

SPOTLIGHT

Eye On Outreach: Renata went to Prison

“The first time I visited the prison I was scared. I was scared that the women would see judgment on my face, or that they would look at me and know that I was wondering what they did to be put in prison. The first visit was awesome. I met some very broken people. We have a Gypsy lady, we have ‘white-collar’ women, and we have homeless alcoholics coming to meet with me. I met all sorts of women, all of them from the fringes of society, all of them lost, all of them scared. Only now when I meet with them every week do I learn how difficult it is to break free from the lies and psychological baggage we carry around from our childhoods. God is mighty, and only He can break these chains. Most of the women there have husbands in prison too. Their children are in orphanages because they don’t have anyone else to take care of the kids.”

Renata (and Tim) Constable are GSCC missionaries serving in Warsaw, Poland with Christian Associates International. Please continue to lift up Renata, Tim, and family (Kaleb and Maja) in your prayers.

Ministry Focus: Youth Internship

As a part of our Summer Student Internship, a team of youth from our congregation (John Roumanis, Deborah Kudjerski, Julie McConnell, Tim and Jordan Lahn) were brought on board to take part in executing Day Camp, running the Youth Convergence class Sunday mornings, and the Junior High’s and YG on Wednesday nights over the summer months. They spent a lot of time preparing, planning and leading these events. They did such things as make a film and bought stickers to pull off what they thought was an amazing Day Camp. For Youth Goup, they selected topics based on what the youth wanted to explore, which ranged from dinosaurs in the Bible to stereotyping to Job. Finally, for Convergence, they based their lessons on the book by Lee Strobel “The Case for Christ” by exploring a chapter each week. Overall, it has been a unique bonding experience for our summer student interns. They have learned about themselves, about how to work together and had a wonderful fun summer doing it.

The Week at a Glance

Monday	Prayer Walk – 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Prayer Walk – 7:00 PM Summer Book Club BBQ – 7:30 PM at Rob Dean’s house.
Wednesday	Prayer Walk – 7:00 PM Jr. High & YG Overnighter – 7:00 PM Club House Meeting – 7:00 PM
Thursday	Prayer Walk – 7:00 PM
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	Too Hot to Handle / Christianity 101 – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



Financial update to end of July, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – July 31, 09	\$21,759
Budget	\$25,000
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$62,490
Total Income July 1 – July 31	\$84,249
Total expenses July 1 – July 31	(\$43,956)

General fund offerings for August

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to August 20, 2009	\$12,728

Contact information

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Pastoral Team: Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children’s Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

Elders: Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

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Sunday, August 23, 2009

*Welcome and Greeting - *Rej Proulx*

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - *Jane Clarke*

Scripture: Romans 8:28-30

*Songs of Worship and Praise

*Presentation of Gifts - *David Schuchardt*

*Offertory - *Wes Jackson*

*Doxology

*Children’s Ministry

*Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture:

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *Chris Platteel*

Philippians 2:12-13 - *Cassidy Schuchardt*

*Message:

“If God Chooses, Do We Have a Choice?”

- *Sharon Tam*

Theme: “When Skeptics Ask”

Pastoral Prayer

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Communion Praise

Blessing and Commissioning

*Late arrivals will be seated at marked sections of the service.

Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Life and Ministry of the Church

Welcome!

A warm welcome to those visiting or here for the very first time. Whether a long-time follower of Jesus Christ or exploring for the first time, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Welcome card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know of your visit. If there is any way we can assist you, do not hesitate to contact one of the pastoral team.

Community Prayer Walk – This Week

Join us this week as we walk through and pray for our community Monday through Thursday 7:00 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. We desire to pray for God's blessing in our neighbourhood and for His guidance as we plan for ministry in this area.



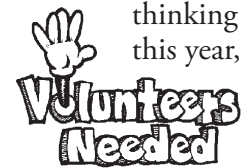
Called to Care 2009! – Ready for Pick-Up

We are happy to announce that the new Called to Care is now available on the Welcome Table. Feel free to take one copy per household, with a suggested donation of \$2. Please use it as a tool to stay connected with each other. Also please be reminded to contact Melissa in the office if any of your contact information changes.

Club House Leader's Meeting this Wednesday

This Wednesday, August 26TH at 7:00 PM, Club House will be meeting in the R4Y room for a time to put our ideas together and plan a super start to a super season! NOTE: We do need more helpers and leaders. If you are

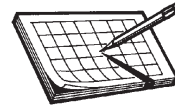
thinking of getting involved in Club House this year, please contact Cathie Proulx at (416)494-4383.



Upcoming Events – Please mark your calendars

Sixth Annual Community BBQ

– Saturday, September 12TH, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM (setup starts at 8:30 AM)



Clubhouse Kick-off – September 16TH, 2009, 6:45 PM

Alpha Kick-off Banquet – Tuesday, September 22ND, 6:30 PM

Ordination Service – Sunday, September 27TH, 7:00 PM

New Carpet & Lighting for the Sanctuary

Through a generous gift from an anonymous donor, we are thrilled to announce that we will be replacing the carpet and lights in the sanctuary. The work will begin Monday August 31ST for two weeks. During the first two Sundays in September (6TH and 13TH), we will be meeting for worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at our regular 10:30 AM time; the children's program will relocate to the boardroom and the R4Y room. Also, if anyone is free the week of August 31ST to help remove some pews, please speak with Joan Howell. Although it is a huge undertaking, it will be something we can all enjoy for many years to come!

ACSA Food Bins

In an effort to partner with Agincourt Community Services Association to alleviate hunger in the community, we are housing an ongoing food donation bin in the foyer. Once full, it will be sent to ACSA and made available for more donations. Items to donate include any non-perishable food item (canned foods, soup, rice, pasta, etc). While shopping at the grocery store, please consider those in the community who use the ASCA food bank.



Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY:** Kay MacGilchrist, for healing and release from back pain which prevents her from attending worship service. Pray that she will be able to return to worship on Sundays.
- ♦ **TUESDAY:** The D'Hondt family – Ruta, Jim, Larisa and Luke – as they mourn the sudden passing of Ruta's mother due to complications from a fall. Pray for Ruta's father and for a sense of God's presence as the family deals with this loss.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY:** Our dear friend, Bob Bell passed away this past Sunday to be with the Lord. Bob was surrounded by many family and friends at the time of his passing. Please continue to pray for Bob's wife Angela, daughter Nicole, and grandson Daniel during this difficult time.
- ♦ **THURSDAY:** Cindy McConnell's friend Ian and Dorothy's Forsythe's son Sean. Sean is recovering from brain surgery after having double vision and a migraine for weeks. Please pray for Sean's healing, and God's comfort and gentle presence over the family during an anxious and uncertain time.
- ♦ **FRIDAY:** Randy Lahn. Pray for healing and recovery after undergoing emergency retina surgery. Pray also that he will not overdo any activity as he has just moved.
- ♦ **SATURDAY:** Renata & Tim Constable. Pray for Renata as she continues her ministry in the women's prison. Pray that the Lord may speak through Renata to bring healing to these women's brokenness and that God may bring restoration to their lives while in prison. Also pray for Renata to have the strength herself to walk with them in their pain and provide compassion.
- ♦ **SUNDAY:** Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son, Christ, grant that we who have been born again and made children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit in everything.

Please notify the church office (office@gsc.ca) if you have a prayer request.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Maureen Geddes
Cindy Geevarghese
Philip Geevarghese