

Youth Information

The summer has been flying by and now we approach the Fall. Rock Solid Youth met 4 times over the summer to get together for a variety of activities. We had a games night, a water night and our soccer baseball day.

As we look toward the Fall, our youth group nights will be changing to Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. twice a month, as well as the second and fourth Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, September 8th will be our first meeting. Messy Church is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., followed by our Rock Solid Youth meeting. Messy Church is a great way to get volunteer hours and also help out our community.

A registration package with a detailed schedule from September to December will be available for pick up on September 10th at the Welcome Back BBQ.

To meet safe church requirements, anyone wishing to volunteer to help for our youth excursion days is asked to sign the signup sheet on September 10th.

The Fall curriculum for 10:30 a.m. bible time is lectionary based, from *Feasting on the Word*. We encourage youth from grades 7 to 12 to consider joining us in the youth room.



What's Happening at St. Mark's

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From the Rector's Desk

The heavens have opened (again!) as I write... what a change from the sweltering temperatures of last summer. I might say that our lawn is looking a lot happier! My understanding is that our Jewish sisters and brothers regard rain as a sign of blessing. At the same time, I hope and pray that the rain has not interfered too much with your plans and that you have had opportunity for rest and refreshment over July and August.

We are looking forward very much to reconnecting with those who have been away over the summer as our Fall programming fires up. Please take time to acquaint yourselves with all that is happening in our busy life here and I encourage you not only to be present on Sunday, but to avail yourselves of the many other opportunities God is providing through St. Mark's for your growth in the image and likeness of his Son. Our



Ministry Fair at Sunday worship on September 10th is an excellent way to find out more about the various ministries offered in our life. One of the ways God draws us more deeply into his life and develops our sense of belonging is through the sharing of the gifts God has entrusted to us to make a difference in the lives of those around us. You will discover many ways in which your interests and passions can find a place of nurture in our community. God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. I am praying that the Spirit of Jesus gives us all a clearer sense of the abundance with which God is showering us so that we in turn may discover the joy in sharing our abundance with others, and especially those who are vulnerable or in need.

God's abundant blessing upon you all.

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Family Worship Service

On Sunday September 10th, we celebrate new beginnings with a multigenerational *Welcome Back* family worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a barbeque.

Following an engaging hour of worship and song, our congregation will be able to browse through interest areas at the Ministry Fair in our two main halls, as staff and volunteers demonstrate what our church can offer to all ages and stages!

After browsing through the Ministry Faire, our barbeque team will be serving delicious hamburgers and hot dogs hot off the grill.

*please
join us*

save
the
date

St. Mark's Annual

Holly Jolly Faire

Saturday, November 25th

There will be an information meeting for all interested volunteers on Sunday, September 17th following the 10:30 service.

What is Messy Church?

For some people decisions about a Sunday morning church commitment often become messy and muddled when other family priorities seem to get in the way. Maybe the formality of a regular church service, which consistent members find comforting, isn't necessarily a comfort to families who



want to discover their faith in a more neutral setting. Well, Messy church may be for you! Come to St. Mark's with family members, friends

and neighbours and join us on the second Friday of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church halls for snacks, coffee, crafts, bible stories, songs and a family dinner.

Are you a fan of "Knock, Knock" jokes? Then Messy Church on Friday, September 8th is for you! Not only will we have the jokes, but Jesus is going to knock on our doors through a Bible story - will we answer?

Note: We have a whole battery of amazing volunteers to make our Messy Church experiences exciting and meaningful! There will be a gathering of our volunteers on Tuesday, August 29th from 7-8 pm in St. Mark's Hall.

Music Notes

We have lots of enthusiastic singers at St. Marks! If you are a new member, here are some great opportunities to get involved.

Children's Choir

Thursdays from 4.30 - 5.15 p.m.
First rehearsal is September 21st.

Chime Choir

Thursdays from 6.30 - 7:00 p.m.
You do not need to read music, just count! A group that laughs a lot.
First rehearsal is September 21st.

Worship Choir

Thursday from 7:00 - 8.30 p.m.
This Choir sings most Sundays throughout the year. Psalms, anthems and leading worship through song is our priority.
First rehearsal is September 7th.

Praise Choir

This group enjoys singing for the Multi-generational Services (and we are joined by the Children's Choir). We rehearse after the coffee break following the 10.30 Service on occasional Sunday mornings. I email everyone involved, with details.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison at alison@stmarks.on.ca or speak to me after worship.

Alison Clark, Director of Music

Sunday School

Regular Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 3rd with Mrs. McMillan. Our *Deep Blue* kid's curriculum from September to November introduces the children to stories of how brave King David and wise King Solomon use their faith in God to meet the challenges of exciting adventures.

Our Sunday School staff for this year includes: Mrs McMillan, Mrs. Dejong and Samantha Hill (JK-1); Mrs. Dempsey/Dobbin (Gr.2-3) and Mrs. Corke (Gr.4,5,6). We are looking for a volunteer to assist with the Gr.2-3 class.

Sunday School is Cool



The Walter Gretzky St. Mark's Classic and Social at Northridge Golf Course

Sunday, September 17, 2017
at 1:00 p.m.

Details are being finalized. Call the church office for more information.

