

Kingsview Newsletter – January 2018

Sunday January 7 at 10:25 AM – Baptism of Jesus and Holy Communion

Today is the 1st Sunday after Epiphany, which commemorates Jesus' baptism. Please set aside time after the service for a short Congregational Meeting, when we will share an overview of the results of the Congregational Survey, and discuss actions that have been taken as a result of your responses. Thank you to all who completed our Congregational Survey in 2017.

Sunday January 14 at 10:25 AM – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany; Sacrament of Baptism

Please join us for our morning service. Contact the church office if you wish to be baptized or have your child baptized.

Sunday January 21 at 2:00 PM – Claidhmor Concert

Mark your calendars for this this world travelled show which has performed at Roy Thompson Hall and the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available in the narthex before church and in the auditorium after the service.

Sunday February 11 – Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after church on Sunday February 11. We will meet in the gym for a light lunch and move to the auditorium for the meeting. Prior to our congregational meeting, Kingsview's Board of Elders meets to review the budget recommended by Council. This allows all of our church's leaders an opportunity to review and comment on the details of the budget before it is presented to the congregation. The Board of Elders includes all current and past church committee members (Committee Elders), Church School Teachers/Youth Leaders (Teaching Elders), and pastoral visitors (Visiting Elders) and the Board of Trustees. Your input is important to us, so please plan to attend. **This year's Board of Elders' meeting is Wed. Jan 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

Youth Confirmation Classes to Begin in February

As we grow in our faith as Christians, one of the most important steps we take is to confirm, through Confirmation, the promise our parents made for us at Baptism. Youth aged 12 and above as of the date of the first meeting are invited to join the classes which will take place on the following Wednesdays between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.: February 28, March 7 & 28, April 4 & 11. **Please contact the church office by January 31st to register.** If you have any questions please contact Rev. Louise at 905-436-2000 ext. 224.

Black Light Puppetry

All youth ages 8 and up are welcome to join us for this time of creativity and fun. The youth will learn how to handle a puppet and make it talk. We will also be exploring sign language & flagging as well as some of the tricks used in Black Light Puppetry. We will meet on the Auditorium Stage from 12:15 p.m. on **Sundays**.

The Adult Colouring Group is Back!

Starting January 8, please join in the fun on Monday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Kingsview Library. This is a great way to meet new friends, while also enjoying this as a unique form of creative relaxation and Christian spirituality. All are welcome! - Rev. Louise

The Ladies Bible and Book Study will start again January 9, with the Max Lucado book 'Facing Your Giants'

This is a great opportunity to discuss how to face and defeat our 'giants', all to God's glory. We meet in the Kingsview Library on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. It will be great to see you! - Rev. Louise

Hope and Joy Prayer and Guided Meditation Group

Join us from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Room as we offer prayers for those whose names and situations are brought before us. All names are kept in confidence. The second half of each gathering includes a guided meditation. Leaders: Rev. Sue Genge & Rev. Louise Sams.

Tuesday February 20 – Watoto Children's Choir

The Watoto Children's Choir is coming on the 2018 Canadian tour *Signs & Wonders*. If you aren't familiar with Watoto, you are encouraged to visit their website to view a video and get more information on the choir at <https://www.watoto.com/choir/>. More information will come in the future but we are looking for assistance with a few things:

- Welcome Team (Tuesday February 20, 2:00 p.m. at the church)
- Concert Helpers (Tuesday February 20, from 5:00 p.m. until the end of the concert)
- Assistance in organizing dinner for 33 people (Tuesday February 20, at 5:00 p.m.)
- 11 Billets to accommodate 18 children and 15 adults

If you are interested in helping in any of the ways above, please contact Krista Hester at 905-621-7318 or patersonk@gmail.com.

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Parents & Tots Group

All parents of children aged newborn to Kindergarten are invited to join us each Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. While the parents gather in the library to discuss books on Christian parenting and enjoy guest speakers and other activities, the children are supervised in the Fellowship Room at play, crafts, and snack time by our excellent volunteer caregivers. Come join us! Facilitators: Rev. Sue Genge & Rev. Louise Sams.

Bridge To A New Home committee members are looking forward to 2018 and the privilege of supporting our new Canadians as we share their enthusiasm and life experiences. Without question, this has been an incredible journey that could only have been realized through the joint effort of the five churches who have come together. It is marvellous how we have blended and created wonderful new friendships in this compassionate project.

Below are some photos of Freweyni, her children and some Kingsview members involved with **Bridge To A New Home** taken at the fall assembly at Bobby Orr Elementary school.

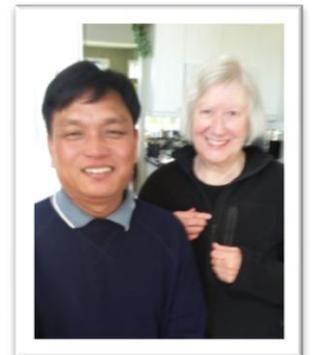


Freweyni and Sut are both actively attending their English classes full time. Sut is able to take a single bus from North Oshawa to the Ajax Welcome Centre for his classes. He is in level 2 in the morning and level 3 in the afternoon. Freweyni was attending afternoon classes at EA Lovell, but in January she will also be a full time English language student.

Bridge To A New Home has worked closed with Freweyni to create schedules that work for everyone. A minimum of 2 volunteers are needed each weekday morning and afternoon to walk the children to and from school. There is also homework for one and all and there are volunteers to help with this. Volunteers are also helping with grocery shopping, recreational activities, medical appointments and going to Church.

Church life is important to Sut and also to Freweyni. Freweyni's family are Eritrean Christian Orthodox members. A congregation has been found in Toronto and we started bringing the family to the four-hour services 2 to 3 times a month. Jiron was a deacon in their church prior to coming to Canada, a very important role for him, and one that his mother strongly supports, which is why we make the trips to Toronto with their family. Sut enjoys attending church services with members of each of **Bridge To A New Home's** supporting congregations.

For Sut, we are delighted to announce that he is available for part time work after school and on weekends. He has already done some painting in a couple of homes, worked in a restaurant, and has some background in carpentry and other skills. He is very handy and eager to work, and is tireless in his efforts. If you are aware of opportunities, we would welcome your input. Sut has a delightfully positive personality as you can see in the big smile he shares readily with everyone.



With all of these responsibilities the matter of finances is ever present for **Bridge To A New Home**. The November County Town Singer's Concert raised approximately \$4,800 and we were thrilled with the sum raised, the talented musical presentation and positive feedback we received. Currently "Golf and Leisure" discount coupon books are being sold.

We are so thankful for your support and empathy. God Bless one and all.