

# Church School News

Never a dull moment!

**O**ur **Annual Church School Celebration and Honoring Fathers Sunday** which was held on June 8 was a wonderful day of celebration and fellowship. A number of our students ushered with their fathers, Mathias Andrivon played a beautiful piece of music on the piano before the service, and Thomas and Francis Donoso read the lessons. The Church School was well represented by these wonderful young people.

After the Service a delicious lunch was hosted by the Church School in the Quiet Garden and enjoyed by the Church School families and our Congregation. This is always a special luncheon to attend. I thoroughly enjoy watching our youngest children run around the garden amongst the adults, our Youth Group serving the meal and the Congregation having the opportunity to get to know our Church School families a little better and to make new friends.

Our **Church School** continued over the summer months as an open class for children ages 5 through 12 and the Creche and Nursery also remained open for babies and children up to age 4. This was made possible by the dedication of our Church School staff who volunteered throughout the summer. A huge thank you to all of you and to Sandra Prior for coordinating and planning out the schedule.

Once again **Vacation Bible School** was an amazing experience for our counselors as well as the children attending. Thirty-three children from ages 4-12 participated in our program – the theme being **“Imagining and Building with God”**. What fun it was!!! The majority of our counselors were from the A&P Youth Group and they were fantastic!!

We initially began with two classes (Junior and Senior) but as the camp grew throughout the first week it became necessary to split the groups into four – a very nice problem to have!! Some of the counselors were responsible for the Bible Lessons, another group for Arts and Crafts, another for Science and another group for Games and Sports.

Our days were very busy and filled with Bible stories, Instruction, Music, Games, Arts and Crafts and lots of fun!!! We were delighted to have access to the Trafalgar School gym once a week, where the children enjoyed a gigantic parachute, soccer, games such as Red Rover as well as the use of other gym equipment and activities organized by our camp staff.

We had theme days including Pyjama Day, Dress Up Day, Water Fun Day and finally Friday afternoon presentations for their parents. All in all, it was an amazing time for everyone. A special thank you to Peter and Daniel for looking after us throughout the two weeks and for putting up with the noise and constant action!!

We invite you to view photos of this year's VBS on the large bulletin board at the top of the stairs leading up to Kildonan Hall.

## Upcoming Events:

**September 7: Welcome Back Sunday**

**September 28: Apple Picking (to be confirmed)**

**October 24: Pumpkin Ball**

Our Church School is growing, particularly in the Creche and Nursery classes and I invite you to join our team. You can volunteer as little as once every two months, or every third Sunday of the month. Whatever time you may have to give, it would be greatly appreciated and I can assure you it will be an experience you will thoroughly enjoy!!

Please contact me at 450-689-4379 or email [grammy.shani@sympatico.ca](mailto:grammy.shani@sympatico.ca) if you have any questions about our programs or would like to join our team.

On a sad note, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, our former Church School Coordinator and Church School teacher, Shuling Chen passed away on July 29. She will be remembered fondly by so many whose lives she touched. I have lost a dear friend. She will be missed terribly by us all. May she rest in peace,

*Sharon Dworzak*  
Church School Coordinator

# Youth Group

Weekend restoration

**O**ur Youth Group closed off the 2013-2014 year by participating once again in **“Canadian Cancer Relay for Life”** which took place on **June 6-7**. We were blessed with a beautiful evening and walked the full 12 hours together from 7pm Friday through to 7am Saturday. This has become a very special event for our young people as they remember and pray for those we have lost to this terrible disease and those who continue to fight the battle. This year we were joined by the sister and aunt of a little boy George whom we had prayed for two years ago who sadly lost his battle with leukemia. His family has said they will join our team next year.

As reported in the Church School report, many of our Youth Group members prepared and worked at **Vacation Bible School, “Workshop of Wonders”** during the last week of July and the first week of August. They all did an amazing job, keeping the children very busy and very happy! It was wonderful watching them as they interacted with the children and how caring and responsible these young people are.

At the beginning of September we will be heading off for a weekend, to help out with the restoration of a church in the Eastern Townships. Stay tuned for more details.

Also – we will be having a **Car Wash on Welcome Back Sunday** (weather permitting) to help fund Vacation Bible School. Our Bible School is offered free to families so everyone can enjoy two weeks of camp, and the Youth Group would like to contribute to this very worthy and important program.

We welcome all young people in Grades 6 through 11, who might like to join this energetic and fun group - please contact us at 450-689-4379 or email [grammy.shani@sympatico.ca](mailto:grammy.shani@sympatico.ca)

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