

# Youth Group

Leadership opportunities for everyone

The Youth Group once again did a wonderful job preparing and leading the **Easter Morning 'Sonrise' Service** followed by a pancake breakfast, prepared by our ever faithful Iain Lamont. We always appreciate and marvel at the dedication these young people exhibit regarding this special service – teenagers spending a Saturday morning rehearsing and then arriving back at the church for the service at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday! Pretty remarkable!

In July, 24 members of the Youth Group working as Counsellors, led another very successful **Vacation Bible School** which was attended by over 50 children! Many of the children attending were new to the church and 'first timers' at VBS – these amazing young people made them all feel very welcome, which was also very reassuring to the parents.

A couple of weeks before VBS, many of the counsellors spent the better part of a week preparing and setting up the Program. Their enthusiasm and dedication was indeed infectious and inspiring!

The program this year was **"Hero Central – Discover your Strength in God!"** and what fun it was to see the children enthusiastically dive into all the activities run by our Youth. There were stories to hear, songs to learn, with old songs to revisit, wonderful arts and crafts to enjoy, fun science experiments, delicious snacks and lots of games! Of course, a favorite day is always "Water Day" when out come the hoses, 'slip and slide' and water balloons, all provided by Peter. Most exciting was to observe friendships develop as new children joined the group. We had former Church School children who had returned to Montreal for vacation from Taiwan as well as Toronto, and new children from the neighbourhood who had viewed our VBS sign outside or had heard about the program. A number of these new families have expressed an interest in joining our Church and Church School.

It was a busy two weeks, but incredibly rewarding for myself as well as all the counsellors who worked so hard to keep the children busy, happy and safe. All the counsellors put in so much energy and care into providing a wonderful Vacation Bible School experience for all who attended.

They are already looking forward to the program in Summer 2018!

*Sharon & Art Dworzak*  
Youth Group Leaders

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Welcome Back Sunday – September 10

Youth Group meeting to coordinate aid to Texas flood victims – September 17

Apple Picking – October 1

Pumpkin Ball – October 27

Fall Fair Cleanup – November 4



Four little maids from VBS.



The garden is well-used by VBS.



Counsellors had fun too!