

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

DEAR PASTOR:

Thank you, for all you do.
For your work, your kindness
And guidance too,
You point to Jesus
You walk the walk!
(We usually listen when you talk)

We think you're special!
We think you are great!
And we pray for you every day!
(Um.....)

No really, Pastor!
We've got your back
Now we'll cut you a little slack
We truly think that you're the best,
And thank you for all that you invest.

GOD BLESS YOU, PASTOR!

LEADER OF TOMORROW

Marge Williams

Although after talking with Noah, I will say he is a **"LEADER OF TODAY"**. This young man should be an inspiration to all of us. He has a great love for the Lord, a positive attitude and a willing heart. His full name is **Noah London Bridge**. No significance to London, except perhaps a little bit of whimsy, but "my parents *named me Noah after the Biblical Noah because they wanted me to grow up trusting God and following Him rather than other people*". Noah, his Dad Jeremy, Mom Jayne and sister Grace started coming to PMBC approximately 9 years ago.

Although he has a full load at home, helping with chores, he also finds time to practise his drums and guitar and enjoys long distance running, which he pursues at school as well. Noah is in grade 8 at Wilson Middle School, enjoys his teachers and is finding the work *"challenging but not too much"*.

After completing Sunday school and Kids Church his parents encouraged him to get involved in other ways. Pastor James and Natasha also recognized Noah's gifts in leadership and with young children and also encouraged him to help serve in

Awana as a hand book leader and VBS as a helper leader. His parents appreciated their recognition of those gifts in Noah, *"As parents we can tell our kids these things and it goes in one ear and out the other but*



to have someone else tell them can mean even more". He is also busy ushering and playing drums with the worship team when needed. "Noah's favourite verse is *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13.

"We think he's a pretty awesome kid and it's always heart warming when others recognize that too. When we think of Noah 1 Timothy 4:12 comes to mind, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

Jayne Bridge

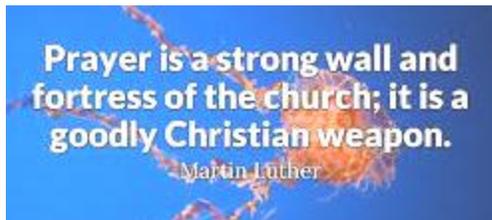
PRAYER MINISTRY

Terry Bannerman

The gospels record who, what and why we are called to pray. Psalm 141:2 says: *"May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice"*. 2 Corinthians 2:15 describes our prayers to the Lord; *"For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing"*. Each Sunday an open invitation is given to come for prayer. **Marion Price** was first encouraged to be involved in the prayer ministry by Pastor Tracy Ottenbreit 15 years ago. Further prayer training came from Duane Jensen and finally a prayer team was formed. These enthusiastic and faithful prayer warriors come together in the name of Jesus Christ every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. to worship, study and pray for our church family. They also provide a prayer crisis line where people can either submit a written request or call the church office. All are invited to take advantage of this important ministry

"Christians do for one another, it is a unique privilege to serve and love our neighbour."

Marion



SONGS OF PRAISE FOR OUR LORD!

Jacky Ketel

Steve Green has been writing songs and praising God and blessing people by singing them for 33 years! Some of you may never have heard of him, but if you are a Christian and you sing to praise the Lord, you have heard of his music! He is known for songs like

"People Praise the Lord", "Find Us Faithful", "He Who Began a Good Work in You" and "No Other Name But Jesus". It was completely a God-thing that our sister-in-law Gwynn was with us that weekend. She is the wife of Marty's brother who passed away in January. It was an emotional moment when Steve sang "Safely Home". Gwynn is a singer and piano player herself, and she thoroughly enjoyed the evening, listening to Steve Green sing songs that had blessed her and Ralph over the last number of years. In the first half of the evening Steve sang some of his familiar songs, and in the second half he asked for requests from the audience. What a gift! His pianist, who he brought with him, was also extremely talented...he could just play a song that Steve started to sing without a single note or sheet of music in front of him. The entire evening was a benefit for the **Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Center**. A young gal that had sought support from this care center gave her testimony. She is now a wife and mother of two beautiful children that are God's gift to her and her husband, who faithfully stood by her from the first day that she found out she was pregnant. It was truly a wonderful evening for all that attended. It was fabulous to see our church packed with people who love to hear songs of praise to our heavenly Father, and to be able to financially bless this amazing ministry.



HOME RUN

Nadine Indenbosch

On Sunday September 10th at 6:30pm about 45 people met in the sanctuary of the church. What were they doing you ask? Eating popcorn, red licorice and drinking coffee or water! Sounds like a good time! The gathered people were also watching a wonderful movie called

HOME RUN. Home Run is a movie about a troubled baseball player who struggles with alcoholism. It depicts his self destructive habits; hang-ups and



hurts, through his denial and finally the grand outcome. In the movie the main character, Cory, must attend a 12 step program to overcome his drinking problems and personal problems. You must

look this movie up and watch it for yourself. The Celebrate Recovery ministry was responsible for putting this great movie night on.

How about you? Do you have any hurts in your life? How about any habits that you know don't belong in your life? Do you have a hang-up with something or maybe a few hang-ups about several things? Maybe you just want to grow in your relationship with God. We at Celebrate Recovery invite and encourage you to consider taking a step study. We are starting right away! Don't delay! Contact Pastor Lorne for the men's study or Nadine Indenbosch at 403-345-3447 for the ladies study. God Bless!

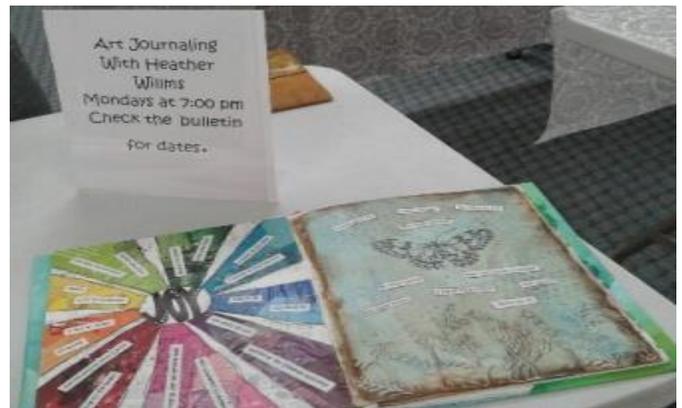
KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Pictures by Elwood & Marge

The excitement over starting the fall season was electrifying. Pastor Lorne's sermon was on Romans 12:10, "Be devoted to one another in love". The application for September is: **do one thing to demonstrate devotion to another individual or family.**



Lunch consisted of your choice, beef or turkey burger or pulled chicken, veggies, chips and ice cream. A good time was had by all.



BOARD ELECTIONS/COMMITTEES

Marge Williams

The call for nominations for the Church Deacon's Board, for a two year term beginning January 2018, is coming up in October. The Congregational Election Meeting is held in November. Notice of the meeting will be publicized in the Church Bulletin.

The **Resource Committee**, comprised of Moderator Jeremy Poettcker, Pastor Lorne Willms and two members-at-large from the congregation, will meet to consider potential nominees. Names of potential candidates are submitted to the Resource Committee using the Nomination Sheet. The nominator and the nominee must be active members and both are required to sign the Nomination Sheet along with two additional active members. Nomination Sheets are to be handed in to the church office for review by the Resource Committee at least 2 weeks before the Election meeting. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the Election Meeting. Nomination Sheets will be available shortly from the Information Desk or the church office.

Deacons meet once per month with the exception of Budget time when one or more additional meetings are required. There is also an overnight retreat each year. Every Deacon sits on a Board Committee. These committees meet at the discretion of the chair.

Currently these committees are:

Building Committee:

Chair: Deacon Rodie Sheridan; Deacon Keith Miller Pastor Lorne Willms; Staff: Jamie Whitney and Members-at-large Bob Korthuis, Barry Bannerman, Grant Janzen

Finance Committee:

Chair: Treasurer Marge Williams; Deacon Jacky Ketel; Church Administrator Ray Schow; Member-at-large Ruth Miller.

Human Resources Committee:

Chair: Deacon Andy Reeves; Deacon Ryan Seifert, Pastor Lorne Willms, Member-at-large Al Fritz.

Missions Committee:

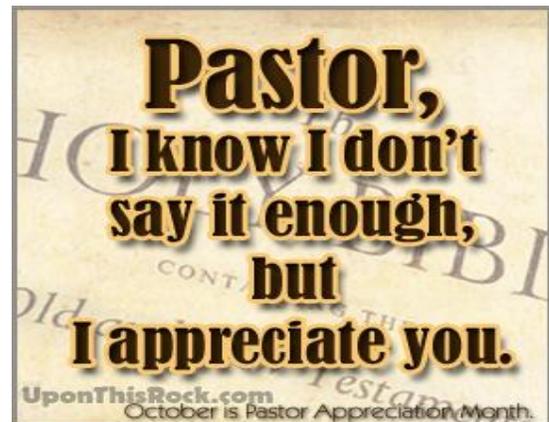
Chair: Deacon Dave Rowland; Deacon Graeme Roset; Pastor Del Bertsch; Members-at-Large: Tammy LeBaron, Pearl Miller.

Policy Committee:

Chair: Deacon Kellie Wirzba; Members-at-large: Kim Morton, Randy Ohlmann

If you would like to know more about the workings of these committees, please contact the committee chair. The committee chair is responsible for finding members-at-large for their committee.

Please be in prayer for these committees and the nominees.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY/RETIREMENT



On September 17th, **Gaya Mamula** celebrated her 65 Birthday as well as her retirement after 48 years in Health Care. Congratulations! Happy Birthday! God Bless! "It was

so nice working at St. Michaels with Gaya; her loving devotion to patient care was noticed by everyone." From Terry Bannerman

SECOND ANNUAL YARN AND FABRIC SALE

Needs Your Donations

We raise funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign. Funds go toward making a difference to families and communities affected by the AIDS epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Check your cupboards for any of these items:



Harambee, in Swahili, means "working together to make a difference"

- Clean, unused fabric only
- Fat quarters and larger amounts
- Partly finished quilts including fabric and pattern
- Yarn: please bundle same skeins together,

- include partial skeins
 - Quilting and sewing books and patterns
 - Notions such as buttons, snaps, zippers, embroidery floss, knitting needles, crochet hooks, thread.
 - Please no fabric scraps or clothing.
- Please contact harambeegrandmas@telus.net or call Edith Deane at 403-328-0077 for details on how to donate or to learn more about the foundation.

The sale will be held October 28th from 10am - 3pm at McKillop United Church. Please, come out, purchase what you need so we can donate the funds to the project. Cash only. Thank you.

"Stephen" Ministry was miss-spelled in our September issue. Please accept my apology and a huge thank you to Sue for pointing out the error. Marge



WE ARE PMBC NEWS

- And we would love to hear from you:
- Help us cover all church events. When you attend a church function

take some pictures, do a little write up and send them in.

- Share your thoughts and comments regarding any of our articles. Although we love to hear positive reinforcement we would also like to hear what you would like to see in the news and, yes, your constructive criticisms as well.

Please send everything you have to news@parkmeadows.ca. Thank you.



Thanksgiving Banquet:

October 1st doors open at 4:30 for a 5:00 start time. Family activities will be available on the tables. Tickets are required. Get there early for the best seats.

Baptism and Sermon: October 8th with Pastor Barry Seifert

Conquer Series for Men: Monday nights October 16 to November 27. Limit for this study is 15 men. Cost \$20. See bulletin for more info.

Corn Maze: October 21st 10am-1pm. Meet at the Lethbridge Corn Maze at 9:45 a.m. for group rates: Adults \$8, Youth (6-17) \$6, Children (3-5) \$3, Babies (-2) free.

True North Axe Throwing: October 25 7pm. \$20 includes 90 minutes of Axe throwing, pizza and beverages. Limited to first 50 men to sign up (in foyer) at Men's Ministry table.

AIM Youth: Pumpkin Party October 26 7pm-9pm \$5 Dress in Orange

NOTE: October Calendar and Birthdays/Anniversaries are available at the Info Desk.

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www.parkmeadowschurch.ca and at the Information Desk.

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