

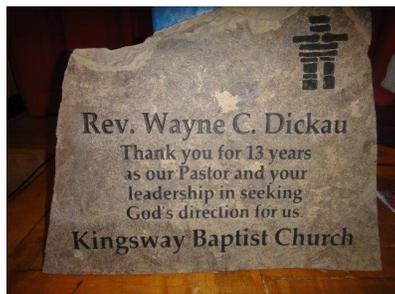
THE KINGSWAY NEWSLETTER

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

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FAREWELL, PASTOR WAYNE

Sunday, April 27 was Wayne Dickau's last Sunday at Kingsway Baptist Church. During the worship service that morning, previous church leaders Herb Cooney, Ken Crofoot, Ken Froese and Graeme Quigley spoke, as well as our current moderator Rod Morrell. Pastor Wayne responded with recollections of his time at our church since he, Sandra and Joel arrived in Toronto in September 2001. As well, Sydney Klassen was baptized by Pastor Wayne. Later in the day a dinner was held with Ken Crofoot as master of ceremonies. During the evening's programme several people spoke about the impact that Pastor Wayne has had on their lives. Gifts given on behalf of the congregation were an inscribed, commemorative stone and an inukshuk, which now graces the Dickau garden.



KBC photos by Karen Rankine;
family photo from the Dickaus

SYDNEY KLASSEN'S BAPTISM



Sydney Klassen was baptized on April 27th, with Pastor Wayne Dickau conducting this ordinance.

Lois Nuk writes: "On Friday, April 25th I had the great pleasure of interviewing one of our Kingsway Baptist Church teens, Sydney Klassen, regarding her request to be baptized at Kingsway Baptist Church on Sunday, April 27th. Sydney describes, beautifully, her genuine faith in Christ and clear understanding of her decision to walk with Christ in newness of life and express this in the waters of baptism.

I was very touched by her confident yet gentle way of describing her faith in Christ. Sydney is an enthusiastic participant in her Etobicoke Collegiate Institute Christian student group and a wonderful witness in her school community. Many of us have enjoyed watching Sydney grow up in our church family and are so thrilled to see how her faith has blossomed and grown. This is a testament to the wonderful legacy of the Christian family that she has grown up in. The witness of baptism is such a gift and blessing from God for our church and we are truly grateful! Praise God!"

SUMMER INTERNS 2014 By Mary-Jane Clarry

We are thrilled to announce the summer interns for 2014 for Kingsway!

Kristina Gummatova is taking on the position of lead intern and will also be our worship intern. Kristina was on our team last year as well and we are so happy she is taking on this leadership position. Kristina is studying music at York and is well known as part of our worship team.

Katie Rumney is sharing a role of children and youth intern with Jeremie Lintner. Katie just finished her first year at OCAD. She is an Advance leader and is well loved by the kids. She brings an incredible heart for kids and youth with her! Jeremie graduated from South Kent School in Connecticut at the end of May and is known especially to our Sunday school as our athlete that we pray for. (In case you didn't know, Jeremie is a stellar hockey goalie.) Jeremie also has a heart for kids and a heart for mission.

The interns will be working hard this summer. They will be providing leadership for Kidscamp, both at Kingsway and in the Stonegate area. They will be taking on mentoring roles with youth and bringing youth alongside on mission-within-the-city initiatives. They will be leading worship and Sunday school. They will be organizing Taste of the Kingsway. They will be covering simple office duties, and so much more.

Please be praying for Kristina, Jeremie and Katie as they take on their internships this summer. It will be amazing to see what God has in store for them and Kingsway.



MOVING FORWARD 2014 By Rod Morrell, KBC Moderator

In our Program and Election Meeting on May 25, our vision of *Moving Forward 2014* was presented. This was developed as a result of an ongoing series of joint elders-staff meetings where we spent time listening to each other, working through issues, and planning. The following are the proposed actions, and everyone is welcome and urged to provide any opinions they have.

The first component is reaching out. This will be undergirded by an ongoing series of prayer sessions throughout this time. The purpose is to connect to those affected by our church and its leadership in a quiet setting, typically in the person's home, and to ask what we can do to help. Nancy Webb and Rod Morrell will coordinate this.

We also envisage organizing small group meetings in homes so people can express their feelings and ask questions, and be invited to provide their suggestions on how we best bring about healing, what direction we should follow as a church, and to indicate how or where they might like to be involved. These meetings will be led by a single team in order to help bring about consistency.

We feel we need to proceed in parallel to appoint a pastor search committee. As defined in the Constitution Section 9, the elders are approaching people to serve on this committee, which nominations will then be submitted to the congregation for approval. We are aiming for 7 people, 3 of them "younger," and a mix of the sexes. The elders are suggesting that the congregation work through the above restoration process before the committee begins its search process, but that we should begin now to appoint the committee. The search process needs to entail ongoing prayer as well, and will include congregational meetings to identify key attributes to seek in the pastor, preparing a summary of the church's nature and vision and the opportunities it would offer the pastor, and then proceeding with the search.

One notion that came out of the *Congregation Assessment Survey Report* in January 2014 is that we might be wise to re-examine our church governance structure to determine if it can benefit from some adjustments. This would be done with the help of consultants, some of whom have been potentially identified. We need to consider the timing of this so that it does not interfere with the above.

We very much welcome and seek everyone's input. Feel free to phone or email any of the elders with your thoughts as to needs that should be addressed or directions we should follow.

We pray that the Lord will guide us all in our process of *Moving Forward 2014*.

SAVE THE DATE . . . OASIS IS 20 AND YOU ARE INVITED!

One of our ministry partners, Oasis Dufferin Community Centre, is celebrating two decades of faithful ministry on Saturday, September 27 starting at 1:00 p.m. An open house will be held to which all are invited to share, remember and celebrate! See the website for more information: www.oasisdufferin.org

HAVE YOU HEARD? Compiled by Ramona Matthews



Three of the members of Advance will be leaving elementary school behind and moving on to Grade 9 in September. From left to right in the photo: **Abby Clarry** will be going to Humberside C.I., continuing in the French Immersion programme; **Alaysia Graham** will be attending North Albion C.I.; and **Calen Demel** will be a student at Etobicoke C.I. The girls are well-known to and appreciated by our youngest Sunday School boys and girls, helping out in Sunday School one Sunday each month with the same beaming smiles you see here.

Speaking of the **Demel** family, **Jason** is playing for the Royal York Baseball League's AA Cardinals, and is hoping that his team makes the provincial playoffs again this year. Jason is a Gr. 11 student at Richview C.I., a BASIC member, and a friendly and capable assistant in our Gr. 1/2 Sunday School class.

Eliza Clarry made her You Tube debut recently. She and her siblings were at a Camp Kwasind event in April and Eliza participated as an actor in a promotional video for this summer. To see it, go to youtube.com and type in *Camp Kwasind— Summer 2014* in the search box. Eliza also had fun performing in *Suessical, the Musical* at her school, Runnymede Public School, not long ago.

Melodie and Phil Zylla are now grandparents! Landon was born on April 30 to their daughter Amanda and her husband, Kevin Birnie. Melodie went to B.C. for the birth and was joined by Phil and **Chelsey** for some wonderful time with their newest family member. Babysitting is surely in the cards for the Zyllas as Amanda and Kevin have just moved to Hamilton with little Landon so that Kevin can attend McMaster Divinity College.



Shirley and Peter Ingram enjoyed two months on Amelia Island in Florida once again this year. They really appreciate the wonderful church community of which they are a part when they are there.

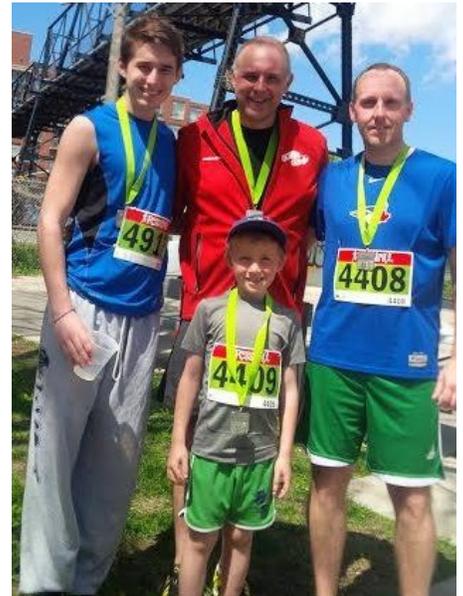
Matthew Kennedy has graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto and has chosen family medicine at Western University in London for his residency. Hearty congratulations to you, Dr. Kennedy!

Brian Robertson has begun a four month pastoral internship at Burnett Fellowship Baptist Church in Maple Ridge, B.C. He will be preaching 12 sermons over 12 weeks twice each weekend. Staying with **Sumitra's** parents, Brian will be joined by the rest of the family at different points in the summer.



Phil Karpetz supervised while the demolition crew of **Jo Djenar, Charles Darkwa** and **Jon Matthews** took a jackhammer to the porch at the side door of Kingsway House in late May. **Fred Allin** has drawn up plans for a replacement made of pressure-treated wood, and all that is needed to make this a reality is a group of willing volunteers. Is this a skill you have or would like to learn? If so, please contact Phil Karpetz as soon as possible.

The annual Oasis Dufferin Community Centre Walk/Run can count on **Tim and Nathan McCoy** and **Dan Clarry** to put their best feet forward year after year but a new KBC runner joined them in 2014. **Tom Clarry**, age 7, ran the 4 km option. He also was the top fundraiser of the 100 plus participants of both the 4 km and 8 km distances, raising over \$1,000. and winning a pair of tickets to a Maple Leafs game. **Ramona and Greg Matthews** helped out again this year, Ramona at registration and Greg in the start-finish area. As of May 27, Chris Ortiz is happy to report that over \$8,000. has been raised from this event and that it is “much appreciated and will be put to good use.”



Beth Roberts’ and **Judy McKittrick’s** father, **Harold Roberts**, celebrated his 90th birthday in May. Harold was a long-time and active member of our church before moving to Cape Breton with his wife, Yvonne. Judy reports that they are continuing to live in their own home and that Harold is keeping well.

Lois Nuk recently had a weekend away celebrating the 30th anniversary reunion of her New Moms’ group! Wonder how many of them are grandmothers now?

Linda Deterville shares: “**Helen** and I spent the Victoria Day weekend in Ottawa visiting a friend who used to be a neighbour. She actually lives in Gatineau Park and moved there 9 years ago because she and her family love to cross-country ski. The park road is closed during the winter and groomed as a ski trail, so it's accessible almost from their door step! At this time of year, the woodlands were full of trillium. There are several lakes in the park, the most famous one being Meech Lake. Our friends are within a 10 minute drive of Meech Lake and often go swimming there during the summer.”

Did you see a car filled with tomato plants and begonias a few Sundays ago? Yes, those were some of the fruits of **Bill Johnston’s** labour this past winter and spring. Bill begins by sterilizing his own compost in an oven in his garage, and continues by starting all his plants from seed and nurturing them in his greenhouse. This year he once again grew over 200 tomato plants—almost all of which he gives away—as well as a few *dozen* begonias. Those of us who are the recipients of his labours are very grateful, especially when we savour these delicious tomatoes later in the summer.

Correction: In the last newsletter **Nathan Freeman** was credited with being in Gr. 2. Nathan is, in fact, in Gr. 1. He’s a mature boy for his age!

We’d love to include *your* news in the next edition of the newsletter, to be produced after the summer!



CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRUCE NEAL’S ORDINATION

After graduating from McMaster University and Divinity College, Bruce was ordained in his home church in Belleville on June 22, 1954, beginning his ministry in youth leadership for his denomination. Bruce was Minister of Christian Education at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church from 1961-1965 and then became the senior pastor at James St. B.C. in Hamilton, Walmer Rd. B.C. here in Toronto, and Lorne Park B.C. in Mississauga, all with his wife Barb by his side, raising their five children along the way (and welcoming ten grandchildren over the years).

After retirement, Bruce was interim pastor at both Murray St. B.C. in Peterborough and our own church. Bruce has authored several books, and we are all blessed when we have the opportunity to hear him speak or participate in a Bible study led by him.

Bruce is not one to “toot his own horn,” so you may not know that he chaired the Canadian Baptist Relief and Development ministry (The Sharing Way) for 10 years, or that he was a founding member and early chairman of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, or that he was granted an honorary Doctor of Divinity by McMaster Divinity College.

We pray that Bruce and Barb will be blessed with many more years of vigour in His service. Congratulations, Bruce, on this significant milestone!

rEcess: BLESSING AND BLESSED By Debbie Sutherland



We have been very busy at rEcess, the monthly respite ministry for children with special needs, their siblings and parents. We now have 27 children registered from 19 different families, who come from as far away as Burlington, Woodbridge and east Scarborough. We have 45 volunteers, many from KBC. God continues to bless this thriving new ministry. We recently received a \$2500 grant from the Three To Be Foundation for equipment and continue to be blessed by Supperworks Etobicoke which donates the dinners to feed all our volunteers on rEcess nights.

In March we had an Easter Egg Hunt and in April a visit from Safari Science. The kids and volunteers were very excited to see and touch many interesting animals. We also hosted a group from Burlington, who are hoping to start their own rEcess; we prayed for this to spread and it is beginning. In May the Blue Jays' mascot, Ace, was kept busy by the kids. June 21 will be our last rEcess until October and we will be celebrating with a barbecue for all our families and volunteers.

I was in Arkansas May 1 to May 4 for a conference hosted by 99 Balloons, parent organization of rEcess. The conference provides an opportunity for all the rEcess churches to get together to talk about successes and challenges, in addition to amazing speakers who give insight to many issues we all face, such as a fully inclusive, fully accessible church, maintaining a volunteer base and more. It was truly a God-inspired weekend, where I learned a lot that I will now prayerfully put into practice.

I will also be heading off to Jinga, Uganda in September to run a Bible day camp for children with special needs while their parents attend workshops and receive health information from medical professionals. This is all part of the global initiative of 99 Balloons. God laid it on my heart that I need to be doing more to assist families with children with special needs. I believe that these children were created in the image of our Father and if we take the time to minister to these families and their children we stand to learn a great deal about love, compassion, patience, acceptance, and peace. For more information or to make a donation you can speak to me or go to www.99balloons.org/debbie

MY BIBLE STUDY By Lois Nuk

When I first came to a saving faith in Christ— here at KBC—the dear friend who was praying for me and encouraging me wisely recommended that I join a regular Bible study. At that exact time, Kingsway's own, dear, Mary Bosso, helped set up the second Canadian class of Community Bible Study (CBS) at our church. The original Canadian class was being held at Spring Garden Baptist Church and there were enough people from our area to warrant a class of its own. . . just in time for me! And, apart from a few interruptions, here I am 24 years later still attending a weekly Community Bible Study class. The class quickly outgrew the available space at KBC and has since been hosted by different area churches over the years. Now there are many classes across Canada. CBS International has classes in many countries and languages around the world.

In the simple process of faithfully studying God's Word week by week, God is faithful to accomplish what Paul tells us in Romans 12: 2, and we are transformed by the renewing of our minds. God's Word feeds me and sustains me. I can't imagine getting along without it. This interdenominational study group is lively and fun and it is enriching to study scripture with people of various ages and experiences. The daytime class in our area has an excellent Bible-based children's program from babies to pre-schoolers. I attend a nearby evening class since I am at work during the day.

So if you are thinking about Bible study for yourself or a loved one check out www.cbsicanda.org



Ed. Note: Many of us at Kingsway remember the late Mary Bosso, always with appreciation and fondness. She was a true servant leader with a generous spirit and a lilting Scottish accent to go along with it. You may know we worship here with one of her daughters and her family — Rosemary Burnell and her husband Jeff, as well as their children Thomas, Emily and Benjamin. That makes three generations serving at Kingsway!

FAMILY FAITH CONVERSATIONS By Mary Jane Clarry

It kind of sounds big, doesn't it? Family faith conversations. Like it would need planning. Research. Preparation. And it doesn't really sound very fun... But it doesn't have to be hard to have conversations with kids about Jesus. It's as easy as journeying through your days together and pointing out where you see God.

Take a walk with your family. Spot amazing things in nature and give the glory to God for his creation.

Be thankful for people... both to the people, and also to God. Be appreciative in front of your kids and bring them in on who and what they are thankful for.

Don't hesitate to talk about a God moment after the fact... Look back at previous events and share where you see God's hand in a situation. Where do the others in your family see God's hand?

Take a moment that has gone completely sideways and make it teachable. Did you lose it with your kids? Could they see you messing up right in front of their eyes? Humble yourself and ask forgiveness. Talk about what went south and where you could have done better. Talk about where you saw your choices veer away from God's best.

Be authentic, be spontaneous and keep it simple. Trust God, love your family and share what God is doing in your life. Easy as that!



Kids' Corner

By Mary-Jane Clarry

Hey, kids! Here's an activity to do with your family.

Buy a small beach pail and some popsicle sticks from the dollar store. You need only one pail for your family.



First, decorate your pail with stickers or markers that you already have.

Then take the popsicle sticks. On each stick write one thing you can pray for. Maybe you are thinking "Please, God, ..." or "Thank you, God, ..." or "I'm sorry" or maybe you want to say "Praise God for..." Don't forget about people you would like to pray for, too. Put the sticks in your pail when you are done.

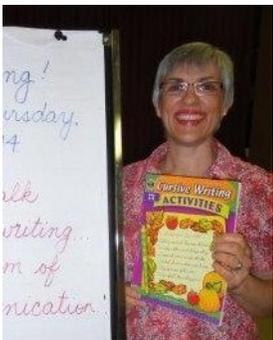
When it is prayer time, each member of the family chooses a stick. Take turns going around your family, praying for what is written on your stick.

DIAMONDS IN THE SPRING By Karen Rankine, & Ramona Matthews with Lynda Wright



The Diamonds were pleased to welcome June and Dick Roberts for a slide show presentation of their trip to Spain and the pilgrimage they took on part of the route of the Camino de Santiago de Compostelo. Here they are holding their passport, diploma of completion and the symbolic shell. Ask June or Dick if you'd like to know more about the fascinating symbolism behind the shell.

Each year since 2005 the Diamonds have held a special Communion service with a luncheon served afterwards, and 2014 was no exception. Bruce Neal led this service in a quiet, meditative way and gave a meaningful devotional, with Shannon Woolfrey providing beautiful musical accompaniment. This year the chancel was luminous due to lovely light shining through the rose window. All agree that this Communion service is something to which people look forward to year after year and find very inspirational.



At the last meeting of this programme year, Ramona Matthews came to present on the topic of cursive writing in North America. Each person had the opportunity to try some exercises from a popular form of cursive business writing from 100 years ago as well as the writing we learned as children. It was interesting to see some samples of cursive writing that had been brought that morning for display, and to hear anecdotes about learning to write and the importance it held for us when we were young.

THE WEIRD ANIMALS ARE COMING!



Kidscamp is just around the corner! From July 8-11 kids will be experiencing stories, songs, crafts, experiments, games and so much more. All the while they will be learning about how Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind.

We have some great special guests coming too: One will have reptiles, one is an Olympian, and one will amaze us with his ability to do incredible things. All this and water day (awesome!) and many more surprises.

Our preschool camp is full, and we have less than 10 spots remaining for the big kid camp. Register soon at www.kingswaybaptist.ca. Praise God for all the kids who are coming.

We have a great volunteer staff coming together, and still have room for more helpers. This is a chance to have a great time and help out by taking photos, registering kids, helping with special events or leading a station. Keep us in your prayers as the opening day approaches. Please check out the website for more info and to sign up as a volunteer.

MATTHEW HOUSE DOCUMENTARY FILM FUNDRAISER: JUNE 11



One of our ministry partners, Matthew House, is inviting everyone to a special fundraiser on June 11 at 7:00 p.m. This is how you'll find it described on their website: "Join us at the newly renovated Bloor Hot Docs Cinema for the screening of *Everybody's Children*, a National Film Board of Canada documentary about the journey of two African youth seeking asylum in Canada, one of whom is a former Matthew House resident. Learn first hand about the experiences of newly arriving refugee claimants in Canada."

"The film will be followed by a panel discussion, led by the host of CBC's *The Current*, Anna Maria Tremonti, on the plight of unaccompanied refugee teens. The panel will be comprised of former Matthew House resident Salieu from Sierra Leone (featured in the film) and others who have journeyed the same path alone. After the panel, an opportunity will be given for guests to practically respond to what they have learned as we celebrate the launch of our new "Flight to Freedom" program. As a gift for supporting the program, guests will receive an exclusive hand crafted butterfly from former resident and artist Jo." (Jo, of course, is our own Jo Djenar; you see a photo of one of the butterflies he created accompanying this article.)

Tickets are available online at www.matthewhouse.ca at \$25.35 for a regular ticket and \$350.00 for the VIP Experience.

UPCOMING AT OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

June 15—Father's Day BBQ after the worship service

June 22—Celebration for Dave Smith, and Marvyn and Carmen Hall

Ongoing—Don't forget to sign up and participate in the **28th Annual Summer Reading Game**. It's open to all and is running until September 7. We're all "wild for reading" this summer! Join us - register in the library.

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Your news is welcome any time at all! See one of the committee members, or send an e-mail to one of them or the church office.

Watch for news of our Fall deadline in the bulletin.
Have a wonderful summer!

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