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## WELCOME BACK!

*Pictures by Mike Wise and Jeff Kerr*

Glenview enjoyed beautiful weather for our Welcome Back Picnic on September 11!



Thanks to those who provided an abundance of food and drinks for the congregation!



The kids were mesmerized by the magical moves of X-Ray in the Church Hall. There were coins falling from elbows and ears, multiplying red balls and a real live rabbit found in the hat!



## Glenview Welcomes Peter Merrick

*By Mike Wise*



During Peter Merrick's first audition with Glenview's choir, he presented them with a deceptively simple challenge. Asking them to sing the classic children's song "Frère Jacques," which they did with ease, he then asked them to suddenly switch to singing it in a minor key. After that, he switched things up again, suggesting them to sing both the major and minor versions at the same time, in a round. This required the choir to concentrate and think on their feet, but they rose to the challenge and succeeded. Now that Peter has accepted the job as Glenview's new music director, he hopes to continue challenging both the choir, and the congregation with his musical selections.

Peter Merrick comes to Glenview with decades of musical experience. A graduate of the University of Toronto's Faculty of music, he also studied choral conducting at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, and served as the Artistic Director of the Jubilate Singers of Toronto for five years. He is currently working part-time on his theology degree at Trinity College and is also the Organist and Choirmaster of Upper Canada College.

But Merrick wasn't always drawn to music and even abandoned playing the piano as a teenager. Growing up in a Baptist church, he had grown tired of the kind of music he heard every Sunday. "The first time I heard something other than evangelical church music," he says "I gravitated towards it." It wasn't until well into his general arts degree that he rekindled his passion for playing, conducting and learning about church music.

Another thing which drew him back to music was the discovery of the Dalcroze method of teaching and learning music. He says his study of it was transformative. "I'd had an education that was rigorous and strict, and tight and restrained." Peter says the Dalcroze method is an educational style that can't be easily defined, but is a movement based approach to teaching music that emphasizes improvisation and creativity, quite different from what he was used to. Merrick went on to train in teaching the method. He now incorporates it in the classes he teaches each week at St. Michael's Choir school and Upper Canada College as well as his weekly practice sessions with Glenview's choir. During one recent rehearsal, he started by individually inviting each member into the rehearsal area by improvising music based on the rhythm of their name. The whole choir was then required to clap along to that rhythm. He jokes that it helped him to learn their names, as well as helping the choir "experience rhythm in an unusual way, being forced to listen to it in a different way."

Peter also looks forward to introducing new musical styles to the choir's repertoire. "I'm a firm believer that you can't just do one kind of music in a church," says Merrick. "One of the ways I have evolved in making a varied and interesting musical diet is to have different musical services." Glenview was treated to Latin American music during worship on World Communion Day on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Merrick is planning other services featuring gospel, Celtic, jazz, and African music throughout the year. That doesn't mean he'll abandon the traditional Cathedral music the choir has sung over the years. He just hopes to create a music program that is "generously eclectic" and that is "deeply integrated to worship and preaching."

One of the reasons he chose to come to Glenview after spending 18 years at Eglinton St. George United was the opportunity to work closely with Rev. Macleod. "The fact that Glenview is alive and thriving has a lot to do with his gifted leadership" says Peter. He adds that he and Derek agree on "everything that matters," and how to integrate music into worship. "I care a lot about the church in terms of its theological perspective, and the kind of community it could be and should be. I have high hopes."

## Minister Minute

By Rev. Derek Macleod

### 35 seconds.

Where would you go if over eighty percent of your city was destroyed?

Your house is gone and your neighbour's house too; the school isn't there, nor is the road you took to get there and the church home that stood proud and strong for so many years now lays in pieces on the ground.

Where would you go? How would you get help?

For hundreds of thousands of people in Haiti, 35 seconds one day in January changed their lives forever as an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter Magnitude Scale hit one of the poorest countries in the world. People were forced to find shelter in temporary tents in city parks, roadsides, road meridians; anywhere that was free of rubble. In total, at least three million people were affected. Canadian Presbyterians donated 1.6 million dollars to PWS&D to assist in the recovery efforts. You will remember that our church school responded to the great need and donated over 500 dollars to earthquake relief efforts in Haiti and we as a congregation contributed close to five thousand.



Some of our support went to town of Léogâne, the epicenter of the earthquake. This September, I travelled with Valerie Baron (PWS&D staff) to Haiti for a week before attending the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission meetings in the Dominican Republic. My trip to Haiti was spent primarily in Port au Prince and Léogâne, providing me the opportunity to see how many of the projects we supported as Canadian Presbyterians were making a difference to life in Haiti eighteen months after the earthquake.

It was overwhelming to see such devastation; even today there are buildings still collapsed on themselves and piles of rubble everywhere. The government estimated that it would take a thousand trucks a thousand days to remove the rubble from Port au Prince, which is to say it will take a long time to recover from 35 seconds. Even before the earthquake Haiti was a poor country suffering from years of corrupt government-it is a sad, beautiful and difficult place.



One of the people I met is a young man helping to rebuild homes in Leogane, who himself is still living in a tent with his family. On his hat he wrote the word *dream*. He has many dreams: he hopes his family will receive one of the homes being built, he builds homes for other families helping them to dream, he dreams of going to school of finding work, a better life. "I am on the dream team" he said. His efforts and courage joined with our prayers and support and God's grace are what make it possible to dream in Haiti.

Some dreams can come true and recovery is happening. While we there we saw homes being rebuilt, crops being planted, children getting ready for the new school year, and families beginning to begin again. Children were playing football on a field on which months previously had housed a tent city; now cleared thanks to more permanent housing. There was much faith, hope and determination evident in the people we spoke and lived with but there is so much more to do, so many more dreams to dream and frankly much more hell to endure. It will take generations to recover from the 35 seconds in January, but it has already begun. I look forward to sharing many more pictures and stories on November after church for a special lunch and learn event.

## MISSION IN NICARAGUA

*By Barbara Hepburn*



*Lindsey and Ian with the staff of Casa Canadiense*

In June, Lindsey & Ian Hepburn-Aley left Toronto for a two year placement as coordinators for Casa Canadiense in Managua, Nicaragua.

Casa Canadiense is a Canadian non-profit registered charity. It was started in 1992 by a group of Canadian educators interested in building a more just and equal world through solidarity with the Nicaraguan people.

Casa is a Canadian-Nicaraguan partnership to support community development initiatives in Nicaragua. It hosts Canadian delegations of all ages who are interested in spending time and financially supporting the work of one of Casa's partner communities. This gives Canadian visitors the chance to understand the hardships and joys of life in Nicaragua as well as the obstacles the country faces. Visitors also explore wealth, poverty and inequality in a global and cross cultural context.



*Lindsey and Ian with some children outside their home*

Lindsey & Ian work with the community groups helping them develop their community development initiatives as well as host the groups that come from Canada to visit and support this work. Many of the programs have an educational focus such as building a school in communities where there isn't any education for the children and establishing cooperatives for young adults to teach them a skill. Others focus on bringing water into a community and installing hygienic toilets to improve the quality of life and health for the people in rural areas.

In September, Barbara & John Hepburn visited Lindsey & Ian to see first hand the work they are doing. **On Sunday, November 6** after the 10:30 service of worship they will share the story of this Mission in Nicaragua through slides. The Rev Derek Macleod will also share his stories of his recent visit to Haiti. Please plan to join us.



## CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

The Church School has had a successful first year with its rotational model. The idea behind it is to teach the same Bible story using different multimedia workshops for four or five weeks, with the kids moving to a new workshop every week. The repetition used in this method gives the children a more lasting memory and understanding of the story and allows the teachers to improve their lesson each week, rather than coming up with a new lesson plan. The children seem to be enjoying learning the major stories of the Bible through the different workshops, especially cooking! Already the kids have learned about Fruit of the Spirit and are moving on to Miracles in Mark for the next session.

### Some exciting events to look forward in the coming months in Church School:

- \*\*Pumpkin Carving Friday October 28*
- \*\*Advent Festival December 4- lunch*
- \*\*Pageant Rehearsal Sunday Dec 11- lunch provided*
- \*\*Pageant Dec 18*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE as of September 30, 2011

We did very well to meet our Summer Breakeven Challenge by the end of June. The months of July and August typically show lower receipts and this year was no exception but the Expenses continue. Hence we have a deficit at the end of September as shown in the table below.

	2010-39 weeks	2011-39 weeks
Total Receipts	\$386,821	\$445,585
Total Expenses	\$437,072	\$465,064
Surplus/Deficit	(\$50,251)	(\$19,479)

On a comparable basis the deficit at the end of September 2011 is \$30,772 less than 2010. However it is still a deficit. We need to give as generously as we did to meet the Summer Breakeven Challenge in order to eliminate this deficit by the end of December.

With everyone's help we can end 2011 on a financially positive note. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help.

Cash or contributions of stock are welcome. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy Sewell, David Thomson or John Hepburn.

Submitted Respectfully on behalf of the Finance and Property Ministry Team

John Hepburn	David Thomson	Cathy Sewell
<i>Convener</i>	<i>Vice Convener</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

## What's New in Transforming Lives

**“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed” -  
Romans 12:2**

*By the Transforming Lives Committee*

In June 2009, Glenview embarked on a congregational mission called Transforming Lives and has pledged to raise \$1 million over five years to fund ministry programs and to fulfill phase 1 of a building program that would rejuvenate our lower level to better support our ministries. Through the efforts and generous donations from so many the campaign has been a tremendous success. To date, we have raised approximately \$863,000 (\$672,000 from donations/pledges and \$191,000 from the Memorial Fund).



Approximately half of the funds have been used for the lower level project. This bright and cheery lower level is now being enjoyed by our thriving Church School, as well as by Glenview groups and community groups. Our church

welcomes groups every night of the week.

The second half of the campaign funds are for the support of Glenview ministry and outreach programs. Here are some quick facts about two of the programs made possible by TRANSFORMING LIVES:

### **Christian Education Program:**

- By the end of 2011, more than \$106,000 will have been used to support our growing Church School and our Christian education worker Kennis Kim.
- Last April we had a two Sundays with one hundred children in attendance and this Fall we have welcomed many new friends and have seen over fifty children each Sunday.
- Our new curriculum has been really well received by our children.
- Session has had to deal with the very wonderful but real problem of finding space on Sundays mornings for all our children.
- We are growing one of the most thriving church school programs in the city of Toronto thanks to our Transforming Lives campaign.



## GO BUS for seniors.



- We are a church family that seeks to welcome all. Every Sunday the GO BUS picks up seniors from around the city who would otherwise be unable to attend worship and participate fully in Glenview community life.
- This Fall the GO BUS brought a record number of seniors to church who otherwise would be unable to come and we have made two great friends in the GO BUS driver and his wife, Harold McDonald and Elizabeth (Liz) Smith.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the generous support that has come in many ways:

- All who gather to worship God each week and support the many ministries we carry out in the name of Christ.
- Glenview volunteers who faithfully work to ensure the success of various fundraising events such as the annual Transforming Lanes Bowling Tournament, time and talent auction, and more.
- Donations and pledges that Glenview households have generously made.

If you would like to support this initiative of TRANSFORMING LIVES as we work towards raising the final \$137,000 to reach our goal to fund ministry and mission outreach programs over the next few years there are many ways to volunteer or make a donation:

- A gift of cash (this can be added as a line for Transforming Lives on your regular envelope and include with your weekly offering or mail to the Church Office marked "Transforming Lives").
- Credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) through the Church Office
- A gift of publicly traded securities (forms available at the Church Office)
- Planned Giving – wills & bequests, charitable gift annuities, life insurance.

All gifts are gratefully accepted and will receive a receipt for income tax purposes. For further information please contact Barbara Millichamp at 416-932-8064 or [barbara.millichamp@rogers.com](mailto:barbara.millichamp@rogers.com) or the Church Office 416-488-1156.



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A big Thank You to the members of the congregation who participated in the Spring FundScrip Campaign. We earned a total of \$1364.89 for Transforming Lives!!!!

# FundScrip Promotions

Earnings valid from September 30 to October 31, 2011



*\$3 of every \$100 in gift cards purchased goes to the group!*



- It's usually 2%



*\$4 of every \$100 in gift cards purchased goes to the group!*



- It's usually 3%



*\$10 of every \$100 in gift cards purchased goes to the group!*



- It's usually 5%



*\$5 of every \$100 in gift cards purchased goes to the group!*



- It's usually 4%

## 2011 Transforming Lanes Bowling Tournament

Newtonbrook Bowlerama, 5837 Yonge Street

Sunday, October, 30, 2011

5:00 - 7:00pm

\$25 for adults; \$15 for children

*By Shannon Wiggan*



For the last two years, this fun, intergenerational event has been one of the highlights of our Church year. Last year, over 75 members of Glenview came out, had a great time, and managed to raise just over \$8,000.00 for our Church. Parental consent and pledge forms were distributed in Sunday School, and will be going home over the next few weeks.

We hope to raise money three ways: through the registration fee, which is only nominally higher than our cost to book the lanes, shoe rentals and the cost of the food; through a silent auction; and thirdly, pledges from generous friends and

family who sponsor the bowlers. All money will go towards our Transforming Lives Campaign.

Registration in this event includes 2 Rounds of bowling, shoe rentals, refreshments, and lots of laughs.

Great news for this year - we have reserved both 5 and 10 pin lanes, for the smaller or less agile members of the congregation! Sign up on your own, or as a team. Ideally teams will be composed of 5-6 people. If you are new to Glenview, this is a great way to come out and interact with our members in a relaxed, fun environment. Many sign up as individuals and are placed in a group. No experience required! Also, feel free to invite a friend - you don't have to be a member of Glenview to participate.



Some of the teams that competed last year included the Radical Retired Men's Club, the Crazy Choristers, the most Excellent Elders....and the defending Champions, the "Supermen." I hear on good authority, the "Mission Strikers" are out to regain their title, so the competition should be pretty fierce!

Don't forget the silent auction - one of last year's highlights! Let us know if you have something you would like to donate to the auction, such as sports or theatre tickets, a gift certificate of some kind, or would like to approach local retailers you have a relationship with. I have two forms, one, an actual donation form, and one explaining the Bowl-a-thon to local business, describing "who we are" and explaining the publicity the donor will receive. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to get their company name and logo displayed at the event, in our Glenviews newsletter, on a thank you printed in the Church bulletin, mention in our "E-Views" electronic newsletter, and on our website.

Please come to the Transforming Lanes table during the Coffee Hour, for bowler registration, silent auction information, and to hear about volunteer opportunities.

**Deadline for registration will be Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Don't leave it until the last minute!**

## SUMMER OUTREACH BBQ



*By Norma McIntyre*

On July 24, 2011, the big yellow Magic Bus delivered friends from Portland Place, Evangel Hall Mission and 'our' boarding home to Glenview for the annual summer Outreach BBQ. This year some friends from the winter Out of the Cold program joined us as well.



After a welcome and grace we tucked into the dinner prepared by the Outreach and Mission Ministry team and other Glenview members. It was great to catch up and just relax, enjoying the wonderful food.

After the first course, our piper David McIntyre lead the group down the hall to the sanctuary for the worship service.



The Portland Place Players presented a fun, tongue in cheek version of the Bible story of Deborah and Barak, followed by a meditation by the Rev. Derek

Macleod. Peter and Marilyn Broughton provided piano accompaniment for the hymns. This year we had a special treat when Kevin Adgey, a Portland Place tenant, sang us his original song *Life's Little Miracles*. Judi Lambert lead the prayers of the people to end the service.

Then it was back to the hall for dessert, more chatter and the fun of arranging ourselves for the annual group photo by Jim Campbell. All too soon it was time for the big yellow bus to take everyone home.

Our guests have told us that they look forward to the BBQ and that they feel very much at home at Glenview, describing the event as a great party that feels like a family picnic. What a blessing that we are able to have such wonderful relationships with these incredible members of the extended Glenview family.

### **Life's Little Miracles**

Written by Kevin Adgey, resident of Portland Place, Aug. 2009

I used to take everything in life for granted  
 Until the day I lost everything.  
 When I woke up many years ago,  
 I was told I'd never walk again,  
 I fought real hard  
 And proved the doctors wrong. Now, I believe  
 in Miracles today,  
 Miracles are happening every way.  
 Sometimes we don't see Miracles, happening to  
 us,  
 But Miracles are real, Miracles are real.  
 Miracles are real, Miracles are real.  
 If you put your mind to it

And have the goal always in your sights  
 You'll find you can accomplish anything.  
 There was a day when I found two cats  
 Livin' in a T.V. box  
 I rescued one and she now takes care of me.  
 Now, I believe in Miracles .....

When I was at a bachelor pad  
 And was stressed so bad I couldn't sleep  
 I had no choice  
 But to find somewhere else to live.  
 When I finally found my dream space  
 And I couldn't ask for anything more  
 It was like a life's little miracle... Now,  
 I believe in Miracles today....

(Solo) Chorus:

## **What Does Glenview's Communications Ministry Do?**

If Glenview's Communication Ministry team does its job, then you'll learn more about the works of other ministry teams and groups at Glenview.

We work with the church office to help coordinate the flow of communication around Glenview, taking photos at events, maintaining the church website, and producing the [Glenviews](#) newsletter you're reading right now.

In the past five years, we overhauled the "look" of Glenview's publications. We commissioned a new church logo, and then introduced a standard colour scheme and look to the church bulletin and other publications. We overhauled the church website to include photo galleries, podcasts and an online calendar of church events.

Our most recent project was the introduction of a twice-yearly program guide. It involved working with other ministry teams to plan out a schedule of upcoming events. Last year's guides were so well received by the congregation that mailed thousands of copies of this year's guide to the community surrounding Glenview.

Next year, we hope to produce an updated photo directory for the congregation.

If you have an interest in writing, photography, graphics, communications or website design, we are always looking for new members.

### **Glenview's Communications Team is currently made up of:**

**Mike Wise (Ministry team leader)**

**James Laursen (website design)**

**Holly Kerr (Glenviews editor)**

**Jim Campbell (photography)**

**Marilyn Blair (office representative)**

**Mary Walker**

**Barbara Hepburn**