

# Kortright Kronicles



Jesus' Kingdom Made Real -  
Every Person, Every Nation

June 13: One service at 10:00 a.m.



The Rev. Alex MacLeod  
will be preaching  
for the call

Please plan on being in attendance. Everyone should have now received a letter in the mail outlining the process. Let's not be apathetic to the process!

If you are a member or an adherent (in fact, **if you have a hanging file and are in our telephone directory**) it is **important that you be in attendance.**

**This is your one opportunity to meet and hear Alex before we decide whether to invite him to accept the call to KPC!!**

**This is Alex's opportunity to look us over as we look him over!!!! Let's put our best foot forward.**

Following the service, there will be refreshment and an opportunity to meet with Alex and his family. This will be followed by a vote by members and a congregational meeting for members and regular attenders (adherents). At the congregational meeting we will be discussing the guarantee of stipend, benefits, moving expenses, etc. There will be childcare available.

Only professing members may vote (no proxy votes allowed). Adherents will be given an opportunity after the meeting to sign the call indicating their concurrence with it.

The elders will be contacting all members and adherents who are not available on June 13th so please make their job easier by being here!



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## Sunday Worship Services

9:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service  
Nursery & Sunday School to grade 5  
provided

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
Nursery & Sunday School to grade 5  
provided

Communion is offered the first Sunday  
of every month

## Upcoming Dates to Remember . . .

June 13: 10:00 a.m. only.

June 20: 10:00 a.m. Church Picnic

Summer services continue at 10:00  
a.m. through September 12

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## With Tears of Laughter – Learning from our Youth



*“The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”*

Deuteronomy 31: 8

If I were to pick one

highlight from my previous nine month term as Youth Minister, it would be from this past long weekend. Seventeen Youth, Ralph and Charlene D and I joined a throng of 2,500 youth and youth workers for 3 nights and 4 days at Pitch and Praise, an interdenominational gathering that brings top international youth speakers, fantastic musicians and a phenomenally well organized schedule of fun activities to Braeside Camp in Paris Ontario. I've never seen the depth of spiritual hunger from our youth that I saw this weekend and I've never had so much fun with them. At times we laughed so hard it became a little undignified as giggles turned to snorts and tears rolled down our eyes. There were also moments of intense worship, in awe of the love of God. And daily we wrestled honestly & transparently with our faith during small group time.

The day before we left, most kids heard the news of Lindsay's resignation. It hit them hard. They were upset. At our first small group gathering, we began to unpack and process what this meant for them. At first, they were angry with Session's decision to cut Lindsay's hours from 40 to 24 hours per week which lead to her resignation. However, once the kids understood that Session's decision was not a personal rejection but rather a difficult and necessary response to real circumstances, they were able to turn their attention away from this issue and refocus their eyes on Jesus. Teenagers often live



Even though we haven't been a part of the Kortright community for very long, Cameron and I have been so

blessed in our time here. Your prayers for my health and the health of Luke and Peyton were such a blessing and absolutely resulted in my having two beautiful, healthy babies. Obviously, I can't thank you enough for your support during that time.

We have found wonderful friendships

on the edge financially themselves and they therefore had sympathy for KPC's problem of having insufficient funds to cover expenses without cutting expenditures. I suspect that international news throughout 2010 will be dominated by protests at governments for cutting programs in order to deal with financial deficits. We are living in difficult times for people to lead, Session included. On a personal level, I remain thankful for Session's godly example, prayerful deliberation and integrity in managing our Churches business.

As the teens began to pray and looked to our Lord for answers to their grief and fears, I believe He spoke to them through our speakers. Individually, I was able to share our teens story, (feeling hopeless after having 4 youth pastors in 4 years) with each international speaker and these speakers without exception took me up on my invitation to join us during our small group discussion time. (We possibly saved \$10,000 and more in consultant fees on one weekend!) In summary, here's what the kids heard from these wise leaders:

- it's valid to grieve the loss of a youth pastor you love
- God uses our suffering for our good and therefore we can count on Him for good things, not bad, as we persevere
- there is amazing leadership potential within our youth group and our teens need to step forward themselves in order to exercise the gifts that God has given to them

Dr. Rene Rochester ([www.drrene.net](http://www.drrene.net)) gave our kids 4 scriptures to meditate on during when she joined our small group but the one in which we all felt the presence of God most powerfully was from John 14: 18 *“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

here and felt so loved. I am amazed at how God has blessed us during our time here.

I feel that it's important to say a special thank you to the volunteer leaders who have worked alongside me and who are the heart of this youth ministry. Thank you for your support and your faithfulness to this ministry.

And I certainly owe the parents and teens a huge thank you. You have blessed me so much! Thank you for your support and for the relationships we

Our teens got it. They began looking at each other as potential leaders. Yesterday they teasingly (but with intent) put the title “Pastor Broly” on one of our Senior Youth. They are in a state of expectancy, waiting for God to provide and looking to each other for leadership. They trust God at his word.

What an example these youth are to us all! How can we learn from them. In approaching the issues surrounding Lindsay's resignation, what would it look like if we as a Church were to follow our youth's lead. I suspect that we would do the following:

1. take the perspective of our Session members and empathize with them in the midst of a difficult reality that they are forced to contend with
2. seek God's direction in the midst of hurt feelings
3. adopt a posture of expectancy that God will provide for our needs abundantly, with more than we could ever ask for or imagine

God has shown Himself to be faithful in caring for our needs. Instead of our new and improved sanctuary, we could just as easily be entering a leaky building with pails trying to catch puddles of water and without heat or cooling. Our Government Grant is truly a little miracle and the celebration of the project's completion during the May 16th service should be ingrained in the stories we tell our children's children of God's faithfulness to his church. Let's continue looking forward, expecting good things from the Lord's hands. He loves our youth and cares for them more than any of us ever could.

Let's not forget His faithfulness.  
John Martin-Holmes

built. Kortright is so lucky to have such an amazing group of teenagers who are passionate and talented and so special. Working with you guys has been incredible, and I am so grateful that God called me here to Kortright, even if it was only for a short while.

We are sorry to leave and will miss Kortright very much, but we trust in God's sovereignty and know that there are exciting things ahead for KPC.

Much love and blessings, Lindsay,  
Cameron, Luke and Peyton



# Session ConneXion

What a great day it was!

When we refer to church as a "family", it is not to evoke mushy sentiments to get people to buy in. There are so many comparisons

between church-life and family-life, it's easy to make the connection.

"Of course church is like family. I didn't get along with my brothers either!"

While that may be a fair parallel, it's not in line with what I was thinking on May 16. That was the day of the Celebration Service for the completion of the renovation project. It was also the culmination of the Raise the Roof campaign. Can you believe that in one service, you donated \$76,000 to Habitat for Humanity?!

Families can accomplish a lot when they work together.

It does not go unnoticed that many of us made sacrifices to give back to God what was His.

Families can support one another if things go awry.

It was a lot of work to get through this renovation, but everyone was supportive and celebratory at the end.

Families can party once the chores are done.

But the one thing families cannot do is rely on themselves to accomplish the next thing. To see how our God works, go to Genesis 11:1-9 and read about the tower of Babel. People thought they were pretty brilliant, but forgot that it was God who is in charge. He did a pretty drastic thing to get their attention.

I'll admit I was feeling pretty good about this whole situation of receiving the grant, raising the tithe, and even finding a new Minister! Why not? Those are all great things. But I had to nod knowingly when we received the bad news. Did I really think that God was going to let us go into cruise control and rest on our laurels? We are blessed to have a God that reminds us we *always* have to be looking to Him.

A short while ago, Lindsay informed Session that she was resigning from her position as Youth Pastor. This came a couple weeks after we had some fruitful

discussions with her to renegotiate her contract down to 24 hours/week starting August 1. It was a major shock to find ourselves without a Youth Pastor quite suddenly.

But, as I said, God likes to remind us that we *always* have to be looking to Him. As Session, we're not sure what the solution is, but I suspect our summer won't be as relaxing as we thought it might be.

When they're unsure of how to help, families can at least pray for each other.

We do have another great event to look forward to on **June 13**. This will be the first time in almost 20 years that Kortright will extend a call to a Minister. I've met Alex and am quite impressed with both him and his wife, Judith. He is a visionary leader, and has a strong scriptural foundation. When you meet them I think you'll agree that they'll fit quite nicely into the Kortright family.

And that's another thing about families they always grow. I hope I see you there!

David Rekker  
Clerk of Session

## JUNE SUMMARY ~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT KPC:

**June 6** - Communion - 2 services 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
**June 13** - One Service 10:00 a.m. Rev. Alex MacLeod preaching for the call  
**June 20** - One Service 10:00 a.m. Annual Church Picnic  
**June 27 thru September 12** - One Service 10:00 a.m.  
SCRABBLE on Thursdays is now finished until September!

## Scriptures & Sermon Titles for June 2010

*We are blessed to have the **Rev. Ralph Neil** preaching for us during the vacancy.*

June 6 2 services 9 and 11 am. Communion Sunday  
"Old War, New Weapons"  
2 Corinthians 10; Psalm 18:1-6,16-24,46-50; 1 Samuel 17:32-49; Matthew 4:1-11

June 13 10:00 a.m. Rev. Alex MacLeod preaching for the Call

June 20 10:00 a.m. Church Picnic and Baptism  
"The Battle for the Mind"  
2 Corinthians 11:1-15; Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 13:1-5

June 27 10:00 a.m.  
"In Weakness, Strength"  
2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

- + 1st Monday of the month - Session (agenda is set 10 days prior)
- + Contact is David R
- + 2nd Tuesday of the month - Missions Committee
- + Contact is Alex M
- + 3rd Wednesday of the month - Finance Committee
- + Contact is Laurie T
- + 2nd Thursday of each month - Stephen Ministers
- + Contact is Veronica K
- + Last Monday of the month - Maintenance Committee
- + Contact is Frederick S
- + Once a month - Worship Planning
- + Contact is Dennis Gray [geek@kortrightchurch.org](mailto:geek@kortrightchurch.org) or
- + David White [worship@kortrightchurch.org](mailto:worship@kortrightchurch.org)
- + Oversight & Encouragement Committee
- + Contact is Frank P or Anne D

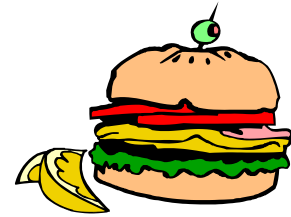
# CHURCH PICNIC - JUNE 20TH

Worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Followed by picnic and children's games

You Bring: Dessert/salad - enough for twice what your family will eat  
Plates and cutlery for your family  
Lawn chairs  
Sunscreen

We Will Provide: Hamburgers and hot dogs (some veggie options will be available)  
Beverages



Calling all instrumentalists!  
Dust off that instrument you used to play in high school (or we can borrow one for you).  
Youth - please come and help us out!

We will be forming a band to lead the music for "O Canada" and some hymns at the **June 27** service - one service only at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Robin F if you are interested in helping out.



## Do You Like Driving? Are you free during the day?

Occasionally I receive phone calls asking if I know of anyone who could take them to a doctor's appointment. Some of these are in-town and others are out of town.

I would like to have a list in the office of available drivers. If you would be willing to do this, please contact Sally in the office.

Please specify your availability and whether you would be willing to drive out of town or not.

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**AS WELL** - the City of Guelph will not be running the city buses on Sundays throughout the month of August.

If you would need a ride, or be willing to drive someone to church during that month, please notify Sally in the office.

## THANKS!

We would like to thank everyone at Kortright for the love, support and prayer you offered to us and the Haitian people. God is faithful to provide and answer all our prayers.

Jim and Kim C

## PRAYER CHAIN NEWS...

Kortright Church has an active Prayer Chain. Sheila T has been responsible for this for a number of years, but now feels it is time to step down. We thank Sheila for her faithfulness over the years.

Janet W has agreed to take on this ministry and for this we give thanks. If you have need for confidential prayer, please contact Janet

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Next deadline - June 23, 2010

# KPC Community Events

## The 60+ Group - potluck lunch



June 8 at 12 noon at the church.

We will be hearing from Liz D about gardening and her connection to gardening. Liz is the president of the local horticultural club and has some gardening tips for us. Don and Liz have some pictures of the gardens they visited in the old country to share with our group. This will be the last luncheon for this church year so plan to attend and enjoy our time together.

Is someone in hospital?  
Is there a new baby in the congregation?  
Would someone benefit from having some meals sent in to the home?  
If you are aware of any of these situations, **please let Sally in the office know.** She will contact our meals coordinator Christine T to set things up - this prevents the same people being called on all the time. Sally will also arrange for an appropriate card to be sent to the person and also for prayer, if necessary.

### Greetings from the Garden...

As many of you have noticed Doug and my self have been busy in the garden. Last year Doug and I focused on getting the bones of the garden in and this year our focus will be making it look pretty. First I want to thank John Martin-Holmes and the youth for cleaning up the south fence. I am told they filled seventeen bags of garbage so I say thank you and job well done!!!!

The construction is finished and unfortunately there was some damage to the gardens and pathway while the fellows were fixing the roof. We have finished most of the repairs but will have to scale back our future plans a little this year because of the repair costs.

So what are our plans this year for the garden???? I am so glad you asked!! KPC received more patio stones so the patio (next to the transformer) has been expanded. This is a good spot for B.B.Q etc. Hopefully down the road we can put a bike rack for all you bike riders. A new flower bed was created around the transformer and some plants added. I have plans to put in a Yew or two in this area but have held off purchasing because I'm waiting for them to go on sale. Some moving of shrubs has gone on in the main garden to give it more balance and hopefully more donated perennials will be added (hint, hint).

We've had trouble keeping the grass alive in the back corner (by the dogwood) so after much discussion (my plan was vetoed) Doug will be putting more patio stones in the area. I have moved a number of tulip bulbs to a more central location for a better splash of colour next spring. Mulching will be done again this spring/summer in the beds to reduce watering needs. I hope

there is money left over in the budget for purchasing more daffodil and snow drop bulbs that will be planted in the fall.

A bench has been donated by Cheryl and Dave G so it will be put in amongst the shady pine area with a path to and from this little oasis.

We will be putting up the KPC sign from the front yard to the front corner of the garden. We get a phenomenal amount of foot traffic through this area and at present have no sign to say who we are so it seemed a perfect fit to add our name (Kortright Presbyterian Church) to our garden.

I have a plant wish list and if any gardeners have a few extra perennials they would like to donate please give me a call. The church garden is predominately a shade garden with a few spots of sun. My wish list includes ferns, astilbe, iris, hosta, columbine, bleeding heart, just a few more black eyed Susan's, and Solomon seal.

Greta and Harold A have taken on the garden and grass on the east side of the fence. The grass has come up (it's the grass with no weeds) and Greta has added her artistic gift with planting a number of perennials from her own garden. Please take the time to go and have a look and be sure to say thank you to both of them for their hard work.

See you in the garden—  
Nancy H



Dear Family and Friends,  
Following is our new contact information:

Address as of July 2, 2010  
416 Paisley Rd.  
Guelph, Ontario  
N1H 2R3

mailing address:  
304 Stone Rd. W. Suite 302  
Guelph, Ontario  
N1G 4W4

Phone numbers:  
519-760-2313 Integrity Home Services 8:00 am - 6 pm  
Monday-Friday *This will be for work purposes only. This has been the number we have used whenever we came home from the field. If you have this number please change to:*

519-994-2037 for Steve's personal cell  
519-994-2031 for Elaine personal cell.

Email:  
[integrityhomeservices@live.ca](mailto:integrityhomeservices@live.ca)  
Steve's business email  
[steveandelaine@hotmail.com](mailto:steveandelaine@hotmail.com)  
Steve and Elaine personal as usual

We look forward to seeing/hearing from you.  
Elaine and Steve

## Mark Your Calendars - It's Never Too Early to Make Plans for the Fall!

### Ministry Fair - Sunday, September 19th - Between Services

An opportunity for Ministry Leaders and Volunteers to come together. Find out how various ministries serve our congregation. Discover where your specific gifts are desired and needed.

### Small Group Kick-Off - Sunday, September 26th - Evening

Summer is a great time to be reflective about God's direction for the routine of the fall. Perhaps He's calling you to be part of a traditional Bible Study, challenging you to think outside the box or stretching you out of your comfort zone. Take some time over the next few months to contemplate His call, research some studies, pray about co-leaders. Come out on the 26th to hear what others are planning, maybe join a small group, or brainstorm your ideas with others. Whether He's calling you to lead or follow, there's an opportunity for a small group designed to help you grow in your walk with Him.



# We Worship the One True God at Vacation Bible School, July 19-23 (9:00 - noon)



## NEW FEATURE: Adult Bible Group

Invite your friends and neighbours to not only send their children to VBS, but to attend themselves! We're offering parents/caregivers an opportunity to learn more about Joseph through engaging with other adults, under the leadership of Joan H. Participating adults would begin in the sanctuary for the VBS musical opening, then meet with Joan until 10:30 to talk about the story of Joseph and the things we can learn from his story and apply in our own lives today. Adults would still have an hour and a half to run errands, etc. before coming back at noon to pick up their children.

**CRAFT PREPARATION:** If you can't be on site during VBS week, perhaps you could take home some materials and do some preparation of crafts for us ahead of time. See the bins in the library with materials, sample and instructions to take home and contact Lori S, Jessica L or Barb Ferrier to let us know what you're taking home.

**REGISTRATION:** VBS is open to children entering Senior Kindergarten (SK) to those entering Grade 6. We also offer a toddler program and infant care for the children of VBS staff. PLEASE register your children/grandchildren SOON (It's SO helpful to have some idea how many children to expect...) This can be done either online through the links on KPC's website, OR fill out a paper registration form and put it in the Children's Ministry hanging file. All children must have a paper copy of a Consent for Emergency Medical Attention form completed by their parent. Both registration and emergency medical consent forms are available on the table near the front door of the church.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS ORIENTATION:** Saturday, June 12 (9-11 AM) & Thursday, June 17th (7-9 PM)

Pick one of the two options, and come 'Smile on the Nile' for fun and essential info and equipping as part of our VBS Team. RSVP to Lori Schnurr, Jessica Leach or Barb Ferrier to let us know which day we'll expect to see you out for that.

**STILL A PLACE FOR YOU:** We're encouraged by the great team of volunteers that's coming together for VBS, but could still use helpers in a number of areas. If you'd be available even part of VBS week, contact Lori Schnurr, Jessica Leach or Barb Ferrier to discuss possible ways you could be involved.

Blessings,  
Barbara Ferrier 519.836.9400

Lori S

Jessica L



## Men Of Kortright

The Men's Ministry Leadership Team would like to thank all those who made the Spring Breakfast such a great success. Special thanks to Joel P and Ken P for being the organizers and to Dan M for giving his testimony. Over fifty guys again participated in our Men's Breakfast. As you can see men and food go well together. It appears that the fall and spring breakfast will be annual events to look forward to each

year. Thank you everyone for coming. Our hope is that these events are one opportunity to invite family, friends or neighbours to join together, get real and just hang out with other men.

Behind the scenes your Leadership team will be planning for our Annual Men's Day in the fall as well as a Fall BBQ and of course another fall breakfast. All these dates will be posted on the Men's Bulletin Board and in the Summer newsletter for you to mark in

your calendar.

We're looking forward to what God will do in the second half of this year with the Men of Kortright and our entire Kortright family. These are exciting times.

As Summer approaches we hope you have time to slow down, spend time with family and friends and enjoy all God has created.



## ... Sermon Recordings

Current Recordings are available online at [kortrightchurch.org/audio](http://kortrightchurch.org/audio) or you can purchase a CD for \$2.00 ea. by completing an envelope found on the sound room wall.

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