardening with the coming of spring, I want to draw your attention to a beautiful book by Kim Burgsma called **Almost Eden**. As Mark Cullen says in his introduction, "whether you indulge in the experience of gardening with both knees and hands or enjoy armchair gardening, this book provides a wealth of inspiration." The title, **Almost Eden: Designing Gardens in Relation to Creation**, indicates the Biblical context and content that is found within. We delight in the seasons, respectfully tend the earth, provide an appropriate environment for birds and butterflies, and rejoice in community by making our gardens places where people can enjoy a meal, play together, linger for peaceful conversation. There is a wealth of practical information about amending soil, choosing plants, weeding and watering, and the photographs are exquisite. There are landscapes and waterscapes, carpets of wildflowers and masses of cultivated blooms as well as single blossoms, insects and birds. There are also easy to follow charts and checklists that will aid the novice gardener in organizing spring, summer, fall, and even winter gardening duties. So, although it provides excellent instruction, this is also a book to enjoy simply for its beauty.

Happy Reading! Happy Browsing! Happy Spring!



DVD Review by Khirode and Tushar Robertson

Little Red Wagon is a movie based on a true story about Zach Bonner who was inspired by Hurricane Charley to raise money for homeless kids in the U.S. Zach was 8 years old when he started collecting emergency supplies for kids who lost their homes. The characters are believable, the plot is well-paced, and it reminded Tushar of the Terry Fox story. We thought the subplot would tie in more to the main story, but it did show how easy it is for people to become homeless. Khirode felt that it wasn't necessarily a family movie because of the yelling scenes and the reality of the hurricane's devastation (i.e. a rating of Children 10+). The ending was too abrupt, but we liked seeing real pictures of Zach Bonner during the credits. **3 out of 4 stars**

DIAMONDS' SPARKLING WINTER PROGRAMMES By Karen Rankine



For our annual Diamonds' Valentines Day lunch, Shannon and John Woolfrey hosted a wonderful musical morning of love songs, sing-a-longs, comedic readings and *Name that Tune!* Shannon was marvelous on the piano and John kept us laughing with humorous stories and readings. Marion Robbins provided a lovely chocolate layered cake for dessert.

Thanks to Shannon and John for being our special guests and thanks to Julie and her team for the great hospitality!



We were privileged once again to have Registered Dietitian Buffy MacGregor as our guest speaker for the Diamonds on Feb. 27th. Buffy started us off with a "Rate Your Plate" quiz that we got to score ourselves and take home. She gave us a very informative and interesting 10 point presentation on Heart Health and how to eat properly to maintain a 'healthy ticker'.

Buffy brought her husband, Rob, or "Rastafarian Rob," who handed out the quiz and the many prizes to those who correctly answered questions. Buffy kept us on our toes by informing and quizzing us about everything from the causes of heart disease to how to read nutrition labels, the abundance of sugar and salt in our store-bought food, Omega-3 fatty acids and more. She also spoke about how to make better choices in our snacks and meal planning. Buffy made sure to make the presentation fun and user-friendly so we could all enjoy the information.



*Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me.
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself the Name
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three
By whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

A prayer of St. Patrick

KIDSCAMP WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!

July 7-11 is Weird Animals Kidscamp, where Jesus' love is one of a kind! Lots of fun is to be had through stories, games, activities, songs and so much more!

Space is still available but is filling up fast, so register soon at www.kingswaybaptist.ca.

We do still have amazing leadership opportunities available — junior leaders, senior leaders, rEcess assistants, station leaders and more!

Please check out the website for more info and to sign up as a volunteer.



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