

THE ANCHOR



*Learning
to follow
Jesus Christ.*

July 28 — August 10, 2023

Muskoka Woods Youth Retreat!

Youth ages 12-18: Register now for the Annual Muskoka Woods Re-Charge Retreat!

The Youth Retreat is coming up! It is a super fun opportunity for youth from all over the Diocese of Toronto to come together for a weekend of fun, faith and friendship. You can [click here](#) to watch the promotional video for more information about the experience or scan the QR code.



Cost: \$130 for retreat (\$130 + \$50 = \$180 for retreat plus bus)

Assistance with retreat fees is available, please reach Mackenzie at mwolf@stclementsto.ca.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to register!

With any other questions or concerns, please reach Mackenzie via email.



Date: September 29th - October 1st 2023

Location: Muskoka Woods Camp 4585 ON-141, Rosseau, ON P0C 1J0

Transportation: Please sign up for the bus option, Mackenzie (Pastoral Associate for Youth & Children) will be taking the bus with the teens from St. Clement's and will remain at Muskoka Woods with them for the weekend



Children, Youth and Nursery Ministry Update for August!

As we all enjoy summer adventures near and far, our usual Sunday Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry and Nursery Ministry will be on pause beginning Sunday August 6th. We will return to our usual programming on September 10th as we welcome everyone back for a new school year!

For all the Sundays in August, friends of all ages are invited to participate in our main services. Please enjoy our Kids' Zone inside the sanctuary where little ones can play, colour and move around! As well as our outside toys at coffee hour.



Update from Jess

Thank you so much, for the warm welcome to the St. Clement's Community. This past week I have had the joy of being able to attend Wednesday lunch, the L'Arche Daybreak community with Liska, and assisted in planning and leading service (a wedding too)! I have loved hearing your stories of how you have ended up at St Clements and what God has done in your lives and am excited for the next few weeks to hear more.

Jess Soanes
Pastoral Intern



Our Beautiful Courtyard

Landscape work on our beautiful courtyard has been occurring over the past couple of weeks. It is amazing the transformation that has taken place and you will find a tranquil, quiet, reflective space has been created. If you haven't already, please take a look at our progress. Current planned work should be completed over the next few days.

Thank you to those Parishioners and friends of St. Clement's who have already contributed to this

project. In order for us to complete the work, especially the hard surfaces, including the stairs, we need your help.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please e-transfer your donation to finance@stclementsto.ca, with a note that the money is designated for the Courtyard Project, or drop a cheque off at the office or to our secured locked mailbox at the St. Clement's entrance. In the memo line please also note that the donation is designated to the Courtyard Project.



Back to School!

In support of students in two of our neighbouring communities we have received specific requests for this year's School Supply Drive.

Flemingdon Park Ministry in the Don Mills area is looking for large, sturdy 3 pocket backpacks, preferably black, similar to the Swiss Gear brand for High School students in their community. The Outreach Committee is intending to provide these backpacks to the children prior to the start of school. Donations of back packs or funds so that the Outreach Committee can purchase them should be dropped off to the church by August 21.

Flemington Public School in the Lawrence Heights neighbourhood is in need of art supplies for their students. These include large and regular sized crayons, markers, coloured pencils, pads of blank paper, coloured construction paper, playdough, plastic alphabet or number sets. On Blessing of the Backpack Sunday which will be on September 10 we will be collecting any donations of these supplies.

Monetary donations should include the note "Outreach Back to School Drive." These can be put in the collection plate or dropped at the office or call **Heather Goodall** at **416-486-1292**. Donations over \$20 will be eligible for a tax receipt.

Thank you so much for helping to spread the love to the children in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

The Outreach Committee



A Flemington Park Community Builder

Flemington Park Ministry reaches out into its community to bring people together and forge new and foster current relationships.

On July 20, FPM held a community dinner for about 100 people. Amazing food: chicken, salad, Dahl, rice, naan all provided and served by volunteers. Your donations to food programs made it possible for FPM to offer this event.

Thank you to Carey Austin, Paul Nielsen and Nancy Hood who reached out from St Clements and volunteered to help serve and clean up. It was a very successful and fun evening.

Thank you for your donations and support.

Outreach Committee



Highlights from OMG Tuesdays

Looking back at the Book of Acts: Life Together

Psalm 133:1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

OMG Tuesdays has become an integral part of the ministry at St. Clement's and is a wonderful expression of life together. Having a meal together, spending 45 minutes in a group setting and unpacking what we learned, deepened our relationships.

For 5 weeks, 35 of us unpacked a portion of the Book of Acts and learned about the early church, the very early church. This is the church that started on the day of Pentecost with 3,000 turning to Jesus, and that 3 centuries later encompassed 30 million believers or 50 % of the population of the empire.

We learned that then and now, Christians are scattered within a secular society with a mandate to have an impact on the community around us. We can transfer some of the concepts from the church in the Book of Act to our Life Together at St. Clement's. OMG Tuesdays, Small Groups, Wednesday lunch, choir practice, Sunday Worship, Coffee hour, is community. Community is a gift and created by God, and we are invited to be part of it.

Here are some salient points from our post-session survey:

95 % of respondents would attend further OMG Tuesday sessions.

When asked what was most intriguing from this session, the responses were:

- *The work of the Holy Spirit*
- *Speaking boldly about our faith*

- *Similarity of the multicultural society of Paul's preaching and our own society now*
- *How to transfer these truths to our life together at St. Clement's*

When asked to provide 3 words to summarize one's experience at OMG Tuesdays, some of the comments were:

- *Thought-provoking, educational, comfortable*
- *Intriguing, Challenging, Contemplative*
- *Deepening of faith, stimulating*
- *Learning, sharing, connecting*
- *Encouraging, inspiring, challenging*
- *Safe, open, honest*
- *Informative, exciting*
- *Welcoming, insightful, discovery*
- *Interesting, thoughtful, contemplative*
- *Provoking, thoughtful, eye opening*
- *Conversation, welcoming, encouraging*
- *The Holy Spirit leading people in the ways to follow Jesus*
- *Informative, insightful, interesting*
- *Connecting through sharing*

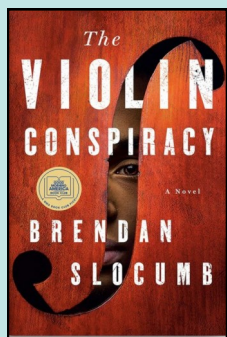
If you are interested in community as described above check out the next session this Fall. If you have experienced OMG Tuesday and you are looking for more, you will want to join us!

Claus and Heather Lenk
Christian Education



Women of Faith

Remember to get a copy of *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb to read over the summer in preparation for Mary Botterell's Book Talk September 29.



For any questions, contact Linda Sparling at (416) 445-7261 .

Baptism at St. Clement's

Are you looking to explore baptism for yourself or your child? Our next Baptism Sunday is September 24th.

We're committed to helping you prepare for baptism with integrity so that it's a meaningful experience in a life-long relationship with Jesus. Plan to join our weekly worship experience and make an appointment by emailing info@stclementsto.ca.



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