



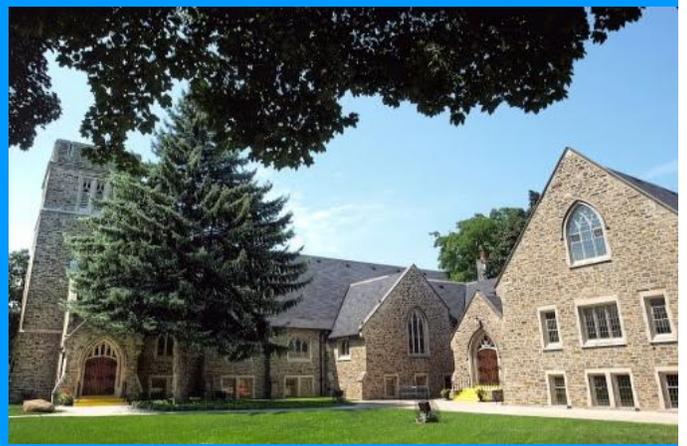
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The Carillon

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MOMENTS
AT KINGSWAY-LAMBTONCHURCH
NOVEMBER 2016

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Do you have a teen looking for a fun and friendly place to chill out on Friday nights? Look no further than *Friday Night Teen Drop In* for sports, music, pizza and games (what more could one ask for?) Teens can bring their friends, too!

Location: 85 The Kingsway (gymnasium)

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Cost: Goodwill donation,

Set amount for special outings

For more info contact Jennifer Visser or Moses Kang at klucyouth@gmail.com.



A COLOURFUL GROUP OF SONGSTERS

Every Halloween, members of the Kingsway-Lambton choir dress up for the occasion (and never disappoint!)

The men entertain the women with a beautiful spread of desserts and punch. Practice ends early so that members have an opportunity to interact, and enjoy some social time.

Did you know?

The women reciprocate and treat the men for Valentine's Day.

Stay tuned for those photos in the new year!

Sunday School & Youth Programming



Moses Kang
Minister to Young Families, Children & Youth

The fall program for 2016 was nothing short of exciting!

We had a wonderful kick-off to the Sunday School program welcoming our new Sunday School coordinators, Dave and Martha Lang. The Sunday School has focused on looking at the lectionary text (the bible passages that Hugh has been preaching on upstairs!) and it's been fun looking at how the bible is relevant to us, even today. I hope that this leads to further conversations between family members as you share about learning from the same biblical passage each week. A special thank you goes out to all the rotating teachers.

Youth drop-in has been successful in not only bringing in many youth to the church, but many new faces. A big thank you goes out to Jennifer and Richard for their continued support in leading this ministry and also to the youth who come out and make it so successful. It has been a joy to see new youth start calling Kingsway-Lambton "their church." A big thank you also goes out to Don and the Property Committee who continue to support the youth drop-in's usage of the facility.



Youth retreat at Cedar Glen YMCA

The youth also went on a retreat to Cedar Glen YMCA for a weekend retreat on Oct. 14-16. The theme of the weekend was "encounter" where the youth were challenged to encounter God in different ways. Many of the youth shared they encountered God by looking at the fall colours and doing outdoor activities. It's not really all that surprising as they were beautiful to God's eyes!



As continuation of a young families' night, we had our first Family Fun Friday of the program year on November 4 (pictured left). The theme of the night was "The Amazing Race: Church Edition." The teams ran around the church working on missions and challenges. One of the missions was to count how many pews there are in the sanctuary. For those of you who are reading this, consider this to be a challenge for you to see how many pews we have in our sanctuary! A big shout out to Katie Overstrom for leading us on this wonderful night.



Confirmation Reminder for 10th Graders and Higher

We're hosting a confirmation orientation on **Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.** in the West Reception Room. This is an opportunity to learn more about your faith and to ask questions in a safe environment. I encourage everyone in Grade 10 or higher to come with their parents to the orientation night.



Windows

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. - Luke 2:15

On November 3, pop diva Mariah Carey flew into Toronto. She came to perform at the unveiling of certain “holiday” windows at the Eaton Centre. She sang two songs in five minutes. One was her 1994 hit, “All I want for Christmas is You.” She was paid one million dollars (US!).

There wasn’t as much glamour at the first “holiday” window unveiling. A manger and a poor couple served as the stage, no confetti. One could argue that an Eastern Star and Angelic Choir at least matched the star power of “Mimi” and her vocal abilities, but they weren’t paid as much and their performance only attracted the attention of those with eyes to see and ears to hear. In the days before social media, no street in Bethlehem was closed because of thousands of adoring fans.

For all its lack of public attention though, the window unveiled that Bethlehem night is of ultimate significance. It brings to our eyes a scene of self-giving, vulnerable, risking love, available and given to everyone, even in the poorest corners of our world and on our darkest nights. This humble unveiling of the Word made flesh might not have put everyone instantly into a holiday mood (read: buying mood) but it opens a window on our eternal hope and a better world for everyone, every day.

Ironically, the Saks HBC windows hardly got noticed in the shadow of Ms. Carey. The Angels and Star faded quickly into the background in the story of our servant Lord Jesus. They couldn’t hold a candle to the radiance of his reconciling love.

These days when so many are expressing by votes and cynicism deep fears, dissatisfaction, and suspicions with each other, perhaps we need to look again to the first Christmas window where the living God sings, “All I want for Christmas is you.”

Let us see what the Lord has made known to us!

Joy to the World, Rev. Hugh



All I want for Christmas is you: Rev. Hugh snapped this photo of a fresco painted inside the Church at the Shepherds’ Fields in Beit Sahour, Israel.



Kingsway-Lambton is Turning Eighty!

2017 will mark the 80th anniversary of Kingsway Lambton United Church. Our Church has a proud history, and we would like everyone to join in and celebrate this important milestone.

To mark our 80th year, we are planning a series of events, beginning in February 2017. If you or your family were members of Kingsway-Lambton in 1937, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Susan Culver at culver8800@rogers.com or by telephone at (416) 233-8800.

More details to come.

Left: It’s been almost 80 years since our church was consecrated for worship at its current location. Pictured are congregants who gathered on the front lawn for a fundraiser in 1957.



Dollars and Sense

Bill Winterburn, Treasurer

In the Home Stretch Now

The most recent results to the end of October are about where we would like them to be. We are in a small deficit position, but our best results are always achieved in the last three months of the year, leading up to Christmas. There is no reason to expect that this will not happen again this year, and should lead to a breakeven position or close to it.

It is important to note that we were only able to achieve this result due to the significant expense reductions that we implemented one year ago.

Planning for next year's budget has commenced. Once the final numbers are in for 2016, a final budget for 2017 will be agreed upon, and it will be presented to the Official Board and the congregation for approval in February 2017.

The monies pledged during the current Stewardship Campaign are a key component of the budgeting process. The results of the Stewardship Campaign will go a long way in determining the levels of activity and programming that we can afford next year. As always, our online donation site accepts donations 24/7. Please visit www.kingswaylambton.ca/page/giving for the link to the donation page.

I will report on the final 2016 operating results, and the approved budget for 2017 in the next issue of The Carillon. In the meantime, please contact me at w.winterburn@gmail.com should you have any ideas for promoting the financial health of Kingsway-Lambton.

20th Annual Art Show and Sale

Saturday, April 1, 2017 ("No Fooling!")

Be the first to hear about the new and exciting artists planned for 2017!

Please acquaint yourself with our sponsors and say "Thank You" when you use their services. They are a very important part of our fundraising efforts.

Mark your calendars and visit www.kingswaylambton.ca/artshow for details.

Stay tuned for updates.



Tearful Send Off for (New Retiree!) Gail Teal

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016

There wasn't a dry eye in the house as congregants honoured Gail and her 31 years of dedicated service to Kingsway-Lambton this past September. The auditorium was packed with friends, family and church members who have long respected the commitment that Gail has brought to the position of Church Administrator. The afternoon luncheon was a bitter sweet "so long" (but not goodbye) as guests shared stories and reflections of Gail's contributions.



When asked what she will miss most, Gail points to her close connection with the staff, volunteers and congregation. Her next chapter will no doubt be a fulfilling one. "I look forward to having more time to spend with Ted (pictured with Gail), my family and friends — more balance in my life," notes Gail.

Below are a collection of photos from the luncheon. Enjoy.



For You, For Advent-Christmas

Items set in juxtaposition have always intrigued me. There are two 'books' written hundreds of years apart, that are now in one book. You likely have that book! John's Gospel and the book of Genesis, both in our Bible, have a connection. The Gospel writer begins his book drawing heavily upon how the author of Genesis begins that book. Each starts "in the beginning" and continues with how the Divine Word, in the midst of darkness, brings light and new creations. How these creations, Big Bang and Nativity impact us, evoked my poem below:

Big Bang and Wee Whimper

An occasion that preceded time
Not a word uttered – captivity.
In unstructured matrix devoid of content
A Word then spoken, a universe – creativity.

That Word, Divine, raw energy become matter.
Spinning from that Centre, ordered yet profusion.
Multiples upon multiples, defying description,
Provoking awe, evoking theory, refuting illusion.

Eons multiplied by eons later,
Another Word tenderly spoken.
Faint but unmistakable – a Baby cries
Hope born, love enfleshed, despair broken.

Single sure message, two Words, two sounds,
One surmised, the other surprised,
From the heart of God, for those who listen
Creation, nativity – what God devised.

Blue orb spinning in ordered sequence,
Our home midst a plethora to impress.
A Child, God's gift, direction for Life
Though we may lose our way, never our address

- Rev. Dr. David Winsor

A joyous Advent and Christmas to you! Allow both the little child in you and the adult to be awed by the might of creation and the majesty of a little Child's birth.



Do you have good news to share?
We want to hear about it!
Contact Risa MacDonald at (416) 389-6614 or
risamacdonald@rogers.com.

First Ever Legacy Dinner

On Sept. 22, the Gifts and Giving (G & G) Committee hosted the inaugural "Legacy Dinner" held at the garden house of the Old Mill Towers.

Invited guests included members of the Church who have designated Kingsway-Lambton United Church in their wills and have advised the church of their intention. It was an evening to mix and mingle, enjoy some delicious food and beverage, and most importantly, allow the G & G Committee to say "thank you" to these individuals on behalf of all the members of Kingsway-Lambton for their generosity and forward thinking.

The highlight of the evening was a talk given by Mr. Doug Flanders of Metropolitan United Church. Doug spoke about the development of their legacy programme and what it has meant to the Church. It was helpful for all in attendance to hear how Metropolitan's programme has gone through different stages of development and levels of activity to get to where it is today.

Doug shared some interesting anecdotes including the following: Back in 2003, Metropolitan suddenly experienced a significant drop in their parking revenue. At first they weren't sure of the reason but they soon figured out that due to SARS, people were not visiting St. Michael's Hospital and therefore not using the church's parking lot. This was a serious loss to the church of \$250,000 in revenue for the year which they didn't know how to replace. Fortunately, a legacy gift arrived at the end of the year which bailed them out of a very serious situation. As Doug said, "I don't know what we would have done without that gift."



The evening was a great success and thanks to a group of donors, funds were provided to cover all costs of the evening. It's hoped that future gatherings of this type will be held and that the number of invitees will grow as the legacy programme at Kingsway-Lambton becomes even larger.

Pictured are just a few of the many guests who enjoyed an evening of fellowship in support of Kingsway-Lambton's inaugural Legacy Dinner.

Capturing the Loving Spirit of Our Church

Near right: In efforts to make a new family feel at home, congregant John Waymann accepted a challenge of hallway headstands from the family's youngest member. One thing is for certain: Our welcoming committee is like no other!



Far right: Moses proves you can have fun and learn about Jesus in the process! Pictured was a colourful Sunday service that engaged our young members during Children's Time.



Our Syrian Family Has Arrived!

Susan Culver



Almost exactly one year after our tri-church sponsorship project began with Royal York and Runnymede United Churches, our Syrian family arrived in Toronto on Oct. 24. After more than 24 hours of travel, they were understandably exhausted. Nevertheless, their first words were expressions of thanks for our sponsorship, and of their gratitude for the opportunity to live in Canada.

From the airport, they were taken to their temporary home with Mary and Steve Prime. The committee is very grateful to them for providing this welcome respite, as we searched for an apartment in the “hot” Toronto rental market. Happily, the family has been successful in finding a suitable apartment in the general area of the three churches involved.

The family is made up of father, Antoin, mother, Warda, and their daughter, Majdolin, and son, George. Their first few weeks have been extremely busy with paper work and apartment hunting. They also wanted to come to church, and joined us for the service of Oct. 30, where Rev. Hugh introduced them at the time of the Good News Candle, and where the congregation stood to give them prolonged applause as a welcome. Afterwards, they joined Coffee Hour to meet people one on one. On Nov. 6, they attended Runnymede’s service and will also soon visit Royal York United.

The main thing we want to pass along is that they are a wonderful family, in every way. Welcome to Canada! A point of information: Settlement agencies have asked us to refer to the family as newcomers, now they have arrived, rather than as refugees.

Our Syrian family is quickly learning about their new home. On a recent visit, Antoin marveled at the beautiful fall foliage in Canada, and showed me photos that he had taken of leaves on the lawn.

UCW Unit 1 Explores Local Artist and Craftsman

Dorothy Donley and Cynthia Macdonald arranged a very enjoyable and informative outing at McCausland Stained Glass Windows. The company has an important connection to Kingsway-Lambton, having built several windows including two recent additions in the Lockhart Chapel. They’ve also assisted us with repairs when required.

Owner Andrew McCausland shared the love for his work, and interesting stories that reached back to the days of his great, great, great grandfather’s time in the business. Established in 1856, this is the oldest stained glass company in the Western Hemisphere.

Following this insider’s look at stained glass design and construction, members of Unit 1 will no doubt have an even greater appreciation for our own beautiful windows every Sunday morning.



The group then gathered at the home of Cynthia Macdonald and were treated to a very tasty afternoon tea.

Murals of Love

The theme for this year's campaign is **"Family United"** and murals were created for each Sunday in November.

Anyone driving by Kingsway-Lambton this November couldn't help but notice the beautiful murals erected in honour of the 2016 Stewardship Campaign.

First Sunday: Focused on the Sunday School Children describing their understanding of STEWARDSHIP; that is, "giving back to God."

Second Sunday: Focused on young families in the Kingsway community who are encouraged to give their time and talents to the service of God.

Third Sunday: Focused on music created by seniors who utilized their various talents as a gift to God and the congregation.

The murals are a visual reminder that all members of the family are welcome at Kingsway-Lambton while the green ribbon is a reminder to give back to God.



Sparkling Lights

Moses Kang
Minister to Young Families, Children



Some of you may know that I've recently moved from downtown Toronto into the 'hood. One of the greatest perks of moving into the 'hood is that your commute time is now five minutes compared to being at the mercy of Toronto street conditions. Another great perk is that you're no longer subject to the noise and light pollution that seems to be never-ending in downtown Toronto. But the greatest perk of all seems to be the view from our balcony – an unobstructed view into downtown Toronto. Every morning, I look out my south facing balcony and watch the sun sparkle across the downtown skyline. And every evening, I enjoy the glistening lights of the city after supper. It's no surprise I love this view.

That's when it dawned on me: I hadn't really appreciated the gift of living at Yonge and Bloor. When I was living in the area sparkled in bright lights, I wanted to move away from the noise, the lights and the pollution. I never really appreciated or enjoyed the gifts of where I was living.

I wonder if you've had a similar experience where you thought the grass was not as plentiful where you were, compared to the world you could see. As I sit here in my balcony, I marvel at the colours of the Humber Valley area. I hear the beauty of the birds singing. When I'm sitting in Kingsway-Lambton United Church, I hear the congregation singing, babies crying and kids running down the halls. There is something beautiful and exciting here. And my sincere hope is that we won't have to move out of this church to recognize the gifts that this church brings to us.

As we move into advent, we are reminded of so many beautiful things that happen in our church. We are celebrating our 80th anniversary of retelling the Christmas story to the community. We can share a meal at St. Nicholas Soiree. We celebrate Christmas Eve with all generations. So much is happening - I hope that you share this wonderful gift with us.

Christian Reflections

After reading Pastor John Pavlovitz's "The Kind of Christian I Refuse to Be," a few congregants sat down to discuss the kind of people (as Christians) they endeavor to be. Their discussion led to a rewrite of the original article that speaks to many Christian qualities you may also identify with. Below is the rewrite — consider what qualities of Christianity resonate most with you.

Yes, I Am A Christian

Yes, I am a Christian, and as a Christian I choose to be a certain kind of person.

I choose to be a person who respects people who look, speak, or worship differently than I do.

I choose to be a person who believes that God loves the world, not just my part of the world.

I choose to be a person who confronts individual or systemic bigotry, racism, or sexism.

I choose to be a person who emulates Jesus, and chooses the right way even when it's the hard way.

I choose to be a person who works towards a global Church where all people are openly welcomed, fully celebrated, and equally cared for.

I choose to be a person who speaks always with compassion, kindness and gentleness, looking for reconciliation and peace.



I choose to be a person who is generous with grace and forgiveness.

I choose to be a person who sees the image of God in people of every colour, every religious tradition, every sexual orientation.

I choose to be a person who does not demand that others believe what I believe, live as I live, or profess what I profess.

I choose to be a person who sees hope for the world and purpose in being part of that hope.

I choose to be a person who strives to be more like Jesus; his humility, his compassion, his smallness, his gentleness with people's wounds, his attention to the poor and the forgotten and the marginalized, his intolerance for religious hypocrisy, his clear expression of the love of God.

I choose to be a person of hospitality, of healing, of redemption, of justice, of expectation-defying Grace, of counterintuitive love. These are non-negotiables.

I am still a Christian — and I hope that others might find they would like to join us.

Blue Jay Lands at Kingsway-Lambton

On Oct. 16, congregants were treated to a special sermon by preacher (and former all-star baseball player), Tony Fernandez.

To many of us, Tony remains a beloved member of Blue Jays' history. Indeed, he is that. But Tony will be the first to tell you that his calling became much larger than his impressive fielding percentage or his role in helping our city win the 1993 World Series.



Joined by his wife Clara, Pastor Tony talked about moving from *"Success to Significance"*. As an athlete, he wanted what all athletes want: success. He achieved success in spades but, as he explained from the chapel stage, there is more to life than accolades and autographs.

In retirement, Tony has sought a deeper level of purpose to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. Much of this has come in the form of the Tony Fernandez Foundation -- a foundation he established to support underprivileged children in his native Dominican Republic.

As is so often the case, teamwork made this event a great success. A sincere thank you to Pastor Tony, Clara, Paul Collins, Rev. Hugh, Sue Franklin and Dorothy Foster for their time and efforts.

Congregants enjoyed socializing with Tony and Clara following the sermon. *Left:* Rev. Hugh and Pastor Tony. *Right:* Clara Fernandez and Dorothy Foster.



Kingsway-Lambton Men Unite

The Church was buzzing with activity during the most recent gathering of the Kingsway-Lambton Men. A hearty dinner was prepared by the members themselves, and supplied the much needed brain food to fuel an evening of engaging table discussion.

Did you know?

The Kingsway-Lambton men support each other and contribute to the life and work of the congregation and community.

The group participates in a variety of monthly and yearly events, including the St. Nicolas Soiree in December. All men are welcome!



Above: Expressions of anticipation and second servings indicate top notch fare.

Profiling Good Causes: UCW Supports Women's Habitat

Christmas shows the love and kindness that has been given to us; we respond by sharing our blessings with others.

With this in mind, the United Church Women (UCW) started a hamper initiative to support 10 women living in a local shelter at Christmas. Pictured right is Esther Reid and a car packed with last year's Christmas hampers that UCW units and other church members contributed for this worthy cause.

Women's Habitat receives lots of children's gifts, but the 10 women who find themselves in the shelter on Christmas morning would not otherwise receive anything, as there is no budget for gifts. The organization expressed how deeply moving this was for the women last year, two of whom said that they had never before received gifts for themselves.

Want to help?

The UCW will once again host this project for the upcoming holiday season. Cash donations or 10 identical personal items for women are welcome. Single items will be gifts for other individual women the agency serves.



Grace Notes Hit the Mark at Christie Gardens



In late October, Grace Notes visited Christie Gardens and filled the air with heartwarming melodies. This group brings the joy of music to people who might not otherwise be able to attend concerts.

Grace Notes perform once a month, primarily in long term care facilities and retirement residences. With nine singers and four instrumentalists, their programs are diverse, spanning styles such as gospel, jazz, show tunes, folk songs and even some fiddling.

Sing along with the Grace Notes on Dec. 14 when they lead a community carol sing in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!





Golf Tournament (Foore!) Community Outreach Dorothy Foster

We had the most fantastic weather for the Golf Tournament on September 25. It was fun to see all the golf carts lined up, ready to hit the greens at Lambton Golf and Country Club. Some of us who didn't golf enjoyed sitting out on the patio sipping wine and taking in the sun. The food at the barbecue was out of this world. Everyone had a wonderful time, especially during the draw for prizes. It was a great success with \$8,120 raised for Community Outreach.

Much of the credit goes to Don Mal who partnered with Community Outreach to organize the event at Lambton Golf and Country Club. There is nothing like beautiful surroundings, a great golf course and superb food to gather people for a great cause.

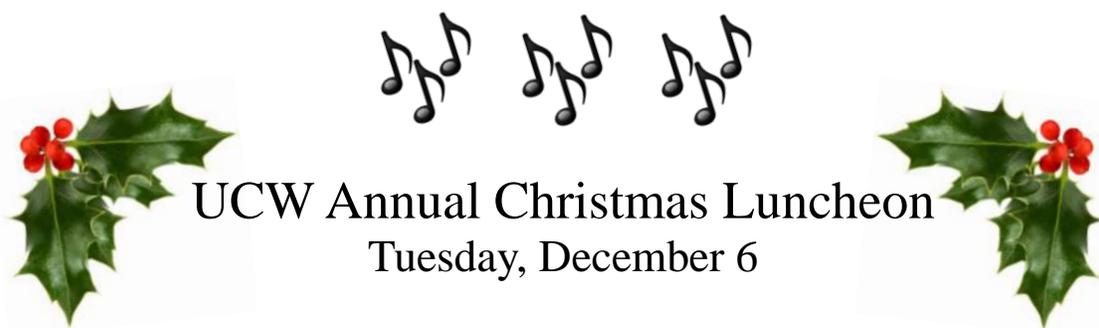
Community Outreach would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring a hole: Vena Solutions, Scotia Bank, Turner and Porter, Re/Max Pettigrew & Estlick team, Execway Construction, White Oak Ford and Gibson's Cleaners.

We would also like to thank members of our congregation that sponsored a hole: Paul Collings, Dorothy Foster, Jim Gallagher, Steve and Mary Prime, and Paul Walters.

A great time was had by all and we hope you'll join us next year.



Sign up next year and try your hand at beating Rev. Hugh on the green. (Remember folks, he refined his game in Scotland this past summer so start practicing now).



UCW Annual Christmas Luncheon Tuesday, December 6

Please join us for fun, food and fellowship at our annual Christmas luncheon. The "Expressions" will serenade us and lead us in singing carols to get us in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available now at the church office and at coffee hour on Dec 4. Please try and purchase tickets ahead of time because there is limited availability at the door.

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6 in our newly decorated auditorium.
Punch at 11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow at 12 p.m.

Recent Baptisms

This Fall, Kingsway-Lambton welcomed the following children and their families into the community of God's love.



Matteo Frank Lamberti

Date of Baptism: Sept. 25, 2016
Son of Frank and Michelle Lamberti



Katherine Grace Makarchuk

Date of Baptism: Sept. 25, 2016
Daughter of Edward Makarchuk and Sara Reuber



James Christopher Morelli

Date of Baptism: Sept. 25, 2016
Son of Christopher Morelli and Jennifer Ponte
Godson of Michelle Ponte and Abu Shaikh



Carter Philip Greenlees

Date of Baptism: Nov. 20, 2016
Son of Jason Greenlees and Michelle (Reiff) Greenlees

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This Fall, Kingsway-Lambton welcomed the following children and their families into the community of God's love.



Christine Yewon Kang

Date of Baptism: Nov. 20, 2016

Daughter of Moses Kang and Jungsun Hwang
Goddaughter of Christine Smaller and Mike Weller



Alexandra Augusta Nichol

Date of Baptism: Nov. 20, 2016

Daughter of Ian Nichol and Danna Donald



Elizabeth Margaret Watling

Date of Baptism: Nov. 20, 2016

Daughter of Bradley Watling and Diana Rausch



Tyler George Roberto Wayment

Date of Baptism: Nov. 20, 2016

Son of Robert George Wayment and
Gabriela Catherine (Alonso) Wayment
Godson of Isabella Alonso and Veronica Alonso



Ashley Thompson and Paul von Martels
September 10, 2016



Mrs. Norah Hughes
Sept. 9, 2016

Mr. Kurt Sills
Son of Barbara Sills
Oct 20, 2016

Mr. Colin Lazier
Father of Sarah Keating
Oct 30, 2016

Mrs. Betty Brown
Oct. 31, 2016