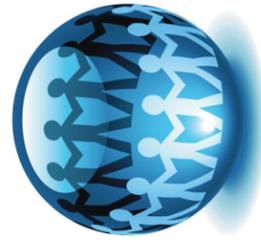


UPCOMING EVENTS



Love. Grow. Serve.

Services

Sept 3	Communion Sunday
Sept 10	One Service 10 am
Sept 17	One Service 10 am, Community BBQ to follow
Sept 24	Two Services 9 am and 11am
Oct 1	Communion Sunday
Oct 8	Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct 15	Two Services 9 am and 11am
Oct 22	Two Services 9 am and 11am
Oct 29	Two Services 9 am and 11am

Upcoming Events

Sept 12	JOY Group
Sept 24	Jr. Youth Pitch and Praise Retreat
Oct 9	Office Closed - Thanksgiving Weekend
Oct 10	JOY Group
Oct 15	Kortright Connect (Membership Class)
Oct 18	Community Bible Study Starts (6 week series)
Oct 28	Leadership Summit
Oct 29	Sr. Youth Retreat

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The Kronicles

Of Kortright Presbyterian Church, Guelph, Ontario



Summer 2017 Onside Athletic Camp

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PASTOR'S UPDATE: A NEW GOAL FOR 2017-18



Alex MacLeod
Pastor

How do we put Jesus at the centre of our lives?

The most important way that we encounter God in our Lord Jesus Christ is by listening to Him through His Word. We believe that the Holy Spirit illuminates the truth of scripture and helps us to grow in the love and personal knowledge of Christ as we read, reflect on, and live out the words of the Bible.

But we are more distracted today than ever before.

In a recent blog post, Philip Yancey suggests that we are engaged in a war to find the focus that comes from reading. He's speaking about the "deep reading" that comes as we slowly work our way through a worthwhile book. To read is to pay attention to something in a way that the constant bombardment of our phones and computers and social media and entertainment want to destroy.

As Christians, we are called to be readers. Most of all, we must strive to pay attention to God's Word in the Bible. That one book comes first for us.

And yet, we struggle to read scripture. At KPC, we talk a lot about the importance of small group Bible studies. In the past, we have estimated that 50% of our congregation participates in regular Bible study. Recently, we have examined that assumption and the true number is more likely 20-30%. How many of us read the Bible daily on our own?

We want Kortright to be a church community where we're truly together in Christ, where we experience joyful and honest relationships, where we support and care for one another, where we are excited about reaching out to our neighbours in the city of Guelph with God's love. That is the church we see on display in Acts 2:42-47. How does it start? In verse 42, we read that "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching" – in other words, they were committed to the words and teachings of Jesus (long before the collection of writings we know as the New Testament had come together and been approved by the wider church).

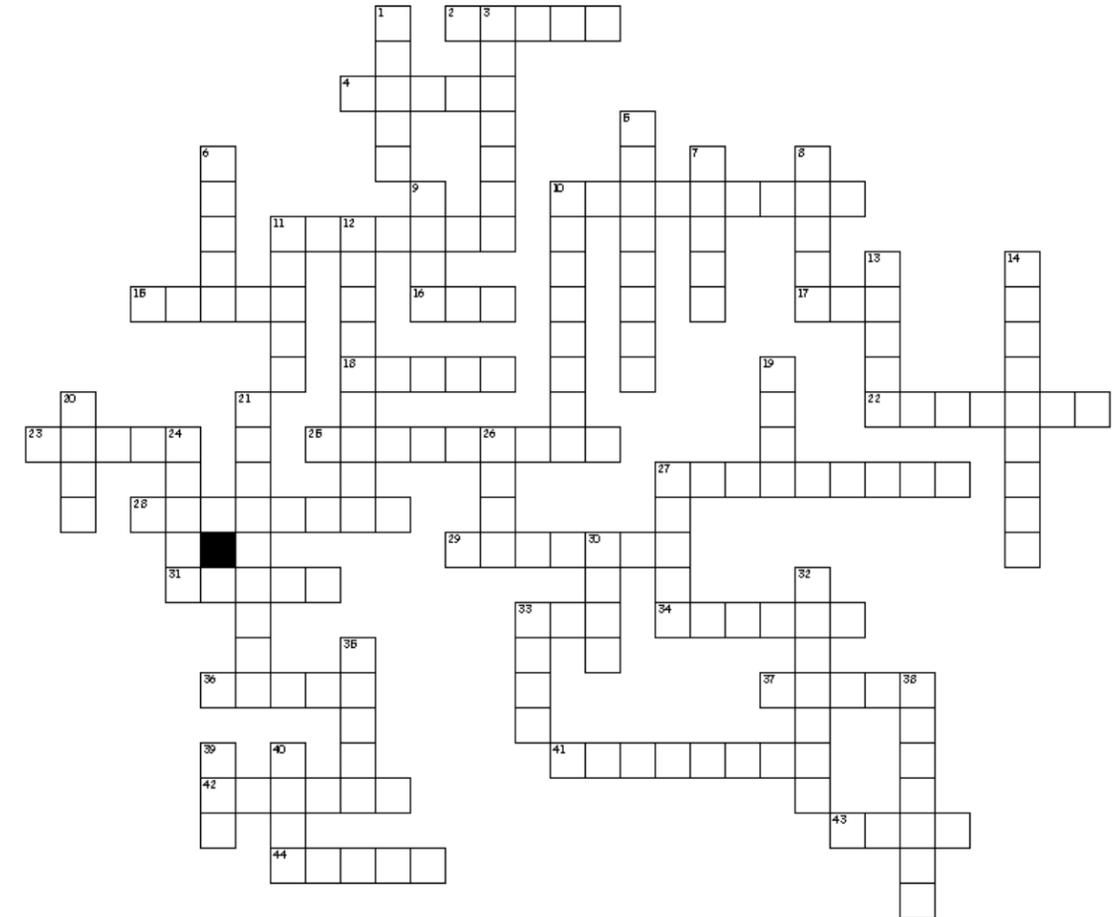
In 2017-18, we want to put the focus on discipleship at KPC. With that in mind, Session and staff agreed at our June retreat that we would work towards the following goal this year:

By October 2018, 80% of our congregation will be growing in a deeper relationship with Christ by means of a regular commitment to studying God's word and praying together in our small groups.

Will you join us?

KORTRIGHT CROSSWORD

This issue's theme is "Gospel of Matthew". (Translation to be used is the 1984 NIV unless otherwise noted.)



Across

2. unoccupied 12:44 (KJV)
4. We'll be justified or condemned by these 12:37
10. ___ formation. One of KPC goals
11. Joseph's relation to Mary
15. apostle that denied Jesus 26:33
16. for catching Fish
17. organ of sight
18. high rate of interest 25:27 (KJV)
22. enticed to do wrong
23. By their ___ you will recognize them. 7:16
25. lineage 1:1
27. Jesus lived here 4:13
28. First and ___ commandment
29. realm, domain
31. tempest 8:24
33. transgression
34. flowers in the field
36. weeping and gnashing of ___
37. son of God
41. with God all things are ___ 19:26
42. tombs 27:52 (KJV)
43. Jesus was ___ in Bethlehem
44. two 19:5,6 (KJV)

Down

1. ___ and the door will be opened to you
3. Kingdom of Heaven is like a ___ seed
5. hidden to the wise and learned but revealed to ___
6. You are the ___ of the world
7. before anything else 6:33
8. not genuine
9. precipitation
10. They love to pray like this 6:5
11. King visited by the Maji
12. Jesus silenced them
13. evil thoughts, murder come out of this. 15:19
14. Angel's appearance was like....
19. frame for coupling oxen
20. talk to God
21. Jewish place of worship
24. noxious weeds sowed among the wheat 13:25 (KJV)
26. Matthew's other name
27. not so easy for this animal to go through a needle
30. what we should with self 16:24
32. father of James and John.
33. he will ___ his people from their sins
35. strangle, smother 13:22
38. we have more value than many of these 10:31
39. last word in the book
40. You are the ___ of the earth

CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW

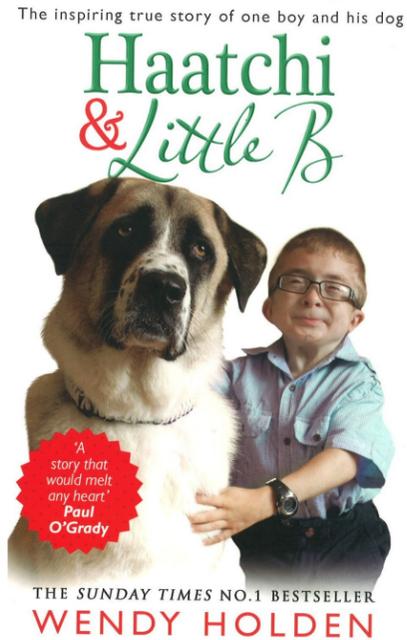


Carol Atkinson
Book Reviewer

HAATCHI & LITTLE B by Wendy Holden is a true heart warming story about a three-legged puppy and a little boy with a rare genetic disorder that became best friends. This story is about love, friendship and how they won the hearts of everyone who met them. Even though there is evil in the world this story demonstrates the best in people.

I enjoyed this book so much that I bought several copies to give as gifts.

I would like to donate this book to the church library.



NEW RESOURCES TO OUR LIBRARY

The following resource is available in the Library. Consider using it for your small group session. The Alpha Marriage Preparation Course is a series of five sessions designed to help couples develop strong foundations for a lasting marriage, covering:

- Expressing feelings and learning to listen
- The importance of commitment
- Resolving conflict
- Keeping love alive and developing a fulfilling sexual relationship
- Talking about goals and values



THE TABLE OF VICTORY

John Calvin writes, "Wherever we find the Word of God surely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to the institution of Christ, there, it is not to be doubted, is a church of God." The celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Table is central to Christian worship and fellowship.

Communion is a commemoration, in the sense of actively experiencing a past event in the present tense (as with the Passover); Christ is uniquely present, presiding over His Table. It is the Eucharist, a thanksgiving feast looking forward to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It is a proclamation of Christ's victory over the principalities and powers.



One of our earliest liturgies is the *Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus* (ca. 215). It contains the full text of a eucharistic prayer, enjoining Christ's words of institution to the patristic doctrine of *Christus Victor*: "And when [Jesus] was betrayed to voluntary suffering that He might

destroy death, break the bonds of the devil, tread down hell, fix a term, and manifest the resurrection, He took bread, saying, "Take, eat, this is My body ..."

Worship scholar Robert Webber teaches on the eucharist as an offering of praise and thanksgiving for Christ's defeat of the satanic powers, asserting that this can only serve to enrich the contemporary church's understanding of worship: "Nothing in this view is incompatible with the scriptures nor with the evangelical commitment to the gospel. The restoration of this teaching will prove to be a means of recovering the joy and triumph of celebrating Christ's victory over evil."

Webber also encourages us to "flee to the Eucharist," to throw ourselves at God's mercy at His Table of victory and grace, where the forgiveness of sins and defeat of Satan is proclaimed. Amen!



Sean O'Leary
Worship Director

WHAT TO DO WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS?

Announcements are vital to keeping people in the loop, getting everyone on the same page, and ensuring that communications are open and transparent. Yet what to do with announcements with regards to the worship service? And how do we keep our folks informed of church happenings without interrupting the momentum of the service? Is it even an issue? This has been something of a dilemma: what to do about announcements?

Starting this summer at Kortright, we have commenced our worship service with the announcements, followed by the call to worship. Previously we began with an opening song, followed by announcements, after which the service would begin in earnest. Unfortunately, this first song became something of a throwaway and a false start, as many had become accustomed to this as more of a cue to end conversations, and then join the congregation.

We encourage worshippers to arrive in time for the announcements, starting at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM sharp (10:00 AM sharp for single services). There will be an instrumental prelude approximately five minutes before service time as a prompter. Our hope and desire is for the service to flow in the general movement of gathering, hearing the Word, response and sending, as we seek to cultivate a culture of praise and worship at Kortright.



Sean O'Leary
Worship Director

Crossword Puzzle (from page 11) Answers

Across
 2. empty 4. words 10. spiritual 11. husband 15. Paul 16. net 17. eye 18. usury 22. tempted 23. fruit 25. genealogy 27. Capernaum
 28. greatest 29. kingdom 31. storm 33. sin 34. lilies 36. teeth 37. Jesus 41. possible 42. graves 43. born 44. twain

Down
 1. knock 3. mustard 5. children 6. light 7. first 8. false 9. rain 10. standing 11. Herod 12. Sadducees 13. heart 14. lightning 19. yoke
 20. pray 21. synagogue 24. tares 26. Levi 27. camel 30. deny 32. Zebedee 33. save 35. choke 38. sparrow 39. age 40. salt

Q2 FINANCIAL UPDATE

BUDGET SUMMARY

Area of Expenses	Budget June 2017	Actual June 2017
Human Resources	\$ 153,709	\$ 133,148
Missions	27,137	26,090
Maintenance	22,425	23,904
Finance Admin	30,787	31,065
Office Admin	1,925	2,940
IT Costs	3,500	3,261
Children Ministry	2,750	2,047
Youth Ministry	6,000	4,901
Adult Ministries	6,775	2,464
Pastor/Session	3,775	485
Music Ministry	750	-
Worship Planning	350	365
Short Term Ministry Team	15,000	7,586
Syrian Refugee Fund	3,198	2,281
Total Expenses	\$ 278,081	\$ 240,537
Capital expenses	\$ 12,500	\$ 10,739
Grand Total All Expenses	\$ 290,581	\$ 251,276
Building Rental Income	25,250	25,444
Grants Received	-	-
Church Givings	208,000	201,452
Grand Total Church Receipts	\$ 233,250	\$ 226,896

Actual expenses are below that of the budget and though Total Expenses are greater than Total Receipts, the numbers are well within range and that gap is better than expected.

The positive news for Church Giving in Q1 did not continue for Q2, as we are now 3.1% (about \$6,500) behind target. Typically the first quarter is weaker and the second quarter improves over that – giving in Q2 trailed Q1 giving by \$6150.

Though Church givings are below that of budget, that number (\$201,452) is within \$1,500 of the Q2 number for the previous two years – and the year-end target for those years was similar to this year. With that in mind, we trust and anticipate similar giving patterns as we complete the summer and enter an active fall season in the church.



Dennis Giesbrecht

On behalf of the KPC Finance Committee – including Maggie Grift, Mark Outerbridge, Ross McKenzie, David Clayton (Treasurer), and Andrew Isaak (Session rep)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT THE LIFE CENTRE

After an epiphany, I said aloud, “You are a wise man...” And the lighthearted reply only I could hear, “I know right?”

During an extended solo hike, the Holy Spirit and I had an intense conversation leading to the extension of my volunteer commitment to the Life Centre, shifting from Event Coordinator to Director of Fundraising and Development. It's an urgency for local mission the Holy Spirit embedded into my heart and continues to build. Eighteen months ago it was about building connections, creating a series of quality events, raising awareness of the Life Centre and ideally, raising funds. All three were accomplished and I could consider the job complete and return to my previously scheduled life.

The Holy Spirit had other plans. Having spent 20+ years building a skill set, the Holy Spirit wasn't letting me off the hook. And the need hadn't changed just because I finished an assignment. Serving meals 6 days a week at the Life Centre adds up to 26,000 plates of food each year and 125,000 volunteer hours.



The food is important but more so is the opportunity each meal provides. Each meal acts as a springboard to relationship which is the means to seeing beauty and encouraging change and self advocacy. Add music and art for self expression and for some, these three – beauty, justice and relationship – are the needed step towards healing and recovery.

While the role is about raising funds and awareness, the journey is about learning to love my neighbour regardless of health, finances or hygiene, and about supporting those that already do. Better, it's about listening to the Holy Spirit, following the path He sets out and reaching the end only when He says it's done.

Stay tuned for Pt II: The Sewer Saga



Robyn Ferrier

MAKE SPACE AND BE PRESENT WITH JESUS

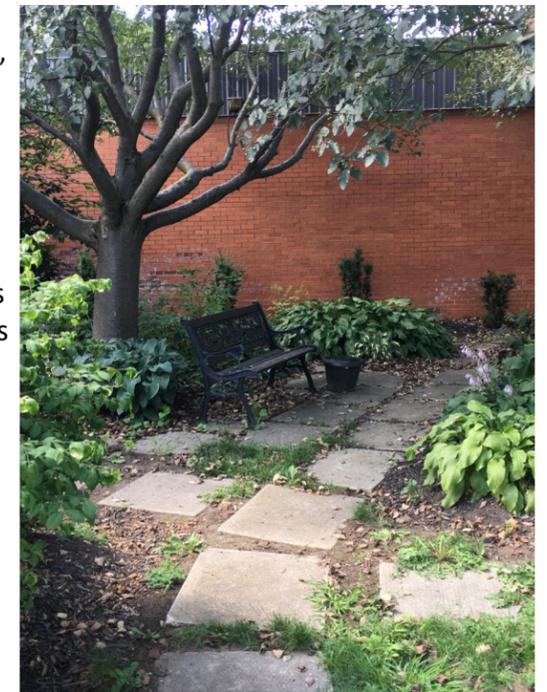


Allison Pinches
Director of Discipleship

“Just get in there and pray” - that’s all I could really think about when I was getting ready to start as Director of Discipleship at the end of May. Instead of brimming with ideas about programs, small groups and events, that creativity was kept at bay and all I could think to do was pray and invite a few people to pray with me. I wish I could say that this call to pray was typical for me –but it really wasn’t. I am a person that can thrive on “doing” lots, packing my schedule to within the limits of what’s possible in time and space - I like to be known for accomplishing a lot. The call was very clear; I was not to start by “doing” a lot, but by listening, learning and in prayer. In the last number of years God has been teaching me to slow down and to be present to him and others more; this invitation felt like a continuation in that journey.

As I have been listening with others on behalf of Kortright, I believe strongly that this invitation to slow down, make space and be present with Jesus is not just for me but actually a word that God is speaking to our community. This call to make space is really the heart of “discipleship” or what it means to be “disciples.” We have to be attentive to the one we are following. We are reminded in Scripture that Jesus is the “author and perfecter of our faith” meaning he is the one that writes our story and transforms us, but we are called to make space – space to listen, “be still” and to be changed.

Would you consider this as an invitation for you this Fall to “do less” and “be” more? Some Scripture passages that have come up for people in prayer are **Revelation 2:1-5, Luke 10:41-42 & Ephesians 1:15-19**, if you are not sure where to start you could read one of these passages and prayerfully consider what Jesus is saying to you. Along with making space personally, would you also consider how God might be inviting you to make space to be with him in community this Fall? We will be sharing more about opportunities to do this together, but if you are not sure what this means for you or how to begin, please be in touch - I would love to meet with you!



ONSIDE ATHLETICS REFLECTION



Thea Seguin
Student

Many people would say that working at a kid's camp would be a poor selection of a summer job for an introverted person, such as me. Even though I had my own doubts, I decided to face the challenge regardless.

Working at Onside this year was busy and exhausting but a privilege none the less. It was a great way to establish connections with not only campers, but the other onside staff as well. Through these connections, I was able to expand spiritually and learned a lot about how the children act when put in certain situations, what they respond well to, and what doesn't work. Also, when the other staff were faced with a challenging situation, I was able to learn a lot from them about what the best way to approach such a situation was.

Spiritually, I grew and was influenced by the kids' willingness to accept Jesus and their never ending interests on the topics we discussed. During our team talks daily, I was asked many intriguing questions by some of the kids in my group that forced me to expand my knowledge of the bible, what it meant to be Christian and how my actions impact others.

There was one day at camp where one of my campers had very interesting questions about what it meant to be faithful to God. On another day I was very moved when a kid asked me if he could be the one that prayed before lunch.

Engaging in sports & activities with the kids was a highlight as well.

While every week was a challenge and sometimes dealing with the kids wasn't easy, the number of positive experiences that came out of working for Onside were enormous and I was glad to have faced my doubts.

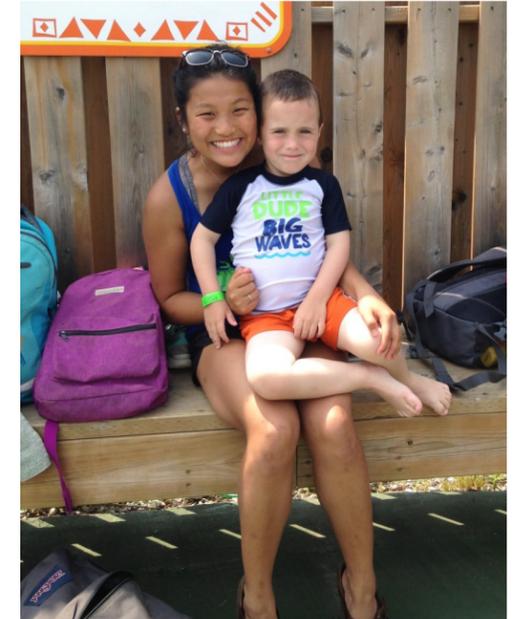


Kiera Seguin and camper enjoying soccer during 2017 ONSIDE camp.

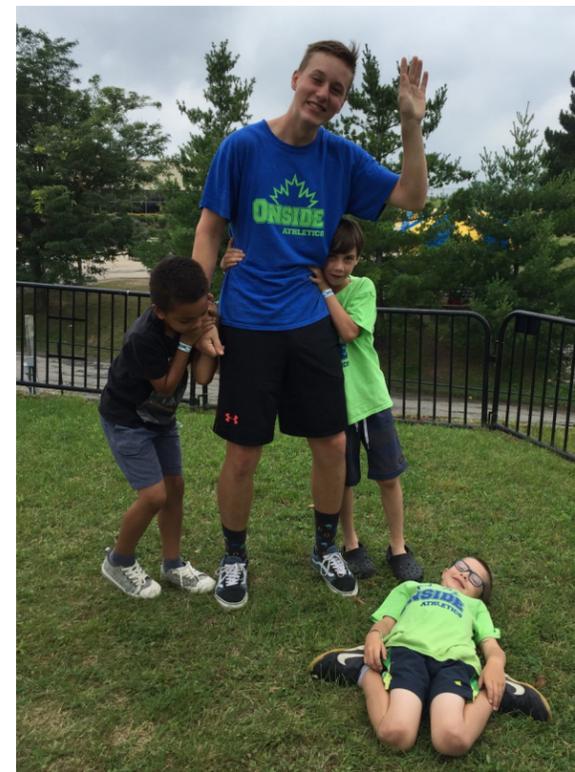
MEMORIES FROM ONSIDE ATHLETIC CAMP 2017



Dania Drewery, having fun at the splash pad with one of the campers.



Jasmine Fox and Eli. Going Wild at Lion Safari!



Nathan Slood, an afternoon at Bingemans Park.



Reid Burton and Sean. Wacky Wednesday!